

MASS INTENTIONS

November 28 – December 3, 2017

Tuesday, 28th	- Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions of Mary Karn – Mary Kuntz
Wednesday, 29th	- Weekday
9:00 am	+Christopher Shelton – Marilyn Alston
7:00 pm	Intentions of Peggy Hudson-Yendruck – June Yendruck
Thursday, 30th	- St. Andrew, Apostle
9:00 am	+Maria Bugyra – Kevin Clarke
Friday, 1st	- Weekday First Friday
9:00 am	+Carl Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane, & Grandchildren
9:30 am	Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, 2nd	- 1st Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	Intentions of Maria Ferreira
	+Ruth Size – Bill Duckworth
	+Ron McCormick – John Dever
	+Ed Yendruck – June Yendruck & Family
	+Deceased Members of Longo & O'Grady Families – Eileen & Mary Longo
Sunday, 3rd	- 1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+David Knoll – Betty Hinsperger & Diane Hoffman
	+Irena & Gabriel Prudnikowicz – the Prudnikowicz Family
	+John Barnes – Joan & Philip Fernandez
	+John & Sister Agnetta Furtado – Gene Furtado
	+Maria Voll – the Voll / Westman Family
	+Helen Keller – Oscar & Rose Lorentz

November 26, 2017

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November 18/19 Collection	\$5,264.00
Total Collected to Date	\$252,220.00
2017 Budget to Date	\$285,310.00

Looking Ahead to Dec. 3, 2017

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63: 16b – 17; 64: 1, 3-8

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Matthew 13: 33-37

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Nov. 27: Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, OP
Tues. Nov. 28: Rev. Bradley Markus
Wed. Nov. 29: Lay Parish Ministers
Thu. Nov. 30: Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Fri. Dec. 1: Rev. Paul Boucher
Sat. Dec. 2: Rev. Donald Wilhelm

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday

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

Tuesday

Levels I & II Potluck (AR)	7:00 pm
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Wednesday

Team Meeting (Office Closed)	10am – noon
Prayer Shawl Ministry (ER)	1:00 pm

Thursday

Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
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Saturday/Sunday

Lector Workshop (C)	After Masses
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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.

WOODEN CHRISTMAS

DECORATIONS BY THE KNIGHTS

Some talented members of the Knights of Columbus Kitchener Council 1504 have developed and constructed a wooden Nativity Scene, and other festive decorations. You will have a chance to purchase these items after Masses on Dec. 9/10. Proceeds from the sales go to support the Knights good works. If you wish to see pictures and prices of the items available please check out the St. Francis website.

COATS FOR KIDS

You can still donate gently used or new coats for kids this weekend. Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus as they spread warmth and comfort this winter.

"At the end of time, when the Lord comes to meet us, our joy will be immense. We live in anticipation of this encounter."

~ @Pontifex, November 23, 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.



AROUND TOWN

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.

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.

Calvin Presbyterian Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon will be Sat. Dec. 2, 9:30am-1pm. Features fresh holly arrangements, baking, crafts, quilt and door prizes. Run by the Ladies Fellowship.

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

From the Pastors Desk:

Today we celebrate the feast of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*, or more simply called *Christ, the King*. This feast marks the final Sunday of our liturgical year, our 'new years' so to speak, and serves as a reminder that we are about to enter the season of Advent, a time of preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation of Christ.

This feast is a relatively new feast in the life of the church; Pope Pius XI entered this feast into the liturgical calendar of the church in 1925. From 1925 to 1968 this feast of Christ the King was celebrated the Sunday before All Saints Day. In 1969 the feast was moved to its current place in the church calendar – the Sunday before the first Sunday of Advent. On this day we use language of royalty in a symbolic fashion. On our day of baptism we were anointed with the oil of chrism, making us members of the royal people of God, anointing us as priest, prophet and king in the service of our God. We are called to share in the crown of Jesus, and to announce the kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice, self-sacrifice, peace and freedom. When we refer to Christ as king today it might evoke thoughts of power, wealth and authority – that is not the intent. The crown for our king was one of thorns; the throne for our king was a cross of torture and death; and our royal family is comprised of all the people of God, including the hungry, thirsty, sick and imprisoned. Our king today is not a king of power, no, our king is one of profound humility who willingly died for us.



~ Father Tim, CR

ADVENT CHARITIES COLLECTION

This year we have chosen to divide our Advent Charity Collection 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. Continuing in the spirit of Pope Francis' 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 are available at the entrances of the church. Please make cheques payable to St. Francis Church. Thank you.

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 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 after Masses this weekend or in the parish office. All CWL members, their families, and all seniors of the parish are invited to attend.

COOKIES FOR HOMEBOUND

One of the simple joys of the Advent and Christmas Seasons is enjoying homemade cookies like Momma used to make. Many of our homebound parishioners unfortunately miss out on this tradition, so if you have a favourite recipe and would like to make some extra cookies to share, please bring them in by Dec. 4. 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.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Advent Penitential Service will be Tues. Dec. 12 at 1pm. Fr. Tim will be joined by several other priests, all of whom will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation following the short service. If this time is not convenient for you, there is a list of other area services included in the bulletin insert this week.

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.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE



If you are grieving, lonely, or sad for any reason as the Christmas season approaches, we invite you to join us for an ecumenical service on Dec. 21, the longest night of the year. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer in solidarity with one another. The service will begin at 7pm and a time of fellowship will follow in the Hall. No one should be alone at this time of year, so please come and spend some time with us. Everyone is welcome.

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!

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

VOCATION CORNER

"Lord, when was it that we saw you ...?" Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Toby Collins CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations crvocations@gmail.com or Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations for the Diocese at mking@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988.

www.vocationculture.ca

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.

Prayer Vigil Thurs. Dec. 7 from 9-10am 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 in Schneider Park, any queries please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.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!

Special Messiah Concert at Centre in the Square On Dec. 9, 7:30p.m., breathtaking images of handcrafted illuminations from The Saint John's Bible will be projected as the Grand Philharmonic Choir sings Handel's Messiah. In addition, six of the seven volumes of this Bible will be on display in the lobby of the Centre in the Square, courtesy of the Diocese of Hamilton. And there will be a pre-concert presentation by Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN. Tickets are available from the Centre in the Square Box Office.

Join us on Fri. Dec. 8, for the next **Lecture in Catholic Experience** hosted by St. Jerome's University. Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, from St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, will help us to consider the profound insights that artists such as calligraphers and illuminators can offer us, especially with regard to the illuminations in *The Saint John's Bible*. Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University at 7:30pm, doors open at 6:45pm. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: www.sju.ca/lce

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.

Annual Advent Hymn Festival with the Diocesan Choir will take place on Sun. Dec. 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7pm. Special guest choir: St. Michael's Spanish Choir (Oakville). All are welcome!

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.

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
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 Uniak, C.R. (tuniak@hamiltondiocese.com)
Pastoral Minister:	Miss Ruthann Fisher (rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com)
Music Ministry:	Mrs. Terrienne 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

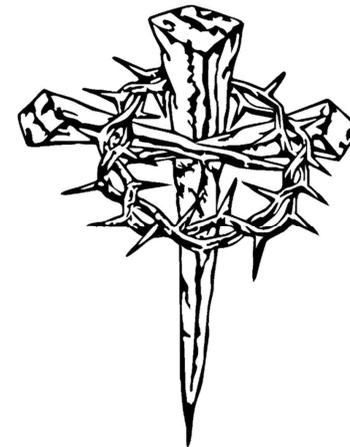
Vocations Information: www.vocationinfo.ca
www.vocationculture.ca



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

**"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David."**

~ Mark 11: 9, 10



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