

**MASS INTENTIONS
November 21 - 26, 2017**

Tuesday, 21st - *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
9:00 am +Donald Warner – Kay Warner

Wednesday, 22nd - *St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr*
9:00 am +Tobias Pfeifer – Anne Darby-Watchorn
7:00 pm No Mass

Thursday, 23rd - *Weekday*
9:00 am +George & Charlotte Clarke – Kevin Clarke

Friday, 24th - *St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs School Mass*
9:30 am +Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane, & Grandchildren

Saturday, 25th - *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
5:00 pm +André Vanzielegem – the Family
+Anne Mary Schmalz – the Family
+Gabby Duggan – Terry Duggan
+Kay & Jimmy Murphy – Rosaleen & Mike Quirke
+Betty Germann – Mary Ann Karley
+Ann O'Meara – Mary & Gerry Mulhern

Sunday, 26th - *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
9:00 am Intentions of Alice Preiditsch – Linda Carmichael, Eileen Cox, Helen Shantz
Intentions of Roland Lobb – Iona, Rena, Rita & Pat
+Sophie Weber – Marg Hummel & Family
+Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni
+Shirley Jewer – the Springall Family
+Remedios Manzanero – Lito & Mila Navaleza
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

November 19, 2017

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 11/12 Collection \$5,209.00
Total Collected to Date **\$246,964.00**
2017 Budget to Date **\$278,345.00**

**Looking Ahead to Nov. 26, 2017
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 20: **Rev. James Link, CR**
Tues. Nov. 21: **Rev. Heitor Antunes**
Wed. Nov. 22: **Basilian Fathers (CSB)**
Thu. Nov. 23: **Rev. Juan Carlos Saenz**
Fri. Nov. 24: **Rev. Jiri Macenauer**
Sat. Nov. 25: **Rev. Mike Myroniuk**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday
Bereavement Group (AR) 1:00 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm

Tuesday
Celebrating the Word (RR) 1:30 pm
Levels I & II (RR & ER) 7:00 pm

Wednesday
Team Meeting (Office Closed) 10am – noon

Thursday
Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

Friday
School Mass (C) 9:30 am

Sunday
Confirmation Mtg. #3 & Potluck (H) 12 noon

2017/2018 Missals are on sale after Mass or in the parish office, \$3.50 each

"Poverty is not an accident. It has causes that must be recognized and removed for the good of so many of our brothers and sisters."

~ @Pontifex, November 16, 2017



PRAYER NETWORK

If you or someone you love is in need of prayers, we have dedicated parishioners who want to pray for you. It's confidential, just call the Parish Office to request an intention. Let us bring the power of prayer to your life.

BAD WEATHER AND WEEKDAY MASSES

As winter approaches, please remember that if Kitchener **SCHOOL BUSES** are cancelled, then **WEEKDAY MASSES** are cancelled. You can find out if buses are cancelled by listening to AM 570 News or online at www.570news.com.



VOCATION CORNER

What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations for the Diocese at mking@hamiltodiocese.com 905-528-7988.

www.vocationculture.ca

AROUND TOWN

Service of Light and Remembrance for Children who have Died Tues. Nov. 21 at 7:30pm at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo. May those who were touched by the loss of a young life feel the love of God and find comfort in knowing God loves all He created.

Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the **Pentateuch volume of the Saint John's Bible**. Visit the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives (at the Chancery, Hamilton) Nov. 21-23 and 26, from 10am-4pm.

Reluctance, Resilience and Rejoicing: Focus on the Family and Faith

Speaker David Wells is an internationally known speaker and author and a gifted story teller. Join us at the Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph on Nov. 22 at 7pm. Reception to follow in the parish hall. There is no need to register and no cost to attend. Parents, grandparents, teachers and pastors, all are welcome!

Adoration for Life A great prayer for life is urgently needed. Come let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist and pray for respect for the dignity of human life. Wed. Nov. 29, 7-8pm at St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener and Sat. Dec. 2, 11am-12noon at St. Mary's, Kitchener. Call KW Right to Life for more info, 519-746-5433.

At the heart of **Taizé ecumenical worship** are Scripture readings, surrounded by silence and beautiful music that can help one engage in meditative prayer. Join us Sun. Dec. 3 at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener.

Accompanist Needed for Christmas for the 10am choir at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener, also for New Years. Please contact Barbara Daly at bmdaly@me.com.

From the Pastors Desk:

The Catechism states: *“Sin is before all else an offence against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the church. For this reason conversion entails both God’s forgiveness and reconciliation with the church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of penance”* (par. 1440). In order to repair this rupture caused by sin we are invited to share in the sacrament of penance so that we might be made whole through the healing of sins. This being the case, pastors are encouraged to ensure that the sacrament is offered to the faithful at a time when most members might be able to participate. The current practice here at Saint Francis of Assisi is to offer the sacrament each Saturday from 4:00 – 4:30 pm (or by appointment); while convenient for those who attend the 5:00 pm Mass, not so much for many others. Also during the seasons of Advent and Lent there is a reconciliation service offered. So as to make the sacrament available to as many people as possible, we are introducing more times when the sacrament is scheduled. This is not because Saint Francis Parish is filled with sinners! No, Saint Francis Parish has many people who lead very busy lives with work schedules that are varied, so more times being offered for the sacrament is a matter of convenience for as many people as possible. So beginning immediately the sacrament of penance will be offered on the following days and times: **Tuesday, 8:30 – 8:45 am** (just before morning mass); **Wednesday 6:30 to 6:45 pm** (just before evening mass); we will continue with **Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 pm**; and if none of these times are convenient call the office and set up a time that works for you.

~ Father Tim, CR

ADVENT CHARITIES COLLECTION

As we celebrate the first World Day of the Poor this weekend, Pope Francis asks us to create concrete initiatives to work for justice and peace for all people, especially the poor and outcast. Next weekend we will take up our annual Advent Charities Collection. This year we have chosen to divide your donations between two very needy causes. Locally, Marillac Place suffered a flood earlier this month, forcing the women residing there to move out while remediation takes place. In Bangladesh several hundreds of thousands of people from the Muslim Rohingya minority have been forced to flee their country of Myanmar due to extreme violence. In the spirit of Pope Francis, and the World Day of the Poor, please be generous to our Advent Charities Collection and to our brothers and sisters in desperate need. Envelopes are in your boxes; if you do not have one some will be available at the entrances of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. Francis Church. Thank you.

VETERAN PICTURES

We would like to put together a collection of pictures of our loved ones who served Canada in the military and died in wars or peace-keeping missions. The collection will be on display for Remembrance Day next year. If you have any pictures to submit please email them to the parish office, or bring them in for us to make a copy. We will not keep any originals.

FUNERAL LITURGY PLANNING

If you were unable to attend the Funeral Planning workshop this past week, but would like an information package please stop by the parish office during office hours.

2017 MAJOR DRAW WINNERS

1. \$500: Bernie Sullivan
2. TV: Mary Ann Sellner
3. Bunka Picture: Don Miller
4. Kitchener Panthers tickets: Mary Ann Kuehl
5. Blanket Box: Pierre Michiels
6. Wine Making Certificate: Bob Livingstone
7. Hairstyle Certificate: Mary Anne Huhtanen
8. Newtex Certificate: Ben Cook
9. Newtex Certificate: Beani Watson

THANK YOU to everyone who helped plan, convene, setup up and run our Christmas Bazaar. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated baking, crafts, prizes, treasures, and to all who brought their families and enjoyed the wonderful day. The bazaar was a huge success and we could not have done it without all of you. Blessings as you prepare for the seasons of Advent and Christmas!

LECTOR MTG WITH Fr. TIM

All Lectors must attend a workshop on the weekend of Dec. 2/3 to go over some changes implemented by Fr. Tim. We will meet for a half hour after each of the Masses, so you can come to any of the three workshops. **If you haven’t yet informed the parish office which session you will attend, please call or email ASAP.** Thank you for your important ministry.

CWL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Women’s League annual membership drive has begun! Anyone who renews before Dec. 6th will be eligible to win their 2018 CWL membership. Envelopes are in your 2018 Church Envelopes, or place your cheque for \$30 made out to St. Francis CWL in the Sunday collection. Please include your name, full address, phone # and email address. New members are welcome!

COATS FOR KIDS

As the winter season approaches, the Kitchener Knights of Columbus want to help by providing warm winter coats to children through our Coats for Kids program. Many families with young children are financially challenged today and you can help by bringing your gently used or new coats to this parish during the month of November. The Knights, with the help of Waterloo Region Catholic School Board, will distribute the winter wear to those families who are in need of support. If you are a family in need, please call the K of C at 519-893-1504. We hope our gift will bring warmth to the bodies, hearts and souls of these precious young people.



CWL SENIORS’ CHRISTMAS DINNER

Join us for our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday December 6 at 6:30pm (following Parish Mass at 6pm). Full turkey dinner catered by Kennedy’s! Adults are \$15.50, children 12 and under are \$7.75. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office or after Masses starting next weekend. All CWL members, their families, and all seniors of the parish are invited to attend.

SONGS OF ADVENT & THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Join us for an evening of traditional and contemporary seasonal music on Fri. Dec. 15 at 7pm in the church. Our evening will be led by John B. Miller and Friends, a group of professional musicians featuring Andrea Weber Steckly, Steve Martin, John B. Miller, Donna McLellan and Joe Orlando. This will be a fun and prayerful event, a great break in the busy time of preparation for Christmas. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Christmas Bazaars!

There are so many wonderful bazaars coming up in our area, all featuring baking, crafts, draws and light lunches. See below for dates and special features.

- **St. Michael's** Parish (Waterloo) Bake Sale and Silent Auction, after Sat. Nov. 25 5pm Mass and Sun. Nov. 26 9 & 11am Masses.
- **St. Teresa's (Kitchener)** CWL Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, after Sat. Nov. 25 5pm Mass and Sun. Nov. 26 10am Mass. Sausage on a bun, hot dog, sandwich lunch served as well. 519-743-4525
- **Calvin Presbyterian** Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon, Sat. Dec. 2, 9:30am-1pm. Features fresh holly arrangements, quilt and door prizes. By the Ladies Fellowship.

Birthright is a faith-founded, love motivated crisis service run by compassionate volunteers and supported by faithful donors. We encounter women and men with acceptance, friendship, local resources, and free infant and maternity wear, to give hope and encouragement to those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Can you help make a difference as a volunteer or with financial contributions? Call 519-579-3990 or visit www.birthright.org. Please join us at our Christmas Reception and Open House on Dec. 9, 2-5pm at 96 Highland Rd. W. Kitchener.

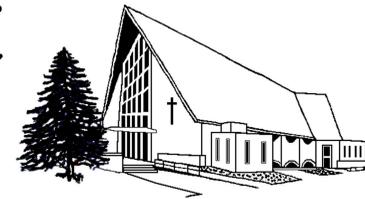
St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Fundraising Dinner is on Fri. Dec. 1, at St. Teresa's Elmira. Meal begins at 6pm, tickets can be ordered through the parish office by calling 519-669-3387. Adults \$16, children 6-12 years \$8, 5 and under free. Take out available. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets. All are welcome! Funds raised will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

Coping with the Holidays... when a loved one has passed away Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. At St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper St. Cambridge, Mon. Dec. 11, 7-8:30pm. Free of charge, please call to reserve a seat, 519-658-4443. If you haven't registered you are still welcome to attend.

You are invited to a **Healing Mass for those Mourning the Death of a Child** The death of a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is often more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, meant to bring hope to those trying to cope with such grief, will be offered by Bishop Crosby at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Sun. Dec. 3 at 4pm. Anyone who has lost a child of any age, including those who have died prior to birth or in still birth, is invited. Registration is preferred but not necessary, as it will assist us in preparations. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or www.hamiltondiocese.com

39th Annual Advent Novena - Invitation to Prepare Well for Christmas Nine daily Masses at 6:30am at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo, Friday Dec. 8 to Saturday Dec. 16. Note exception: Sun. Dec. 10 you are welcome to attend your own church or St. Agnes at 9 or 11am. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Dec. 16. A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your twin-city friends who have been keeping this tradition for many years!

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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
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday 8:30 – 8:45 am
Wednesday 6:30 – 6:45 pm
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

Each month, please call the parish office to register.

Marriages

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

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniack, C.R. (tuniack@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terriane Moulton
Admin. Assistant:	Ms. Alice Soeder
Building Manager:	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
www.vocationculture.ca



"We are a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace."

**"Abide in my as I in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit."
~ John 15: 4, 5**

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