

**MASS INTENTIONS  
December 24 - 29, 2019**

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>** - **Christmas Eve**  
4:30 pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
7:00 pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
9:00 pm Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>** - **Christmas Day**  
10:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES Dec. 26 – 27**

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup>** - **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
5:00 pm Intentions of Donna Renaud – Michelle Krulicki  
+Bill Renaud – Donna Renaud  
+David O'Farrell – Ruthann & Gail Fisher  
+Mary McCarville – the Family  
+Teresa, Czeslaw & Marysia Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family  
+Allan Grundy – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family  
+Stefania – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family  
+Antonio Cardoso – the Family  
**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>** - **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
9:00 am +Reno & Tony Ianni – Angela Ianni  
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**December 31, 2019 – January 5, 2020**

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>** - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** **New Year's Eve**  
5:00 pm Intentions of all Mothers, Living and Deceased  
**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup>** - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** **New Year's Day**  
10:00 am Intentions of all Mothers, Living and Deceased

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES Jan. 2 – 3**

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>** - **Epiphany of the Lord**  
5:00 pm Intentions of Colin Westman & Margaret Voll  
Intentions of Maria Ferreira & Family  
In Thanksgiving – Florence Saunders  
+Leonel Silveira – Carolina Ribeiro & Children  
+Antonio & Candida Cardoso – the Family  
+Teresa Janiczak – Grace & Kevin Grundy & Family  
+Peter, Rose & Robert Bergamin – Mary & Alvina Bergamin  
**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>** - **Epiphany of the Lord**  
9:00 am +John G. Powers – Dennis Haid  
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

*“The word **#Advent** means coming. The Lord is coming. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us.”* ~ @Pontifex, Dec. 1, 2019



**December 22, 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Collection Dec. 14/15 \$7,077.00  
**2019 Total Collection to date \$275,261.38**  
**2019 Total Budgeted Collection \$322,300.00**

**Looking Ahead to December 29, 2019  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3: 12-21 Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Dec. 23: **Very Rev. Wojciech Kuzma**  
Tues. Dec. 24: **Rev. James McSharry**  
Wed. Dec. 25: **The Nativity of the Lord!**  
Thu. Dec. 26: **Rev. Martin Mikulski, SAC**  
Fri. Dec. 27: **Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.**  
Sat. Dec. 28: **Rev. Franjo Sprajc**

**THANK YOU** from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference for your generous donations to our December Food Drive. You brought in 460 lbs of food to share with our neighbours this Christmas.

**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.

**SENIORS' LUNCH**

Mark your calendars for our next Seniors' Lunch on **Thursday January 9, 2020 at 12 noon**, location TBA. Come enjoy a great lunch with old and new friends!



**From the Pastor's Desk:**

Once again I would like to address the upcoming “One Heart, One Soul” fund-raising campaign for the Hamilton Diocese. As mentioned a number of times in this column we have been asked to raise \$373,985.61 – this amount comes from our total income for the fiscal year 2017. How will these funds be raised? Each household will be invited to make a pledge that is paid out over the next three years. Of all the funds we raise we will keep 75% here at Saint Francis, to be used for projects and activities specific to our parish. If we reach our goal 75% will be approximately \$275,000.00.

A number of months ago there was a general parish meeting where the question was asked: how will we use these funds here at Saint Francis? At this meeting five areas were identified (in no particular order): painting the interior of the church, something significant to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish, refurbish the parish hall kitchen, improve lighting in main body of the church, and some form of community outreach.

Since that meeting the staff and I have done some research into what sort of cost each of the five areas mentioned above would entail. Early in January all this information will be communicated to the entire parish during Sunday Mass. Each member of the parish will be asked to complete a small survey indicating if the suggested projects and activities are favourable to you. ALSO, you will be invited to suggest other ideas not included on the list. Based on this information some concrete decisions will be made concerning how we will use the funds raised from “One Heart, One Soul”.

Father Tim, C.R.



## 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



## 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.

### AROUND TOWN

**Christmas Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica** 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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** goes out to Keith Strub and his workers for their excellent job installing our new St. Francis statue. It was not an easy task and required some heavy-duty equipment. Keith and his colleague were patient and easy to work with, and we are so happy with the beautiful end result. After all their hard work, Keith Strub Construction Ltd. donated the labour and equipment needed for the installation, as a Christmas gift to the parish. So thank you so much Keith and company, and if anyone in the parish is looking to have any concrete or construction work done, any size of project, please consider contacting Keith at 519-595-4082 or [admin@keithstrubconstruction.ca](mailto:admin@keithstrubconstruction.ca).



# 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.

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Tim Uniac, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com">tuniac@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
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<b>Pastoral Minister:</b>	Miss Ruthann Fisher ( <a href="mailto:rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com">rfisher@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Mrs. Terriane Moulton
<b>Admin. Assistant:</b>	Ms. Alice Soeder
<b>Building Manager:</b>	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](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."*



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

December 22, 2019

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## FEAST OF

HOLY FAMILY

December 29, 2019

