

MASS INTENTIONS
February 11 - 16, 2020

Tuesday, 11th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Maisie Giles – Betty Ann Barnes
7:00 pm Memorial Mass for +John de Viveiros

Wednesday, 12th - *Weekday*
9:00 am Intentions of Maria Cabral

Thursday, 13th - *Weekday*
9:00 am +Betty Gray – Sr. Norma
+Josef Oswald – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep
+Agnes Bender – Madeline Haller & Family
+Soledad Navaleza – the Sabordo Family

Friday, 14th - *Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*
9:00 am In Thanksgiving – Congregation of the Resurrection

Saturday, 15th - *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5:00 pm Intentions of Jinny Sigl – John & Ingrid Daniel
Intentions of the Jackson Family – Jane Jackson
+Mervyn James Villemaire, QC – Eileen & Mary Longo
+Lorraine Nadeau – Nancy Allen
+Antonio & Candida Cardoso – the Family
+Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, 16th - *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 am +Hedvig Wolstrommer – Louis, Mary & Loretta Fulep
11:00 am Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

February 9, 2020

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Collection Feb. 1/2 \$5,317.13
2020 Total Collection \$26,798.98

Looking Ahead to February 16, 2020

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 15: 15-20

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Matthew 5: 17-37

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Feb. 10: **Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger**
Tues. Feb. 11: **Rev. William Foote**
Wed. Feb. 12: **Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (SJC)**
Thu. Feb. 13: **Rev. Robert Love**
Fri. Feb. 14: **Rev. Edward Hinsperger**
Sat. Feb. 15: **Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Sunday
Youth Ministry (H) 7:30 pm

Monday
Parents for Community Living (ER) 7:00 pm
Overeaters Anonymous (H) 7:30 pm
Celebrating the Word (RR) 7:30 pm

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

Wednesday
Development & Peace
Share Lent Workshop (H) 7:00 pm

Thursday
Catechesis of Good Shepherd (Atrium) 4:15 pm
Choir Party (H) 7:00 pm

**LENTEN MASSES WITH
EXTENDED HOMILY**



***“Meditations on
Saint Francis of
Assisi”***

in celebration of 60th anniversary
of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

Wednesday, March 4th 7:00 pm
**Boundless Love for Animals
and Nature**

Homilist: Father Raphael Ma, CR

Wednesday, March 11th 7:00 pm
Love of Neighbour

Homilist: Father Dan Lobsinger, CR

Wednesday, March 18th 7:00 pm
**Renowned for Simplicity and
Practice of Poverty (Mt. 10:9)**

Homilist: Father Toby Collins, CR

Wednesday, March 25th
7:00 pm

Nativity of the Lord

Homilist: Father Joseph
de Viveiros, CR



Wednesday, April 1st 7:00 pm
**Make a Joyful noise
unto the Lord
and Dance**

Homilist: Father Tim Uniac, CR

A VOCATION...

must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served. 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

AROUND TOWN

CWL Twilight Retreat will be held on **Tuesday, February 11th** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener. Tickets for the dinner will be \$15 a person. The evening will start with the Rosary at 5 pm, talk at 5:15 pm and dinner at 6 pm. After dinner we will continue with another talk at 7 pm and close with Mass at 8 pm. The guest speaker will be Fr Wayne Lobsinger speaking on ‘Do you love me?’. Everyone is welcome. To purchase tickets call Pat at 519-885-9593 (evenings).

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes Please join us on Feb. 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo, beginning at 6pm with Holy Hour and Rosary followed by Mass. We will reflect on how the apparitions of Our Lady, over 150 years ago, remain relevant and can inspire us. We will consider how this memorial can once again remind us about our own poverty and brokenness, the power of prayer, and the importance of Our Lady’s Son, Jesus Christ, as our Saviour. Join Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton for this time of reflection and refreshments in the hall.

From the Pastor's Desk:

I return yet again to the topic of the *One Heart, One Soul* fund-raising campaign for the Hamilton Diocese. As mentioned last week, each registered household in the parish will be receiving a letter early in the Spring that will invite you to participate in the campaign by making a financial pledge. There will be an amount suggested, a place for you to begin your discernment regarding the level of your involvement. I remind you (and will continue to do so each time when speaking about your financial pledge): **the amount suggested in your letter will be just a starting point!** A starting point for what? A starting point to begin discerning your level of pledge.

What are some of the factors which can and should enter your process of discerning the level of your financial pledge? First and foremost would be to remind yourself that your pledge is over and above what you already contribute to the parish in the Sunday collection. To simply take money that you would normally place in the collection and redirect it to the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign would put the parish in financial hardship as it pertains to the operating budget of the parish – we need the weekly collection in order to pay bills such as utilities and salaries. Certainly there are some in our parish who can not afford to give more than they already give on a weekly basis, while there are many who can increase their giving. To explore this issue is what it means to discern. A second important factor to consider in your discernment would be other charitable organizations you support. Do you want to continue these acts of charity? If so, how will this impact your financial involvement in the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign? Are you

financially able to contribute to your current charities and the campaign? Important questions to discern! More factors to consider next week.



Father Tim, C.R.

SAINT FRANCIS IN EXULTATION MINI STATUES



Many parishioners have asked if they would be able to purchase a miniature replica of our new St. Francis sculpture by Timothy Schmalz, and now you can! Thanks to the generosity of *Sculpture by Timothy P. Schmalz Inc.*, we are able to take orders for these mini statues at their wholesale cost of \$40 each. (Compare at \$80 US online plus shipping and tax.) A sample statue can be seen in the parish office and you can sign up to order a statue after Masses.

2019 TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for your 2019 charitable contributions are available now. You can pick them up in the hall after weekend Masses or in the parish office during office hours. Thank you for helping us grow as a parish family in faith and love.

MEMORIAL MASS

As many know, John de Viveiros, Fr. Joseph's father, passed away in November, and his funeral took place in North Bay. Since so many who knew John and Fr. Joseph were unable to travel to North Bay for the funeral, you are invited to a Memorial Mass for John on Tues. February 11 at 7pm, here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. May our prayers continue to support John's family, and all who are grieving.



Join us for our annual Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras Party on **Shrove Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm**. Come dressed in Mardi Gras colours for a supper of pancakes, sausages, real maple syrup and sherbet. Bring your own mask or make one here! **Live music provided by Tim Moher and his Mardi Gras Jazz Band!** Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale after Masses beginning next weekend, Feb. 8/9 or in the Parish Office until Feb. 21. Don't miss this fun-filled, family oriented party! **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Please contact Ruthann if you can help out.



FEBRUARY POTATO BLITZ!

The House of Friendship is an amazing organization which connects and supports people in our community who feel isolated by social or economic challenges. The people at House of Friendship know that every person deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, and that we are Stronger Together. Every February they invite the community to support their work by donating bags of potatoes to their Potato Blitz. Our own Don Cameron was a big part of this campaign, and in his memory we will be **collecting bags of potatoes here at St. Francis on the weekend of Feb. 22/23**. Bring your bags to the main entrance of the church. If you wish to make a monetary donation please visit their website: www.houseoffriendship.org



Thank you for supporting our neighbours in need.

MONTHLY GAME DAY



Come out to our next games afternoon on **THURSDAY FEB. 20** from 2 – 4pm in the Parish Hall. Bring cards, board games, some friends! No cost, snacks provided. For more info contact Jane Kuronen at 519-745-6033.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesdays, February 26. We will celebrate Mass with the distribution of ashes at 9:00 am, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm. The 12:15 pm Mass will be 30 minutes long to allow people to attend during lunch break. As we each begin our personal spiritual preparation for Easter let us join together as a faith community. May the mark of ashes on our foreheads be a sign for all we meet that we have died to ourselves in order that Christ may live in us.



LITTLE BOOKS FOR LENT can be picked up downstairs in the foyer by the church kitchen for all those who ordered them. There is no cost, you have already paid for the set.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays in Lent we will pray together the Stations of the Cross. Each week will be led by a different group, using different versions of the stations and a different way to symbolize walking the stations. Joins us at 7:00 pm on Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3.

"Loneliness is not overcome by closing in on ourselves, but by crying out to the Lord, for the Lord hears the cry of those who find themselves alone." ~ @Pontifex, Feb. 3, 2020



Development & Peace invites you to attend our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, which will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on **February 12th at 7pm**. Our Share Lent campaign this year, *'For Our Common Home'*, invites Canadian Catholics to learn about the crucial importance of the Amazon Rainforest for the survival of humanity, and introduces you to some of our incredible partners and the communities that they serve, who struggle every day to protect this precious piece of Creation. www.devp.org/lent/resources

The God Beat: Writing about religion in the 21st century On Friday, Feb. 14th, St. Jerome's University's Lectures in Catholic Experience presents Michael Enright, host of CBC Radio's *The Sunday Edition*. With the decline in church attendance, coverage of religion in media virtually disappeared. Michael Enright, a former religion editor, argues that this has forced a re-thinking of religion and faith coverage, which has become "confused, confusing, and complicated." Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University, 7:30pm. Admission is free. Free parking. Refreshments served prior to the lecture. Please register in advance at www.sju.ca, but tickets are not required at the door. Complimentary parking in Lots A and B is available on a first-come first-served basis. See the Campus MAP for parking lot locations. Everyone welcome!

Act 2 (Separated & Divorced): Wine and Cheese Social Are you separated or divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us Tuesday, February 18 at 7:30pm at St Michael Parish, Waterloo in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and

Cheese social – you belong! Register on line on our website www.stmichaelw.ca, email parish@stmichaelw.ca, or call 519-884-9311.

Unplanned Movie Hamilton Right to Life and the Diocese of Hamilton are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, UNPLANNED. The film is based on a true story of the youngest Director of Planned Parenthood, Abby Johnson and her journey of transformation. This film viewing will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, Wednesday, February 19 at 7 pm. (Doors open at 6 pm). For further information, call the Hamilton Right to Life office at 905-528-3065 or the Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry office at 905-528-7988 ext 2250. The registration link can be found online at www.hamiltonrighttolife.org. Donations to Hamilton Right to Life are accepted and appreciated as we strive to educate people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

Join us at Alpha! Is Christianity boring, irrelevant, untrue? Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has food, a talk and space to discuss and ask any questions you want. Held at St. Mark's, Kitchener, Feb. 20 – April 30, 6:30 – 9:00 pm. For info call Cathy, 519-497-4816 or Ian, 226-808-4733 stmarkalpha@gmail.com

Bach Vespers For Creation On Sun. Feb. 23 at 4pm at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Kitchener, Spiritus Ensemble presents a Bach Vespers for Creation. Music includes Bach Cantata #76, "The heavens declare the glory of God". Elizabeth Lepock, soprano; Jennifer Enns Modolo, mezzo-soprano; Christopher Fischer, tenor; Richard Hrytzak, bass-baritone. Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission is free; a donation is requested.

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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. Terriane 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."

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

John 8: 12



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February 9, 2020**