

MASS INTENTIONS -- October 1 - 6, 2019

Tuesday, 1st 9:00 am	- <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</i> +Joao Dias Branco – Gracinda Branco
Wednesday, 2nd 9:00 am	- <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Sacrament of the Sick Intentions of Fr. Raphael Ma, CR – Kay Warner Intentions of John & Maria de Viveiros – Marj Simon +Teresa Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy +Jacques Poudrier – Anne Darby-Watchorn +Monica Buckle – Cecilia Grace
Thursday, 3rd 9:00 am	- Weekday +Josie Côté – Joan Schefter
Friday, 4th 9:00 am 9:30 am	- Weekday First Friday Intentions of Marge Hummel Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, 5th 5:00 pm	- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Intentions of Maria Ferreira and Family Intentions of Fr. Raphael Ma, CR – Eileen & Mary Longo Intentions of Nate O'Farrell – Lucille & Cathy Vanzielegem +Leonel Silveira – Carolina Ribeiro & Children +Antonio Cardoso – the Family +Emil & Anne Rose Rektor – Karen Rektor +Cliff Walker – Margaret Boshart
Sunday, 6th 9:00 am 11:00 am	- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi +Albert & Mary Schefter – Joan Schefter

September 29, 2019

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection Sept. 21/22	\$4,833.00
2019 Total Collection to date	\$203,286.87
2019 Total Budgeted Collection	\$322,300.00

Looking Ahead to October 6, 2019 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Isaiah 58: 6-11
Galatians 6: 14-18 Luke 17: 5-10

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Sept. 30: Rev. Gary Schlack
Tues. Oct. 1: Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, CMI
Wed. Oct. 2: Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thu. Oct. 3: Rev. Lawrence Parent
Fri. Oct. 4: Rev. Paul Jamroz
Sat. Oct. 5: Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Sunday	Celebrating Creation Hymn Sing (C)	2:00 pm
Monday	Overeaters Anonymous (H)	7:30 pm
Tuesday	Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:15 pm
Wednesday	Altar Server Training (C)	6:30 pm
	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR)	7:00 pm
Thursday	Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR)	4:15 pm
	Choir Practice (C)	7:30 pm
Friday	Pasta Supper! (H)	6:00 pm
Sunday	Animal Blessing (Peace Garden)	1:00 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next Youth Ministry meeting is **Sunday October 6 at 7:30pm**. We will meet in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome, bring your friends! Snacks provided.

AROUND TOWN



From Sept. 25 – Nov. 3 we invite you to join together with over 100,000 people across North America who will participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also encouraged to take part in a peaceful vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, where abortions take place every week, for an allocated hour between 7am and 7pm, 7 days a week. We encourage volunteers to adopt an hour weekly. Sign up by calling Ewelina (519-589-2919) or Patrick (519-748-5548) or www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

40 Days for Life Opening Rally will be Wed. Oct. 1 at St. Anthony Daniel Parish. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm by Bishop Crosby, OMI. Refreshments and signup will follow, please come pray for the success of this campaign and the protection of all life in our country.

Garage Sale Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, Fri. Oct. 4 from 6-8pm and Sat. Oct. 5 from 8-11:30am. Great bargains for everyone! Clothes, books, furniture, household items, sporting goods and more!

Ministry Formation Days The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting formation days from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm:

- **Ministers of the Word**
 - Sat. Oct. 5, St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener
 - Sat. Oct. 19, St. Thomas the Apostle, Waterdown
- **Ministers of Holy Communion**
 - Sat. Nov. 2, St. Augustine, Dundas
 - Sat. Nov. 9, St. Louis, Waterloo

If you have any questions or to register contact Anna Petter in the Liturgy Office, 905-528-7988 x 2336 or liturgyoffice@hamiltondiocese.com

Life Chain Memorial Oct. 6 in front of Kitchener City Hall from 2-3pm. Come hold a sign along King St. in silent prayer. A short memorial service will be held at 2:50pm at the memorial site for babies lost to abortion. We remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. Call KW Right to Life, 519-746-LIFE.

Adoration for Life in October:

- Oct. 3, 11am, St. Mary, Kitchener
 - Oct. 3, 6pm, St. Agnes, Waterloo
 - Oct. 4, 6pm, St. Teresa, Kitchener
 - Oct. 12, 4:40pm prolife Rosary & Crowning of Mary, St. Boniface, Maryhill
 - Oct. 13, 9:40am, prolife Rosary & Crowning of Mary, St. Boniface, Maryhill
- All times above are followed by Mass.

Friendship Hymn Sing hosted by Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Join us for an afternoon of favourites led by Michel Allard. Sun. Oct. 6 and Sun. Nov. 3 at 4:00pm. Invite your friends!

From the Pastor's Desk:

This coming Tuesday the church celebrates the memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. Saint Thérèse was born Marie Françoise Martin in Lisieux, France in 1873. Her mother died when Marie was still a child and so she was raised by her older sister Pauline. Pauline entered the Carmelite convent when Marie was just nine, and for the next six years Marie longed to join her sister Pauline in the convent. Finally, at the unusually young age of 15 Marie entered the Carmelite convent and was given the name Thérèse.

Life in the convent centered around the gospels and the belief that any life can be a holy one. Thérèse was known to have said "to pick up a pin for love can convert a soul". It was with this attitude that Thérèse carried out her daily chores and routine – chores of cleaning, which Thérèse described as "drab", yet she carried out with joy and love.

Sadly, Thérèse developed tuberculosis and died in 1897 at the age of 24. Yet before her death two things of significance happened. One, on her death bed she is known to have said: "I promise to spend my heaven doing good on earth." Second, before she died she was asked to write her life history (a common practice in the convent). This writing was intended for use by the nuns only, to help inspire them in their own vocation. Her life story was found to be so spiritually helpful that it was published for use outside of the convent, entitled "Story of a Soul" (sometimes called "The Little Way"). Her life story offered readers hope, hope that they too can become saints, even if their lives are "drab" and not particularly spectacular in any way.

Father Tim, C.R.



CELEBRATING CREATION HYMN SING



As the long summer days shorten and autumn's glories draw near, we enter what is sometimes called the "Season of Creation" which runs from Sept. 1 to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. (visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/>) Pope Francis has encouraged us to participate in prayer for creation for several years now. This year, St. Francis of Assisi parish, led by St. Francis CWL, will do just that on **Sunday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m.** with **Celebrating Creation**, an hour of song, scripture and reflection. This year's theme is "the web of life." We value and protect biodiversity in all its wonderful complexity because each part of God's creation reveals a piece of the Creator's glory. We've invited our neighbouring Catholic and Christian churches to join us and we hope that many parishioners will participate. This is an all-ages event with refreshments to follow.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE



This year we are again offering the opportunity to order boxes of Christmas Cards in the theme of St. Francis of Assisi. Each boxed set contains one design of card; there are samples of the designs available to order in the entrance of the church this weekend. Cost is \$10 per box, to be paid when you pick up your order. Last date to order cards is Oct. 20 so that we can have your cards here before the end of November.

Thank You to all who sponsored our Determinators in the Walk for Hospice Waterloo Region. Our parish donated \$1470! In total the walk raised \$55,000 for Hospice programming. Thank you for your generosity.

Celebrating 60 Years

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI October 4th

As we officially kick off our year of 60th Anniversary celebrations, join us for Mass on Oct. 5/6 for the Feast of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi. If you want to learn more about our humble saint check out our website in the coming weeks.

Blessing of Animals

In the tradition of St. Francis who preached the Good News to all creation, bring your pet to our Peace Garden on Oct. 6 at 1pm for a blessing.

Pasta Supper

Join your family with ours for a delicious Italian meal catered by Ennio's Pasta House, on Fri. Oct. 4 at 6pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and are on sale after Masses until Sept. 29. If you have dietary needs please inform us when you purchase your ticket.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: we need lots of help to make this supper a success, contact Ruthann in the parish office to volunteer for selling tickets, setup, serving or cleanup, adults and youth both welcome!



"Try to keep quiet a moment and let God love you. Try to silence all the inner voices, and rest for a second in His loving embrace."

~ @Pontifex, Sept. 5, 2019



SENIORS' LUNCH DATE CHANGE

Our next Seniors' Lunch will be **Thursday Oct. 10 at 12 noon, at the Mandarin Restaurant** (4220 King St E, Kitchener). Come enjoy the Chinese/Canadian buffet with old and new friends! Cost is \$15.19 plus tax and tip. Please RSVP when you receive a call, or by contacting the parish office by Monday Oct. 7.



HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

We need more Hospitality Ministers, to greet parishioners as they arrive, help them find seats, take up the collection, assist in case of an emergency and hand out bulletins at the end of Mass. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry please contact the parish office at 519-745-7301.

PIE MAKING BEE



Thank you to everyone who bakes pies at home for our very famous Christmas Bazaar pie table. This is a favourite each

year at our Bazaar! This year, in addition to any pies you wish to make at home and donate, we will also be holding a pie making bee on Wednesday, October 9th at 9:30 am until 2:00 pm in the church hall. If you are able to help, please email or call Beani Watson 519 745 0625 or beaniwatson@sympatico.ca or sign up at the back of the church. If you can peel an apple or use a rolling pin, we need you! Bring along your favourite rolling pin and paring knife.

Knights of Columbus Pro Life Dinner presented by Council 16859. Join us for a night of good talk, great food and wonderful company. Dr. Moira McQueen will be speaking about Medical pro life apologetics. All proceeds of the night go towards campus Pro Life clubs, come meet the club leaders! Sun. Oct. 6, 4-7pm, St. Michael's Church, Waterloo, \$25 per ticket, search for Knights Pro Life Dinner on Eventbrite.com, robertvanr@hotmail.com

Annual Multicultural Mass His Excellency Bishop Crosby, OMI will preside at the Multicultural Mass on Sun. Oct. 6, 4pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Representatives of the National Parishes of the Diocese will participate in the liturgy with a reception to follow. All are welcome!

Sanctity of Life – Our Catholic Beliefs 101 Do you struggle to understand the deep roots behind Catholic beliefs concerning abortion and euthanasia? Do you find yourself not knowing how to respond when in conversation with others who perhaps support these issues? Join us Tues. Oct. 8, 7:30 pm (following 7pm Mass) at St. Michael's Parish, Waterloo, as our guest speaker Fr. Dave Perrin, PhD helps us to understand our faith and beliefs surrounding these critical moral issues. There is no cost, all are welcome.

Registration for Online Faith Formation programs for adults is now available. These programs are offered through the Diocese of Hamilton in partnership with Dayton University in Ohio. Each course costs \$50. Information sessions will take place throughout the Diocese in the coming weeks. To learn more about the Online Learning Portal, please visit <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact ddayler@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2226.

Men's Cursillo Weekend Are you seeking happiness, peace, joy, friendship, human and spiritual development and wish to become the person Jesus wants you to be? Then the Cursillo in Christianity Weekend is for you. Beginning on Thursday night and ending Sunday afternoon, through a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and the sacraments, you will take a closer look at yourself, God and others. And, after you have made your weekend, there is a lifetime of opportunity to continue meeting with your new Cursillo friends with prayer and friendship groups. Open to all 19 years or older.

- Men's Weekend, Oct. 17-20
- Women's weekend is Spring 2020

For more info speak with someone who has made their Cursillo weekend in your parish: Ross Hoffman, hoffman_ross@hotmail.com.

Catholic Parent Involvement Committee WCDSB is recruiting parent members for the Catholic Parent Involvement Cmte. Interested parents of students in WCDSB schools can please contact diana.bumstead@wcdsb.ca for an application by Nov. 7. More information at <https://www.wcdsb.ca/our-schools/catholic-parent-involvement-committee/>.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies There are still spaces available for the October start in the online certificate program for Youth Ministry Studies, offered in partnership between the Diocese of Hamilton and Dayton University. We invite anyone working in ministry with youth who is looking for a current and comprehensive learning opportunity to join the cohort. Participants will learn and pray alongside other youth ministers across the Diocese of Hamilton. For more info about the Certificate studies or auditing courses please visit www.hamiltondioceselearns.com or contact cmines@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

Pastor:	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. (tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com)
Associate Pastor:	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (rma@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."

*"Though Jesus Christ was rich, yet he became poor,
So that by his poverty you might become rich."
2 Corinthians 8:9*

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