

MASS INTENTIONS -- May 7 - 12, 2019

Tuesday, 7th	- Easter Weekday
9:00 am	Intentions Sr. Rose Gabriel, CSJ – Gene Furtado
Wednesday, 8th	- Easter Weekday
9:00 am	+Jennie Rodzen – Louise & Edward Rodzen
Thursday, 9th	- Easter Weekday
9:00 am	+Ron Jackson & Family – Jane Jackson +Josie Côté – Joan Scheffter +Barbara Diemert – Maria Cabral +Dana Woito – Mike & Diane Uniac +Dr. Jack Sehl – Betty Corrigan
Friday, 10th	- Easter Weekday School Mass
9:30 am	+Don Cameron – Ruthann Fisher
Saturday, 11th	- 3rd Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm	Intentions of Jeanne Delaney – Julie Wilkins Intentions of Cathy Vanzielegem – Helen Shantz +Christopher Shelton – Marilyn Alston +Mary McCarville – the Family +Michael Longo – Eileen & Mary Longo +Mildred Fisher – Bob Adams +Tillie Helm – Margaret Meyer
Sunday, 12th	- 3rd Sunday of Easter
9:00 am	Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
11:00 am	+Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

May 5, 2019

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collection April 27/28	\$5,379.25
2019 Total Collection to date	\$97,283.78
2019 Total Budgeted Collection	\$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to May 12, 2019

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Revelations 7: 9, 14b – 17 John 10: 27-30

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. May 6: **Rev. Ed Henhoeffter**

Tues. May 7: **Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre**

Wed. May 8: **Our Parish Community**

Thu. May 9: **Rev. Joseph Michel**

Fri. May 10: **Rev. Francis SalasiarCSC**

Sat. May 11: **Rev. Roshan Lou D'Souza, CSC**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Monday

Picnic Planning Mtg (H)	6:30 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR)	7:30 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (AR)	7:30 pm

Tuesday

Financial Wellness Session (H)	7:00 pm
Level Programs 1 & 2 (ER & RR)	7:00 pm

Wednesday

Parish Team Mtg (Office Closed)	10am - noon
Crowning of Mary & Speaker (H)	7:00 pm

Thursday

Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	9:00 am
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium)	4:30 pm
Volunteer Appreciation (C&H)	7:00 pm

Friday

School Mass (C)	9:30 am
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ROSES FOR LIFE

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for distributing Roses for Life stickers this weekend. These roses are a symbol of our support of pro-life causes and raise awareness of these issues. Thank you to all who donated to this program, proceeds support pro-life organizations in our area.

MARILLAC PLACE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Mother's Day is just around the corner and St. Francis Parish is proud to participate in the 20th Anniversary of the Baby Bottle Campaign, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to keep its doors open. Next weekend baby bottles will be available at the doors of the church. Please support this important cause by taking a bottle home, filling it with your spare change and returning it on Father's Day weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

AROUND TOWN

The Francis Impact, will premiere on Sun. May 5th at 6pm and 10pm on Salt and Light Television. All of the major cable carriers are currently offering a "free view" of Salt and Light until mid-May. You can also watch it online at: <https://saltandlighttv.org/live/> at the times indicated.

Defending the Faith Conference Save the date, July 26-28 in Steubenville, Ohio. Join parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and others to build bolder and more confident hearts to receive and share a deeper understanding of our Catholic Church teachings. Bus arrangements have been made leaving from Blessed Sacrament. An information session will be held Fri. May 10 at 7pm in the parish centre to provide more information. Please contact Mary Anne Kearns at 519-578-6218 or mackearns@hotmail.com with any questions.

Maamawi Public Performance

Debajehmujig Theatre Group are coming from Wiikwemkoong to Waterloo Region to gather our stories and to weave them into Maamawi, a play about our relationships with each other and with the land. Free performance! Tickets on EventBright. Sat. May 11, 7pm at the Performing Arts Theatre of University of Waterloo.

St. Teresa of Avila Elmira Catholic Women's League will host its **Annual Mother's Day Tea** on Sat. May 11 from 1-3pm. Free-will offering at the door (suggested \$5). There will be a gift basket raffle, penny table, bake sale, kids colouring table and of course cake and tea! We invite all family members to come out for an enjoyable afternoon to honour our mothers.

A STUDY COMMISSIONED...

by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs. If you want to learn more about the priesthood and religious life, contact Fr. Dan Lobsinger CR, Resurrectionist Director of Vocations, at vocationculture@gmail.com.
www.vocationculture.ca

From the Pastor's Desk:

The month of May is traditionally a time in the church when we focus upon Mary, the Mother of God. This perhaps affords us an opportunity to look at some "Marian Trivia".

Did you know that Mary speaks only seven times in all of scriptures – five times in the Gospel of Luke and twice in the Gospel of John (see if you can find them all). Could this be perhaps why there are seven sorrows of Mary and seven joys of Mary? The seven sorrows of Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, Jesus lost in the Temple, meeting Jesus on the way to the cross, the crucifixion of Jesus, Jesus taken down from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. The seven joys of Mary: the annunciation, the visitation, the nativity, the epiphany, the presentation of Jesus, the finding of Jesus in the Temple, and Mary's assumption.

Marian titles, names by which Mary is known, are almost virtually countless – one of the litanies to Mary for instance, the Litany of Loreto, lists over 50 titles or names for Mary. Mary is found in the teachings of the church in the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (1854) and the doctrine on the Assumption (1950). Mary is spoken of in the Vatican II "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church" where her role as Mother of God is addressed. Pope Paul VI issued two apostolic exhortations on Mary (1974 & 1975). Pope John Paul II issued the ground breaking apostolic exhortation, "The Mother of the Redeemer" in 1987. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers countless teachings concerning Mary. Mary is referred to in the Creed we pray each Sunday, she is mentioned in the body of the Eucharistic prayer, is referred to in the penitential rite, and she has her own preface for Marian feast

days. There are 14 feast days in the course of the year dedicated to Mary, five first Saturday's given over to Mary – in addition, there are countless Marian votive Masses that can be prayed on any weekday which has no saint attached to it. Mary has appeared in a number of places throughout history, such as Guadalupe right here in the America's. There are a number of Marian prayers such as: Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen, Memorare and the Angelus.

Clearly Mary has a place of great importance in our lives of faith.

Father Tim, C.R.



MONEY 101: A FINANCIAL WELLNESS SESSION

Did you know that 41% of Canadians rank money as their greatest stress – over health, work and relationships? Sadly, 51% of Canadians feel embarrassed about the lack of control they have over their finances. Join us on **Tuesday, May 7th** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall for 'Money 101', a financial wellness presentation by Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management and long-time Head of Business & Co-op at Resurrection CSS. Topics will include the importance of the earn/save/invest cycle, credit cards that pay you and understanding how robo advisors work. The session promises to be entertaining and practical! Please contact the Parish Office to pre-register. Admission is free; food donations to St. Vincent de Paul are greatly appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION

May all our First Communicants know Jesus as a friend who walks with them each day. Blessings to you all!

CROWNING OF MARY & SPEAKER DAVID DAYLER

All members of the parish are invited to a Crowning of Mary prayer service on **Wed. May 8 at 7pm**, followed by guest speaker David Dayler, Director of Discipleship and Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton. David will speak on "Mary and Discipleship", a topic sure to inspire us during this Easter Season. All are welcome, sponsored by the Catholic Women's League.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Thursday May 9 we want to honour all our volunteers here at St. Francis Parish. If you are involved in ministry or volunteering in our parish community please join us for Evening Prayer at 7pm, followed by refreshments in the hall. Please RSVP on the evite sent to you or by calling the parish office at 519-745-7301. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, without you we could not be the vibrant parish we are!



ANNUAL CARD PARTY



Come one, come all to the St. Francis Annual Card Party! Wed. May 15, doors open at 12:30pm, light lunch served at 1:00pm. Tickets are \$15, purchase them at the parish office or contact Karin Manley at 519-576-6587. (No tickets will be sold at the door.) Proceeds will go to Hospice of Waterloo Region. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon of cards, games, prizes and fun!

PRIZES ARE NEEDED! If you can donate a raffle prize please bring it to the parish office or contact Karin Manley at 519-576-6587



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK May 5 - 10, 2019

Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841. This year's Catholic Education Week theme, "Living as Joyful Disciples", was inspired by *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. The theme is very much directed to our students, especially their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocations. In *Renewing the Promise* we read, "Our Catholic schools help to form joyful disciples as hearts and minds are opened to the transforming love of God and to the flame of faith in action. On a daily basis, Catholic schools demonstrate the joy of believing and witness the Good News to the communities that they serve."

"Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy." 1 Peter 1:8

Check out the video for Catholic Education Week on our website!

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON RAPHAEL MA, C.R.

The Congregation of the Resurrection cordially invites you to the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Raphael Ma, C.R. Thank you for your support and prayers over the years! This joyful event will take place on Saturday, June 15th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Kitchener. A light reception will follow.

March For Life Join thousands at the March for Life in Toronto this year at Queen's Park. On Thurs. May 9 we will call for justice for the preborn. KW Right to Life is taking a bus from Kitchener leaving at 7:15am, returning by 6pm. March for Life begins at 10am for one hour, followed by speakers in the afternoon at St. Michael's University College. Bus seat \$25 (students ride free), conference \$20. For details call 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net.

St. Joseph Church CWL Rummage Sale Sat. May 11, 8:30am – 12:30pm, at St. Joseph's, Kitchener. Lots of great items to start off your garage sale season – clothing, linens, shoes, purses/bags, jewelry, household and kitchen items, seasonal décor, books, CD's & DVD's, games & toys (no furniture or electronics). Plan to also attend Mill Courtland Community Centre's annual Garage Sale, same day and time, for even more bargains! Questions? Cathy at CWLRummageSale@gmail.com.

Bishop's Banquet in honour of the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton. Tues. May 14, 5:30pm. NEW Location: Resurrection Catholic Secondary School, Kitchener. For tickets and information contact Ms. Jody Fritz, 519-578-3660 ext 2373 or email jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca. Charitable receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.

WHY@Breakfast presents **Art, Beauty and Dialogue** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is hosting this presentation with speaker Rev. Denis Grecco, Assistant Professor at St. Peter's Seminary on May 18 from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Come and find out how art and beauty may assist us in facing the issues of the churches and our contemporary culture. Two volumes, Pentateuch and Gospels & Acts, of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible will be on

display during the event. Light breakfast available. For info visit whyatbreakfast.com. Please RSVP by calling the parish at 519-886-0342 or email whyatbreakfast@gmail.com.

Best Friends Card Party Thurs. May 23 at 12 noon at Conestoga Place, 110 Manitou Dr. Kitchener. All proceeds support our local youth, especially the girls. Tickets are \$25, contact Shirley at 519-746-8373 to purchase tickets. Lots of prizes, draws and a light lunch.

#RallyUp 4th Annual Diocesan Youth Rally will be May 25 at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener. All young people grades 7 to 12 are invited to join hundreds of other youth from across the diocese. The theme is "According to Your Word". To learn more and to register visit www.hamiltondioceseyouthrally.com.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated Sun. June 9 at 1:30pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2019 are invited to join Bishop Crosby for Mass. Register at www.hamiltodiocese.com or by filling out a form on the poster at the main entrance of St. Francis Church.

Quebec Pilgrimage, August 5-9 Visit Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Sacred Heart Shrine, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. 4 nights accommodations, meals, and all religious activities included, cost per person (double occupancy) is \$725. Contact Erna Spoenlein (519-743-1030), Rose Gunn (519-744-5923) or Angie Hunt (519-766-5262) for more details.

"During these #Easter days, proclaim with your life and with your words, the wonderful news that Jesus is Risen."

~ @Pontifex, April 26, 2019



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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.

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@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
Seminarian:	Rev. Mr. Raphael Ma, C.R.

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."



"Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people."

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