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Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, February 3 2 Samuel 15.13-14, 30, 16.5-13 Mark 5.1-20 Sts. Blaise & Ansgar, (OM)	7:30 am 10:00 am	† Dr. Paul Kuzma Mass with St. Clare of Assisi School in the church	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Tuesday, February 4 2 Samuel 18.9-10,14, 24-26 Mark 5.21-43	7:30 am	† Dr. Paul Kuzma	Rev. Martin Mikulski
Wednesday, February 5 2 Samuel 24.2, 9-17 Mark 6.1-6 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, (Memorial)	9:15 am 6 - 6:45pm 7:00 pm	† Agostino DiNunzio Sacrament of Reconciliation Living & Deceased members of CWL † Maria Cianciosi Living & Deceased members of K of C † Ed Chalupka † Enzo Canton † Dave Ballok † Jean Brown † Nella Di Mario † Souls in Purgatory † Antoni Szywala Sp. Int. for Frank & Frances Florio	Missionaries
Thursday, February 6 1 Kings 2.1-4,10-12 Mark 6.7-13 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, (Memorial)	7:30 am 11:00 am	† All Souls in Purgatory Mass at Amica Retirement Home - † Pierino D'Alessio	Rev. Antonio Cunha
Friday, February 7 Sirach 47.2-11 Mark 6.14-29	7:30 am 8 - 9 am 5 - 7 pm	† Mary Thornton Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond
Saturday, February 8 1 Kings 3.4-13 Mark 6.30-34 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Our Lady's Saturday, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Alfonso Sgro Sacrament of Reconciliation † Carmine Colallilo † Jean Bendo † Noeleen McCrohan † Fernando DiLallo † Blaz & Stanka Culig † Reinerio Salise † Carmela Cino † Francesco DiLeonardo † Paolo Piccolo † Antonietta Tirabassi † Ralph Mascia † Giovanni Malacari † Sergio Scattolon † Angelo & Lucia DeVito † Roman Kosior † Francesco, Linda & Roberto D'Agostino	Rev. Ross Campbell
Sunday, February 9 Isaiah 58.6-10 1 Corinthians 2.1-5 Matthew 5.13-16	9:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm	† Nella DiMario † Antonio & Dina Paolone Sacrament of Baptism Missa Pro Populo	

"If you are looking for the way by which you should go, take Christ, because He Himself is the way."
~ St. Thomas Aquinas

IF YOU ARE VISITING OUR COMMUNITY THIS SUNDAY, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WELCOMES YOU!



Memorial of St. Blaise

Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him. The blessing of throats will be offered to all who wish to receive it after 7:30AM morning Mass on **Monday, February 3rd**. By offering this blessing we pray in a special way for protection from afflictions of the throat and from other illnesses. The blessing of Saint Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and the sick.

Bible Camp 2020

- *save the dates!* Bible Camp is offered each summer for students in Grades 2 - 5 (campers), Grades 6 - 7 (leaders-in-training) and Grade 7s who have completed the leader-in-training/Grades 8 and up (leaders). Camp combines a wide variety of activities including prayer, games, group discussions, crafts, sports, music, drama, and science experiments into an overall faith-focused theme. This year's camp dates are: **Week 1: July 6 – 10**
Week 2: July 27 - 31



Participants can choose **one** of two weeks to attend. *Registration forms and much more information will be available after the March Break, so stay tuned!*

Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus' words and love are for everyone! **Question for Children:** What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting? **Question for Youth:** Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you? **Question for Adults:** What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?



Consultation on Medical Assistance in Dying

The Canadian Department of Justice is having a Medical Assistance in Dying consultation, since the government is considering expanding the euthanasia law to those not dying. Let the government know that as a Catholic, you believe that the current safeguards and eligibility requirements need to be increased not lessened. You will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the safeguards, the morality of the directives, and other factors of Canada's euthanasia law. This is your chance to influence how we move forward in this country with MAID. Please make your voice heard by filling out the survey at justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html

"Nunc Dimittis"

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, commemorating when Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus to the Temple forty days after his birth to perform the ritual of purification. It is commonly referred as Candlemas, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle (Nunc Dimittis) and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary this year? You are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 14**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Anniversary couples married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance).

THINKfast

THINKfast is our annual **social justice sleepover** for students in **Grades 5 and up!** Each year participants explore a difference justice issue through lots of fun and interactive activities, such as games, simulation activities, prayer, crafts, and group discussions. They also spend 24 hours fasting from solid foods as a reminder of those who are in need around the world. *This year's focus is climate change and the importance of the Amazon Rainforest.* We'll discover the special role that the Amazon plays for the health of the Earth and all its creatures, as well as the injustices being suffered by those peoples who live within the Amazon as the forest is exploited for profit. Come out for a fun and faith-filled experience and learn more about this important issue and how you can help make a difference! Registration forms are available at the letter trays in the Narthex, as well as at the parish office and on the youth ministry page of the parish website. Dates: **Friday, February 28 (6pm) – Saturday, February 29 (7:15pm)**. Cost to participate: \$20 (contact Wes if this is a problem). **Registration deadline: Monday, February 24.**

Milk Bag Mats

Thank you to the many volunteers who have been making mats for the past 5 years. Volunteers are always welcome to help cut milk bags and weave them into mats in the Chapel Hall here at St. Francis Xavier Parish, February 3, from 7pm to 9pm. Future date is March 2nd.

World Day for Consecrated Life

Each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life. Instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, the celebration is in conjunction with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, commemorating the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, through the symbolic lighting of candles. Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers. On February 2, 2020, Pope Francis will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to recognize and pray for the essential role of consecrated persons in the life of the Church and to express gratitude for their service to the Church. **Prayer for Consecrated Persons**

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Married Singles Lifestyle

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 13**. Call **905-664-5212** or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Support Group

Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced: The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join in at the Chancery Office (700 King St. W. Hamilton) from 7 – 9pm. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 3 – 7:00 pm – Mat Making Session - CH
- Feb. 4 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study - CH
- Feb. 5 – 7:00 pm – CWL General mtg. - SMR
- Feb. 6 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – SMR
- Feb. 7 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – GH

Thank you to all who support our Parish with their offerings.

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism: Marcus MacKenzie, Cecilia McKenzie, Dawson Reynolds, Crixus Camilleri, Alessia Viola, Ariya Shead, Keaton Shead, Raphael Babis, Jacob Noone, & Cristiano Cagnin Let us pray that they will continue to grow in faith, bearing witness to Christ by a life of holiness and service. Congratulations.



Updating Our Records & Tax Receipts

Have you moved in the past year? Changed your phone number or email address? It is important that our parish records are kept up to date, so we have a way to reach out to you and also have an accurate address to send your income tax receipt. If you made any changes, call our parish office or send us an email so we can update our records. Those who have not yet picked up their envelopes, they are in the church office.

Anointing of the Sick



Mass with the Anointing of the Sick for all those in our parish community who are in need of this sacrament of healing will be offered on **Saturday February 15th at 8:30 am** here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (**Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick**) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

2019 Income Tax Receipts

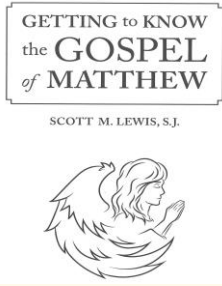


The tax receipts from \$20 and up are ready to be either picked up, e-mailed to you or post mailed. **If you wish to have your receipt emailed, please request this by email to us** along with your envelope number and address to bookkeeper_sfx@cogeco.net. The balance of receipts will be mailed out by the end of February.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Bulletin

Free Booklet!

A booklet entitled: **"Getting to Know the Gospel of Matthew"**, written by Fr. Scott Lewis, SJ, is available in the lobby of the church for you to take home. This booklet covers topics such as: who is Matthew, some challenging sayings, building on Mark and the final judgment. We pray that our observance of Bible Sunday will deepen our gratitude for and inspire us to root our lives more firmly in the Word of God.



Cold and Flu Season

During the winter months many people are worried about the passing of viruses that cause cold and flu. Please be sensitive to those who would prefer to extend a smile or nod during the sign of peace instead of shaking hands.

Borrowed Pyxes

If you have borrowed a pyx from St. Francis Xavier Church and are no longer in need of it, kindly return the pyx to the church or parish office at your earliest convenience as we are in need of them. Many thanks.

Calling All Cursillistas

Have you attended a Cursillo Weekend? Do you remember the informative talks, and the wonderful support and friendship with other like-minded individuals? Do you remember the joyful feeling, enthusiasm, and fresh start you felt to life after the weekend was over?" Well if you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement, but would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area, then feel free to call Ray St. Cartier: 519-622-5928 or Fr. Gary Schlack: 519-364-1973 or Mary Ann Kirkonnell: 519-379-9858. Rekindle that flame in your heart! De Colores!

The Marian Residence

The Marian Residence is a vibrant retirement home located in a quiet residential area of Cambridge. The Sisters of Our Lady of Immaculate along with an extensive lay staff offer top quality retirement, affordable living, in a lovely Catholic environment. We welcome you for a visit. Please contact us at 519-653-0363. We are located at: 640 Hillview Rd. Cambridge. Our website: www.marianresidence.com. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Dear Parishioners:

Much time, effort and information go into our weekly parish bulletin. Currently, the bulletins are sent out to a publishing company each week to be printed. We are very grateful to all those who advertise in them as this has helped to offset the cost of printing for the parish.

At the present time we are in the process of designing a new format for the bulletin, which we will begin printing ourselves here at the parish office beginning in April of this year. This will be of financial benefit to us as the proceeds from the advertisements will now go directly to the parish to support ongoing needs and projects, such as our Youth Ministry activities. We are hoping that those businesses who currently advertise in the bulletin will continue to do so. However, we are inviting any parishioner who owns a business and does not currently have an advertisement to consider placing one. Additionally, if you know of anyone who might be interested in placing an ad for their business, please feel free to share this information with them. Your/their business will be featured each week for one year, both in the printed bulletins and in the online version on the parish website. Businesses that place an ad in our new bulletin will be invited to renew their advertisement annually.

There are two ad sizes available at two different prices. **If you are interested, please call the parish office (905-662-8593) or email (SFXBulletins@gmail.com) by February 15.** Thank-you very much for your consideration.

Fr. Mariusz

