

**MASS INTENTIONS -- December 17 - 22, 2019**

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup>** - **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral – Cathy & Lucille Vanzieleghem  
 Intentions of Kay Warner – Eileen Cox  
 +John de Viveiros – Marj Simon  
 +Andy Stager – Mike & Diane Uniac  
 +John Powers – Madeline Haller

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>** - **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am Intentions of Jinny Sigl – John & Ingrid Daniel

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup>** - **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am +Chris Oei – the Oei Family

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>** - **Advent Weekday**  
 9:00 am Intentions of Carlos Diaz – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR  
 7:00 pm Longest Night Service

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>** - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 5:00 pm Intentions of Malcolm & Annie McAvoy – Cathy Vanzieleghem  
 +André Vanzieleghem – the Vanzieleghem Family  
 +Gloria Weisz – Rose & Bernie Hanley  
 +Lorne & Doris McMahan – Rose & Bernie Hanley  
 +Angela Gnepe & Family – Donna & Barbara Munro  
 +Doug Fischer – Anne Fischer  
 +James & Margaret Dodsworth – Pat Dodsworth  
 +Carl & Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>** - **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
 11:00 am +Taya Marie Flores – Rose Ferko

**December 15, 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Collection Dec. 7/8 \$7,658.06  
**2019 Total Collection to date \$268,184.38**  
**2019 Total Budgeted Collection \$322,300.00**

**Looking Ahead to December 22, 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 7: 10-14  
 Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-24

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 16: **Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, CRSP**  
 Tues Dec 17 **Rev Fernando Ferreira Pinto CSSp**  
 Wed. Dec. 18: **Youth Ministers**  
 Thu. Dec. 19: **Rev. Tim Hingston**  
 Fri. Dec. 20: **Rev. David Avila**  
 Sat. Dec. 21: **Rev. Jerzy Tomon**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH**

**Sunday**  
 Youth Ministry Christmas Party (H) 7:30 pm

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

**Tuesday**  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 4:15 pm

**Thursday**  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (AR) 4:15 pm  
 Choir Practice (C) 7:30 pm

**Friday**  
 Longest Night Service (C) 7:00 pm

**MISSALS** for 2019-2020 are available for \$3.50 after Masses or in the parish office.

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

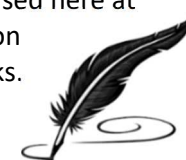
I would hope that everyone at this point has at least heard about the Hamilton Diocese “*One Heart, One Soul*” campaign to raise \$35 million. Our parish will begin our active participation in this campaign early in 2020. I suspect that it is in fact the purpose of this campaign which is not all that clear to many people.

The campaign finds its roots in the pastoral guidance Pope Francis offered the Church when he exhorted the parishes of the world to engage in self-renewal, and to constantly adapt so as to meet the ever-changing needs in our world today (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 28). Our local bishop, Bishop Crosby, picked up this challenge from our Holy Father when he said: “*A Diocese cannot thrive without thriving parishes. In the spirit of Pope Francis' call for parish renewal, the \$35 million One Heart, One Soul campaign is first and foremost about the renewal and transformation of parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.*”

With this in mind the campaign has a three-fold purpose. One, each parish will dream about the future, a future where the local parish will be healthy and vibrant, and to use funds raised to make those dreams a reality. Two, to offer support to those parishes that are not able to raise the funds necessary to function in a healthy and vibrant way. Three, to support Diocese-wide shared ministries such as campus ministry and hospital ministry.

Each parish, ours included, will be able to keep 75% of all funds raised to be used here at Saint Francis. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Father Tim, C.R.



**YOUTH MINISTRY**



Come out to our Youth Ministry **Christmas Party, TONIGHT!**

**Sun. Dec. 15 at 7:30pm.** Bring a funny sweater and a friend for our movie night. Meet in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome! Snacks provided.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**

During this Advent season of spiritual preparation we invite you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession times are Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 pm, or if you prefer a different time please call the office to make an appointment. There are also Penance Services at some of the other local churches if you prefer that option. A complete list of services can be found on our website.

**LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE**

If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas season approaches and the days get darker, we invite you to join us for an ecumenical service on Fri. Dec. 20. 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. All are welcome.

**ADVENT CHARITY COLLECTION**

You can still make donations to our Advent Charities Collection until Dec. 22. This year the collection will go to our second North of 60 anniversary project, Health for Fort Hope. You can learn more about this project on our website.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm

7:00 pm

9:00 pm



### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am

*Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 24 at noon until Dec. 27 at 8:30am, and from Dec. 31 at noon until Jan. 2 at 8:30am.*

*There will be NO Weekday Masses Dec. 26 – 27, or Jan. 2 – 3.*

### FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

#### New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm

#### New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am



## CHURCH ENVELOPES 2020

Church envelopes for 2020 are now available for pickup in the main entrance of the church. If you use Direct Deposit please note you still have a small box of special envelopes to pick up. If you wish to sign up for Direct Deposit please call Alice in the parish office for details.

## CATHOLIC REGISTER

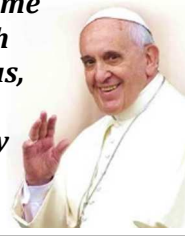
We are currently receiving complimentary copies of the Catholic Register weekly newspaper. If you wish to take a copy new ones are put out in the pamphlet display rack at the main entrance of the church each week.

## AN ADVENT CALL

As our ministry leaders make up the ministry schedules for Christmas Masses we have realized how many of our wonderful volunteers have retired over the past year or moved to different ministries. During this season of Advent please prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to ministry in His church here at St. Francis. We particularly need Hospitality Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. To be a Communion Minister you must be confirmed and have a desire to share Christ's body with the congregation. Hospitality Ministers can be adults, couples, maybe your whole family would like to do this ministry together. Training is provided for both ministries. If you would like to learn more or sign up please contact the parish office. Thank you for being Christ's hands and feet by serving our parish community.

*"Let us ask the Lord, in this time of Advent, to revive in us faith in Christ who comes to save us, to help us be always faithful to our vocation as missionary disciples."*

~ @Pontifex, Dec. 11, 2019



## AROUND TOWN

**Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica** His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 a.m. The celebration will be live streamed and telecast on S+L and CHTV. The broadcast will begin on Christmas Eve at 11:30 p.m. with Carols from the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend or to watch via live stream or television.

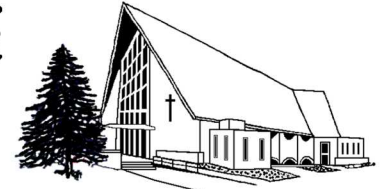
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<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terriane Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	Mr. Gary Howell

### 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.

**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)  
[www.vocationculture.ca](http://www.vocationculture.ca)



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

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor."*

Luke 4: 18

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