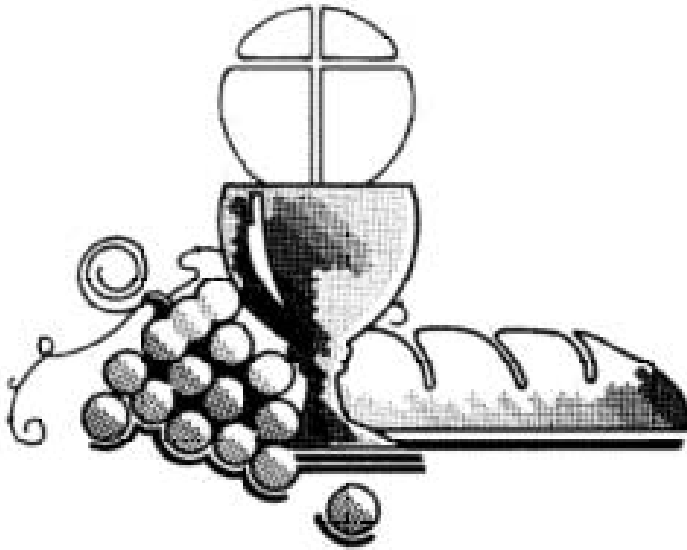


# The Roman Catholic Communities of **BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, BURFORD & ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH, SCOTLAND**

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For further information see the volunteer commitment forms in the main foyer of the church

## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome new parishioners! Registration forms are available at the entrance of the church and at the parish office.

## **ARRANGING A WEDDING**

A minimum of 6 months preparation, which includes a Marriage Preparation course is required for all couples wishing to be married in Hamilton Diocese.

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

## **LORD'S DAY MASSES**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Burford

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Burford

11:30 a.m. Scotland

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Burford: Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Burford: Wed. to Fri. - 8:30 a.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Application forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please fill in and place in collection basket or drop off at office. Once received Andrew Czarny will contact you.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Anointing of the sick in home or hospital can be arranged by calling the parish office. Whenever possible, please call before any situation becomes critical.

## **HOLY ORDERS/RELIGIOUS VOCATION**

Individuals wishing to explore a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or the religious life are encouraged to speak to the Pastor or see the vocations website at [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca)

## **CATHOLIC FUNERALS**

It is customary to celebrate the funeral of a Catholic with a Funeral Liturgy in the parish church. Please call the Funeral Home or the Parish at time of need. The time of funeral must be confirmed by the Pastor.

## **SICK & HOMEBOUND**

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive communion please contact the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD.** Sun.9:30 a.m.  
For the young children of the parish. The children's liturgy is an opportunity for children to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at a level they can understand.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**

*\*1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8:30am Mass*  
*\*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month is Mass at 9:00am followed by the Rosary and Confession*  
*\*Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 4:15 pm-4:45 pm*

**Liturgical Calendar**

**Monday, October 2**

No Mass

**Tuesday, October 3**

Adoration 6:00pm

Mass 7:00pm

Mackenzie Bennett offered by Tim & Debbie Gibney

**Wednesday, October 4**

Mass 8:30am

All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, October 5**

Mass 8:30am

† Josefina and Francisco De Jesus Rodrigues offered by the family

**Friday, October 6**

Mass 8:30am

*followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Saturday, October 7**

Mass 9:00am

*followed by the Rosary and Confession*

Mass 5:00pm

† Laura Oliviera offered by Beatrice DaSilva

**Sunday, October 8**

Mass 9:30am

All Our Parishioners

**We Are Stewards**

Weekend Contributions ..... \$ 1, 287.30



***Thought for the week***

**XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 1, 2023**

**EZ 18:25-28; PS 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; PHIL 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; MT 21:28-32**

As Christian stewards we are called to a high and holy standard — living as Christ’s disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in “baby steps.” Jesus demonstrates this comforting truth through the parable He tells in today’s Gospel from Matthew. It is the story of two sons whose father instructs them to go out and work in his vineyard that day. While the second son agrees to his father’s request, he does not follow through — he fails to obey the father’s will. The first son tells his father, “no.” At least he is honest! And in the end, he reconsiders and obeys his father. The first son’s honest, less-than-perfect response is consoling to us Christian stewards. Haven’t we all felt this way at times when God’s will for us seems to be just too hard? We can be honest with God at these times. He knows our thoughts already, after all. But when we stay engaged in a real relationship with Him, even if it’s just to say, “I don’t think I can, Lord,” He will supply us with just the grace we need to change our minds and do what He is asking us to do. We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.

*Clarification from Father Andrew*

Upon leaving Blessed Sacrament Parish, Father Peter Ciallella applied to the Vatican for release from all rights and obligations attached to the Catholic priesthood. This request was granted, and he was relieved of public ministerial functions.

Subsequently, he, by profession of faith in the Anglican Church, abandoned his membership in the Roman Catholic Church. He was then accepted for ministry by the Anglican Church. He now acts in and for members of the Anglican Church. His priestly functions are for Anglicans and not for Roman Catholics since we do not have unity with the Anglican community. Catholics are required to receive the Eucharist and celebrate sacraments only in the Catholic Church.

*Father Andrew*

## ST. ANTHONY DANIEL PARISH



### *Liturgical Calendar*

Sunday, October 8

Mass 11:30am

All Our Parishioners

Weekend Contributions .....\$ 405.00

### St. Francis of Assisi                      October 4th

Born circa 1181, in Assisi, duchy of Spoleto, Italy, Saint Francis of Assisi, though revered today, began his life as a confirmed sinner. His father was a wealthy cloth merchant who owned farmland around Assisi. Francis in his youth was spoiled, indulging himself with fine food, wine, and wild celebrations. By age 14, he had left school and was known as a rebellious teenager who frequently drank, partied, and broke the city curfew. He was also known for his charm and vanity. He was expected to follow in his father's footsteps but hated the thought. Instead of planning a future as a merchant, he began daydreaming of a future as a knight; knights were Medieval action heroes to him. It wouldn't be long before the opportunity for warfare beckoned. In 1202 war broke between Assisi and Perugia, and Francis eagerly took his place with the cavalry. Little did he know at the time, his experience with war would change him forever. Francis and the men of Assisi came under heavy attack, and in the face of superior numbers, they took flight. The whole battlefield was soon covered with the bodies of butchered, mutilated men, screaming in agony. Most of the surviving Assisi troops were immediately put to death. Unskilled and with no combat experience, Francis was quickly captured by enemy soldiers. Dressed wearing expensive new armor, he was considered worthy of a decent ransom, and the soldiers decided to spare his life. Francis would spend nearly a year in such miserable conditions in a prison cell awaiting his father's payment during which time he may well have contracted a serious disease. Also, during this time, he would later report, he began to receive visions from God. After a year of negotiations, Francis' ransom was accepted, and he was released from prison in 1203. When he came back to Assisi, however, Francis was a very different man. Upon his return, he was dangerously sick in both mind and body — a battle-fatigued casualty of war. One day, as legend has it, while riding on a horse in the local countryside, Francis encountered a leper. Francis before would have run from the leper, but on this day, his

behavior was very different, he embraced and kissed the man on the hand. Francis felt an indescribable freedom. His earlier lifestyle had lost all of its appeal and it was then he felt that it had been a test from God. Francis, now in his early 20s, began turning his focus toward God, he spent time at a remote mountain hideaway as well as in old, quiet churches around Assisi, praying, looking for answers, and helping nurse lepers. During this time, while praying before an old Byzantine crucifix at the church of San Damiano, Francis reportedly heard the voice of Christ, who told him to rebuild the Christian Church and to live a life of extreme poverty. Francis obeyed and devoted himself to Christianity. After his epiphany, Francis experienced another defining moment in his life. In order to raise money to rebuild the Christian church, he sold a bolt of cloth from his father's shop, along with his horse. His father became furious upon learning of his son's actions and subsequently dragged Francis before the local bishop. The bishop told Francis to return his father's money, to which his reaction was extraordinary: He stripped off his clothes, and along with them, returned the money back to his father, declaring that God was now the only father he recognized. Francis left Assisi. Unluckily for him, the first people he met on the road were a group of dangerous thieves, who beat him badly. Despite his wounds, Francis was elated. From now on, he would live according to the Gospel. Francis set out on a mission to restore Jesus Christ's own, original values to the now-decadent church. With his incredible charisma, he drew thousands of followers to him. They listened to Francis' sermons and joined in his way of life; his followers became known as Franciscan friars. Continuously pushing himself in the quest for spiritual perfection, Francis was soon preaching in up to five villages per day, teaching a new kind of emotional and personal Christian religion that everyday people could understand. He even went so far as to preach to animals. In 1224 Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified, through his hands and the gaping lance wound in his side. This made Francis the first person to receive the holy wounds of the stigmata. They would remain visible for the rest of his life. Today, Saint Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists — a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature. Francis of Assisi died on October 3, 1226, at the age of 44. He was canonized as a saint just two years after his death. In 2013, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio chose to honor Saint Francis by taking his name, becoming Pope Francis.

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