

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**January 28 – February 2, 2020**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>** - **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
 9:00 am +Jean Borth – Ruthann & Gail Fisher

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup>** - **Weekday**  
 9:00 am Intentions of Judith Schlegel – Bill & Pat Jeffrey

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup>** - **Weekday**  
 9:00 am Intentions of Linda Carmichael – Anne Pritchard

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup>** - **St. John Bosco, Priest**  
 9:00 am Intentions of Dee Sproule – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR  
 +Fr. Charlie Fedy, CR – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR  
 +Ed Yendruck – June Yendruck & Family  
 +Betty Gray – Sr. Anne Rektor, SSND  
 +Catherine McGrath – Jim Lynch & Family

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup>** - **Presentation of the Lord**  
 5:00 pm Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family  
 +Leonel Silveira – Carolina Ribeiro & Children  
 +Antonio & Candida Cardoso – the Family  
 +Jose Gouveia – a friend  
 +Brian Denomme – Michelle Krulicki  
 +Deacon Brian Karley, CR – Ruthann Fisher

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup>** - **Presentation of the Lord**  
 9:00 am +Barbara Diemert – Betty Corrigan  
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**January 26, 2020**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Collection Jan. 18/19 \$3,465.20  
**2020 Total Collection \$15,357.75**

**Looking Ahead to February 2, 2020**  
**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Malachi 3: 1-4  
 Hebrews 2: 10-11, 13-18 Luke 2: 22-40

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Jan. 27: **Rev. Janusz Roginski, SAC**  
 Tues. Jan. 28: **Rev. Robert Sims**  
 Wed. Jan. 29: **Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, OH**  
 Thu. Jan. 30: **Rev. Michael Downey**  
 Fri. Jan. 31: **Rev. Martin Vallely**  
 Sat. Feb. 1: **Rev. Joseph Michel**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?**

**Monday**  
 Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm  
 Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm

**Tuesday**  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Mtg (H) 7:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER) 1:00 pm  
 Adult Altar Server Training (C) 6:30 pm

**Thursday**  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm  
 Youth Altar Server Training (C) 6:30 pm  
 Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

**Saturday/Sunday**  
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive At All Masses  
 Valentines Collection At All Masses

**Sunday**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Mtg #1 (H) 1:00 pm

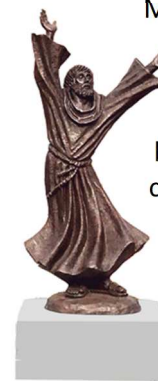
**MEMORIAL MASS**

As many know, John de Viveiros, Fr. Joseph's father, passed away in November, and his funeral took place in North Bay. Since so many who knew John and Fr. Joseph were unable to travel to North Bay for the funeral, you are invited to a Memorial Mass for John on Tues. February 11 at 7pm, here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. May our prayers continue to support John's family, and all who are grieving.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY**

Adults, couples, youth, and families are invited to do this ministry together. Consider signing up to greet people as they arrive, usher them to seats, take up the collection and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. Training will be provided, but all that is required is a spirit of hospitality and willingness to serve. We very much need ministers at all the Masses! Please contact the parish office today.

**SAINT FRANCIS IN EXULTATION**  
**MINI STATUES**



Many parishioners have asked if they would be able to purchase a miniature replica of our new St. Francis sculpture by Timothy Schmalz, and now you can! Thanks to the generosity of *Sculpture by Timothy P. Schmalz Inc.*, we are able to take orders for these mini statues at their wholesale cost of \$40 each. (Compare at \$80 US online plus shipping and tax.) A sample statue can be seen in the parish office and you can sign up to order a statue after Masses beginning next weekend.

**AROUND TOWN**

**KW Right to Life Candle-Light Prayer Vigil**  
 Tues. January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink) 200 King St. W. Kitchener. One hour of silent prayer for Preborn Human Rights to protect babies in the womb. Their lives are the most vulnerable of all. Thanks for supporting this important human rights issue.

**Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!** “Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener (519-571-9200) **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm January 28 - March 24.** Cost is \$45. For more info or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**Prayer Vigil** Thurs. Feb. 6 from 9 - 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking across the road in Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

**Adoration For Life** for the month of February: Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist.

- Thurs. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11am St. Mary, Kitchener
  - Thurs. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm St. Agnes, Waterloo
  - Fri. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm St. Teresa, Kitchener
- Mass follows each time of Adoration.

**Forest Hill United Church and the Police Chorus** present *Bring Them Home*, a benefit concert for the Eritrea Refugee Freedom Fund. February 7 at 7pm at Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener. Call 519-744-3481 for details.

## From the Pastor's Desk:

Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This day commemorates the faithfulness of Joseph and Mary to the law of Moses, a law which required Jesus to be presented in the Temple in order to fulfill the rites of purification. It is during the fulfillment of the rites that we meet Simeon, a community elder, and Anna, a Prophet – both of whom offer praise and thanks to God for the fulfillment of the promised Messiah. Simeon and Anna proclaim that the light has come upon the world in the person of Jesus.

Next Sunday we are also invited to recognize the contribution of consecrated religious to the life of the church as we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. This day was first introduced by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1997, a day on which our Holy Father asked the church to pray for the men and women of consecrated life – those who have professed the evangelical counsels (vows) of poverty, chastity and obedience. Just as Jesus is revealed on this day as the light of the world, consecrated religious are called to reflect the light of Christ in their ministry and life. This day reminds us of the twofold mission of consecrated life: one, to continually offer praise to God so as to bring joy to God's people; and two, to offer a prophetic vision to the church of what we are called to be and do as people of God.

Next Sunday please remember consecrated religious in your prayers. Father Raphael and I, as consecrated religious of the Congregation of the Resurrection, humbly seek your prayers as we strive to faithfully live a life consecrated to God.

Father Tim, C.R.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We are blessed at St. Francis Parish to belong to a vibrant ecumenical group, The Churches of Forest Hill and Area, including Calvin Presbyterian, Forest Hill United, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic, Highland Baptist, Faith Lutheran, St. Stephen's Lutheran and St. George's Anglican. Let us close out our Week of Prayer for Christian Unity together.

### Ecumenical Worship & Praise Service – Jan. 26

Join us at 7pm, here at St. Francis, for an evening of song, worship and fellowship. Our service is based on the one prepared by the churches of Malta for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the theme is "They Showed us Unusual Kindness". A free-will offering will be taken up in support of a refugee family from Forest Hill United.



### 1st COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Tuesday January 28 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for all parents of children wishing to receive the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion here at St. Francis Parish. If your child has not yet registered for these sacraments please contact Ruthann in the parish office.



### 2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for your 2019 charitable contributions will be available the weekend of February 1/2. Thank you for helping us grow as a parish family in faith and love.

## FOOD DRIVE

The next St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive is on February 1/2. Take a moment on one of these cold winter days to think about our neighbours who have to choose between heating their homes and feeding their families. What a choice to have to make! Let's help make their winter a little easier by sharing our blessings. Our St. Vincent de Paul especially needs peanut butter, jello, pudding cups, and canned pasta. Thank you for your generosity.

## VALENTINES COLLECTION

As we celebrate love in its many wonderful forms, our Children's Liturgy Class will again be making Valentines Cards to share the love with those living in nursing homes in Forest Hill. Please help them by donating small NEW gifts such as toiletries for men and women, cosmetics, socks, scarves, handkerchiefs, puzzles or games, figurines, etc. which will be distributed with the cards. Please bring your items to the church by February 8/9, baskets will be in the main foyer. Thank you for helping to share Christ's love with those who may feel isolated or lonely this Valentine's Day.



let's do  
lunch

Mark your calendars for the next **SENIORS' LUNCH** on **Thursday February 6, 2020 at 12 noon**, at Montana's (740 Ottawa St. S.). The lunch menu includes a wide selection with prices from \$10.99 + tax and tip. Come enjoy a great lunch with old and new friends!

## 1st RECONCILIATION MEETING

A reminder that meetings for 1st Reconciliation begin on Sun. Feb. 2 at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please keep our young people in prayer as they learn about God's unconditional love for all his children.

### Development and Peace Education Campaign

This year Development and Peace is asking us to support the people of the Amazon region who are trying to save the rainforest. The *seringueiros* of Machadinho d'Oeste and the Mura people of Manaus are struggling to save the forest from deforestation as it is affecting their way of life. They have lived and worked within the forest for generations and are trying to save it for their children and the future of their peoples. We hope that over the next couple weeks you will learn more about the situation in the Amazon, and then sign a Solidarity Letter which will be sent directly to these people, the defenders of the Amazon, as an encouragement to them to continue the fight. We also encourage you to write your member of parliament and ask them to advocate on behalf of the Amazonian people, so that Canadian companies are required to comply with Canadian environmental standards no matter where they are working. You will receive an insert in your bulletin about this campaign next weekend, and you will have the opportunity to sign the letter after Masses on February 8/9, or you can sign online here at the parish on Feb. 7/8 or online at <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/forourcommmonhome/action>.

*"May the Holy Spirit revive in each of us the call to be courageous and joyful evangelizers.."*

~ @Pontifex, Jan. 15, 2020







### Absent Friends Film Series

challenges us to talk about the often taboo topics of death, dying and grief.

The Hospice of Waterloo Region is collaborating with St. Jerome's

University to host a series of films, followed by small-group discussion led by special guests, which address issues of death, dying and loss. They hope to inspire us to build a more compassionate community. First film is:

**Two Weeks** Fri. Jan. 31, 7-9pm at St. Jerome's University Academic Centre. Starring Sally Field, this funny and delightful film captures the story of four sibling returning home to care for their dying mother.

### Full Day Conference: Healing is Possible

We are all in need of healing from wounds caused by past experiences, relationships or by our own sinfulness. Join us for a day filled with hope as we look at a holistic approach to healing. Save the date: **February 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Holy Rosary Parish in Milton. The conference includes Mass, Lunch, and speakers such as: Tima Borges, Author of "Leaving Bitterness Behind: A Catholic Approach to Healing Past Hurts"; Dr. Wendy H. Hofman, PhD, Director of Veritas Counselling Centre Inc., Clinical Counsellor and Coordinator for the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry Office; William Stanus, Psychotherapist with a focus on EMDR and Fr. Louis de Vaugelas, LC. To register contact Ester at 416-990-3136 or visit: [www.regnumchristiontario.org](http://www.regnumchristiontario.org)

### Your Water Heater Questions Answered

You are invited to the first Reep House for Sustainable Living Tour + Presentation. What are the different types of water heaters available? Learn about the advantages and disadvantages of each and tour the different types of water heaters that are on display at the

Reep House for Sustainable Living. Sat. Feb. 8, Water Heater Presentation: 1:30PM – 2:30PM, Reep House Tour and Open House: 2:30PM - 4:30 PM. Location: Reep House for Sustainable Living, 20 Mill Street, Kitchener, ON

**Annual Valentine Dinner** at Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre on Sat. Feb. 8, two sittings: 5pm and 7pm. Rolled ribs, ham, mashed potatoes, salad, coffee, tea and dessert. \$20 for adults, kids aged 6-11 \$12, 5 and under free. Advance tickets only, contact Doug at 519-648-2939, Mike 519-648-3394 or Jackie 519-823-5194. Sponsored by the Maryhill Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League.

**Calling All Cursillistas** "Have you attended a Cursillo Weekend? Do you remember the informative talks, and the wonderful support and friendship with other like-minded individuals? Do you remember the joyful feeling, enthusiasm, and fresh start you felt to life after the weekend was over?" Well if you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement, but would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area, then feel free to call Ray St. Cartier: 519-622-5928 or Fr. Gary Schlack: 519-364-1973 or Mary Ann Kirkonnell: 519-379-9858. Rekindle that flame in your heart! De Colores!



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# St. Francis of Assisi Parish



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### Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm  
or by appointment

### Sunday Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

### Prayer Network

Call parish office to request prayers

### Communal Baptism

Monthly, please call the parish office to register.

### Marriages

Congratulations! Please contact the parish one year before wedding date.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	Mr. Gary Howell

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 12 noon  
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

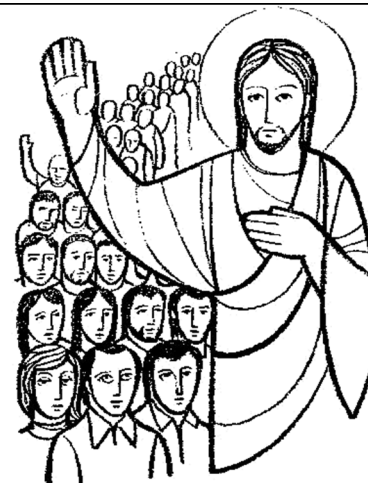
**Vocations Information:** [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)  
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*"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."*

*"Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom  
Curing every sickness among the people."*

Matthew 4: 23



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