

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**January 7 – 12, 2020**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>** - *St. André Bessette, Religious*  
 9:00 am Intentions of Bishop Crosby

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup>** - *Christmas Weekday*  
 9:00 am Intentions of Amy Sproule – Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>** - *Christmas Weekday*  
 9:00 am Intentions of Linda Carmichael – Eileen Cox & Helen Shantz  
 Intentions of the Jackson Family – Jane Jackson  
 +Jean Power – Joan Ferraccioli  
 +John de Viveiros – Eileen Longo

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup>** - *Christmas Weekday*  
 9:00 am Intentions of Fr. Raphael Ma, CR – Francis & Remy D’Souza

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>** - *Baptism of the Lord*  
 5:00 pm +Helen Bender – Bonnie & Chris, Ron & Jane & Grandchildren  
 +Lorne MacDonald – Aunt Margie & Dana Marsh  
 +Sue Martin – Cathy Vanzielegem  
 +Cheryl Lynne Telford – Jerry & Joanne White  
 +Jerry Sorochan – Marilyn Alston  
 +Dora Schaefer – Michael Schaefer  
 +Deceased Longo & O’Grady Family – Eileen & Mary Longo

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>** - *Baptism of the Lord*  
 9:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi  
 11:00 am In Thanksgiving – Daniella & Pierre Michiels

**January 5, 2020**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Collection Dec. 21/22	\$6,213.30
Christmas Collection	\$15,500.00
Collection Dec. 28/29	\$4,789.02
<b>2019 Total Collection</b>	<b>\$301,763.70</b>
<b>2019 Total Budgeted Collection</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>

**Looking Ahead to January 12, 2020**  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7  
 Acts 10: 34-38 Matthew 3: 13-17

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR**

Mon. Jan. 6: **Rev. Piotr Golinski**  
 Tues. Jan. 7: **Rev. Andrew Czarny**  
 Wed. Jan. 8: **Sisters of St. John the Baptist**  
 Thu. Jan. 9: **Rev. John Redmond**  
 Fri. Jan. 10: **Rev. Phillip Cook**  
 Sat. Jan. 11: **Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, SAC**

**WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?**

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

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

**Wednesday**  
 St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (RR) 7:00 pm

**Thursday**  
 Seniors’ Lunch (Mandarin) 12 noon  
 Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm  
 Choir Practice (Choir Loft) 7:30 pm

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

**Fr. Paul Voisin, CR**, Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection, will be visiting us next weekend to preside and preach at the Masses on Jan. 11/12. Welcome Fr. Paul!

**NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION**  
**TO MINISTER**

Are you looking for a New Year’s Resolution that is easy to keep? We won’t ask you to join a gym, or give up your favourite snack. **We’re not even asking you to give more time than you already devote to the church!** What we are asking you to do is consider becoming a Minister of Holy Communion or Minister of Hospitality.

**Minister of Holy Communion** To be a Communion Minister you must be a confirmed and practicing Catholic, there are no other requirements. We will train you on procedures and schedule you with experienced ministers so you feel comfortable. This is such a powerful ministry, sharing the Blessed Sacrament with your fellow worshipers. We especially need people at the 9am Mass, where our current ministers are often called on every weekend.

**Minister of Hospitality**  
 Hospitality Ministers can be adults, couples, youth, or maybe your whole family would like to do this ministry together. What a great way to get your children involved and show the community how welcoming our parish is for families! Consider signing up to greet people as they arrive, help them find seats at busy Masses, take up the collection and distribute bulletins at the end of Mass. Again, training will be provided, but all that is required is a spirit of hospitality and willingness to serve. We very much need ministers at all the Mass times!

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.



**SENIORS’ LUNCH**

Join us for the next Seniors’ Lunch on **Thursday January 9, 2020 at 12 noon**, at The Mandarin Restaurant, 4220 King St. E. Come enjoy a great buffet lunch for \$15.50 plus tax and tip, with old and new friends!



**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.



Come out to our next Youth Ministry meeting, **Sunday January 12 at 7:30pm**. We will be joined by Rianne Ropps, Outreach Coordinator at St. Mary’s Church, Kitchener. Rianne will be helping us brainstorm outreach projects that our youth can take on. Meet in the parish hall. All high school youth are welcome! Snacks provided. Come help us discern how we can spread Jesus’ love to our neighbours in need.



**Plus, follow us on Instagram!**  
**stfrancisyouthkw**

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to our Advent Charity Collection in support of the Health for Fort Hope campaign. We were very pleased to send our parish’s donation of \$4,014!

**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).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

As we all return to work and school following the Christmas holidays, here is a quick reminder of parish events coming up in January. You can see the full calendar on our website, or if you have misplaced the January/February calendar that was handed out in December contact the parish office for another copy.

**Games Afternoon – Jan. 16** Bring your favourite board or card game and some friends and prepare for an afternoon of fun! 2 – 4pm.

**Pulpit Exchange – Jan. 18/19** We will welcome ministers from local churches to share at our Masses this weekend, as Fr. Tim speaks at St. George Anglican Church.

**Ecumenical Praise & Worship Service – Jan. 26** On this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our gathering together with the Forest Hill & Area Community Churches, join us for an evening of song, worship and fellowship. 7pm here at St. Francis.

### AROUND TOWN

**Senior Adult Study Sessions, “The Bible & the Sacraments”** is a deeper look at the mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. Examining the rich relationship between the Old & New Testaments, the sacraments are more than mere earthly rituals! This 10 session DVD presentation & discussion format is based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn. Facilitated by David Dayler, beginning Jan. 22 from 1 – 3pm at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. The cost is \$50 and includes the book, “Swear to God” by Dr. Scott Hahn. Please **register by Jan. 13** by email, [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or telephone, 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

**Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!** “Keys to Loving Relationships” is a ten week video-based program that all people (married, dating, or single) can use to develop the skills needed to have a truly meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program is offered at St. Mark’s Parish, Kitchener (519-571-9200) **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm January 28 - March 24.** Cost is \$45. For more info or to register, call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**Stress in Your Marriage? Rediscover Joy in Your Relationship!** Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program being offered on the weekend of March 13, 2020, call 905-664-5212 or email [hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca](mailto:hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca) or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

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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> )
<b>Associate Pastor:</b>	Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. ( <a href="mailto:rma@hamiltondiocese.com">rma@hamiltondiocese.com</a> )
<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.”*

*“We observed his star at its rising,  
and have come to pay homage to the Lord.”*

Matthew 2: 2

**FEAST OF EPIPHANY  
January 5, 2020**

