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Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
<b>Monday, February 10</b> 1 Kings 8.1-7, 9-13 Mark 6.53-56 <b>St. Scholastica, (Memorial)</b>	7:30 am	† Antonia & Carmelo Costa	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> 1 Kings 8.22-23, 27-30 Mark 7.1-13 <b>Our Lady of Lourdes, (OM)</b>	7:30 am	Intention for Katie Webb	Rev. William Foote
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b> 1 Kings 10.1-10 Mark 7.14-23	9:15 am 6 - 6:45pm 7:00 pm	† Mario & Agostino Franz <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Maria Langeveld † Antonio Amatucci † Vincenzo Zambito † Mijo & Dragica Borosic & Stefica Belan † Helene Savoie † Otto & Sally Negovetic Special Intention for Rocco Viola † Renato DiLetti † Fr. Tim Hingston † Fr. Anthony Azzopardi	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
<b>Thursday, February 13</b> 1 Kings 11.4-13 Mark 7.24-30	7:30 am 10:30 am	† David Colterman <b>Mass at Clarion Nursing Home</b> - † Giovanni Giordano	Rev. Robert Love
<b>Friday, February 14</b> 1 Kings 11.29-32, 12.19 Mark 7.31-37 <b>Sts. Cyril &amp; Methodius, (M)</b>	7:30 am 8 - 9 am 5 - 7 pm	† Soul of Stefania <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 9 am) <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
<b>Saturday, February 15</b> 1 Kings 12.26-32, 13.33-34 Mark 8.1-10  <b>Our Lady's Saturday, (Optional Memorial)</b>	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Lucia & Angela Leone <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Maria Porticella † Domenico DiGiovanni † Ed Chalupka † Martin Thien Phu Nguyen † Donna & Fabio Pettorossi † Fernando DiLallo † Aleardo Garofalo † Carmela Cino † Giuseppina Fuca † Cecylia Kulak † Vincenza Silvestri † Calogero Ippolito † Rita Goodwin † Rocco Costantini † Giovanni, Yolanda & Mario Massa † Aldo Trombetta † Tarcisio Reginato & Family Special Int. for Gaspare Cino † Redenta Massignani & Family Thanksgiving to Saint John Bosco	Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
<b>Sunday, February 16</b> Sirach 15.15-20 1 Corinthians 2.3-10 Matthew 5.17-37	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Alberto & Maria Capretta † Jean Bendo Missa Pro Populo	

*"Your deeds may be the only sermon some people hear today."*  
- St. Francis of Assisi

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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

This sacrament continues Jesus' ministry of care and compassion to the sick and frail in our communities. Sickness and pain can often be a heavy burden for people. When the priest, in the name of the faith community, anoints the person with the Oil of the Sick, the strengthening power of oil and the comfort of touch remind the sick person that they are not alone in their suffering, but held in prayer by the community. This realisation can bring peace of mind and sometimes even healing of the body.

Since Vatican II, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick has undergone both a change of name (no longer Extreme Unction) and meaning. It is no longer a sacrament for those at the point of death.

Rather the appropriate time is whenever any one of the faithful is sick. (c/f Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy No 73).  
**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.

**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: **Week 1: July 6 – 10** and **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!*



**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).

**Deluxe Pancake Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus Council 7969 will be sponsoring a Deluxe Pancake Breakfast after all morning Masses on **Sunday, February 23**. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, coffee/tea, and juice. The breakfast will run from **9:30am to 1pm. Adults : \$10 and Children: \$6**. Tickets can be purchased at the door of the Parish Centre, everyone is invited. All proceeds go to support the various Knights of Columbus charities.



**A Lifeline for Marriage**

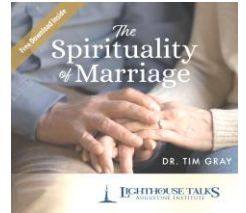
Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 13**. Call **905-664-5212** or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

**Milk Bags for Mats**

If you find yourself with an abundance of either the blue and white or red and white milk bags and would like to be free of them, we will accept as many as possible so we may continue making the mats. Please bring the clean, dry bags to the parish office or drop them off in the Narthex of the church. Our next session is March 3<sup>rd</sup> and at this time we have a shortage of bags. Thank you for continued help in this matter.

**Lighthouse CD of the Month**

**The Spirituality of Marriage**  
Dr. Tim Gray. Throughout the Church's history there has been crisis and confusion over Church teaching. Today, there is crisis and confusion surrounding the Sacrament of Marriage. As Augustine Institute President and Professor Dr. Tim Gray explains, this crisis presents an immense opportunity, as it encourages us to explore and discover the depth of this mystery, described by Pope Benedict XVI as "a Gospel in itself". When lived faithfully and well, marriage serves as a bold witness to the love and saving power of God. **This CD is available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the church Narthex.**



**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 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.**



**Questions of the Week**

**Theme:** We are continually invited to follow Jesus. **Question for Children:** What is a way that you can follow Jesus? **Question for Youth:** Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life? **Question for Adults:** When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?



**Serra Club of Hamilton Dinner**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated Life Dinner to honour and express gratitude to our Priests who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination, and to our Consecrated men and women who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of professing vows. Candidates who will be ordained to the priesthood and profess final vows in the year 2020 will also be in attendance. The Dinner takes place on **Tuesday April 28**, at Liuna Station, 360 James N. **Seating will be assigned on a first paid basis;** you are encouraged to register early. Call Margaret Carreiro at 905-628-5682 or celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner.

**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.



**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](http://www.hamiltonrighttolife.org). While the movie showing is free, 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.

**Palms and Ashes**

As Catholics, we are accustomed to having religious objects "blessed," which signifies the permanent sanctification and dedication of an object for some sacred purpose. Once a religious object is blessed and dedicated for divine worship or veneration, it must be treated with reverence and must not be used in either an improper or profane way (cf. Code of Canon Law, #1171). As the time of Lent approaches some of us might ask: what do I do with "old" palms blessed a year ago? The basic rule is to burn or to bury them. Please remember that the ashes that will be used to mark

**TAKING UP something for LENT**



**Countdown to Lent!**  
the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed last Passion Sunday. **We invite you to bring the branches taken home last year to the church and place them in containers that are located in the lobby of the church,** so that they may be burned and used in the **Ash Wednesday liturgy on February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Upcoming Events**

- Feb. 10 – 7:00 pm – Quest & Epic Grps – GH,CH
- Feb. 11 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study - CH
- Feb. 13 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – SMR
- Feb. 14 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – GH

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



## ***Capital Campaign Project Proposals for St. Francis Xavier Parish***

**Introduction:** As part of the Diocese of Hamilton's mission to build up *strong* and *vibrant* parishes, each church in the Diocese will participate in the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign to raise funds to help their parish and our diocese to thrive.

As we begin our campaign at St. Francis Xavier, we are currently in the planning stage of identifying current needs for the parish. ***Below you will find descriptions of projects that have been identified by our Campaign Committee as potential initiatives in which to direct funds raised.*** Next weekend you will be invited to participate in a survey to help determine where our priorities as a parish should lie, and to give you an opportunity to propose other possible projects that have not yet been thought of. Together, we can continue to make St. Francis Xavier a thriving parish community long into the future!

### **Project Proposals:**

**Replace all leaking flat roofs** – Our roofs, i.e. the flat ones over the parish office, crying room, sacristy, narthex, parish hall

and back lobby need replacing. This campaign is our opportunity to fix these areas.

~ Project cost: \$400,000

**Renovate narthex entrance** – Our narthex is unusable. This is a not only a waste of space but a detriment to be the welcoming and friendly community Christ calls us to be. This project would allow the creation of an adoration chapel, repair heating systems, improve doorways, update flooring and repair the exterior façade.

~ Project cost: \$150,000

**Restoration of St. Joseph & St. Mary chapels (candle rooms)** – Other areas of the church in desperate need of attention are the chapels devoted the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. This effort would assist in improving the heating and ventilation in these areas, updating the windows, and purchasing new furnishing.

~ Project cost: \$200,000

**Part-time Pastoral Assistant** - The proposal is to raise three years of salary for a part-time employee to assist our pastor in various ministries to serve our community and invite others to become more engaged in the parish and our faith.

~ Project Cost: Three years @ \$33,000/yr.  
- \$100,000 total

**Electronic Sign** – Large, visible signage would help drive evangelization and parishioner involvement by advertising parish functions to the community and those who pass by the church on Highway #8.

~ Project cost: \$30,000