

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, March 2 Leviticus 19.1-2, 11-18 Matthew 25.31-46	7:30 am	† Pasquale Bagnoli	Rev. Robert Dunn
Tuesday, March 3 Isaiah 55.10-11 Matthew 6.7-15	7:30 am	Special Intentions of Louise Kunkel	Rev. Ron Cote
Wednesday, March 4 Jonah 3.1-10 Luke 11.29-32 St. Casimir, (Optional Memorial)	9:15 am 6 - 6:45pm 7:00 pm	† Lorenzo & Rosalba Saladini Sacrament of Reconciliation Living & Deceased members of CWL † Mark Ljuljdjuraj † Living & Deceased members of K of C † Renato DiLetti † Ed Chalupka † Richard Aloyian † Giovanni Didiometti Living & Deceased members of Kovac & Pavao Families	Deceased Priests of Hamilton Diocese
Thursday, March 5 Esther 14.1, 3-5, 12-14 Matthew 7.7-12	7:30 am 11:00 am	† Margaret Moher Mass at Amica Retirement Home - † Debora Sallese	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Friday, March 6 Ezekiel 18.21-28 Matthew 5.20-26 World Day of Prayer	7:30 am 8 - 9 am 4:30 - 6:30pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	† Joseph & Mary Rose Hickson Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 6:20 pm) Evening Mass - † Pietro & Rosa Genua Stations of the Cross	Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher
Saturday, March 7 Deuteronomy 26.16-19 Matthew 5.43-48 St. Perpetua & St. Felicity, Martyrs, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Achille Luison Sacrament of Reconciliation † Michael Litniansky † Aginaldo Elias † Carmine Colalillo † Rosaria Figliola † Rocco Costantini † Fernando DiLallo † Cecylia Kulak † Jozef & Ana Culig † Antonio Antonucci † Sheila Penney † Roman Kosior † Domenico Piccoli † Patty DiLalla-Sheppard † Nelvio DiFruscia † Blaz Culig † Grazia Cottone & Vito Saputo † Frank & Eleanor Kunkel † Remo DiLalla † Mario & Matteo Manzella Special Intentions of Walter Habinski	Rev. Michael McHugh
Sunday, March 8 Genesis 12.1-4 2 Timothy 1.8-10 Matthew 17.1-9	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Guido Fortino Missa Pro Populo † Pia DiBerardo	

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



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 more information will be available after the March Break, so stay tuned!*

Youth-Led Stations of the Cross

Each year on one of the Friday evenings of Lent, youth from the parish lead our parishioners in the Stations of the Cross. The Youth Stations is presented in the form of a tableau, with actors playing the roles of Jesus, Mary, the disciples, soldiers, and others that Jesus encountered along his journey to Calvary. Readers also have an important role and lead reflections on Jesus' experiences and how they relate to our own lives as we move from Station to Station. **Students in Gr. 6 - 12** are invited to sign up. Presentation: **Friday, April 10 (Good Friday)** at 7pm. There will be 3 rehearsals in preparation. (Sign-up forms are available at the letter trays in the narthex and on the youth ministry page of the parish website.)



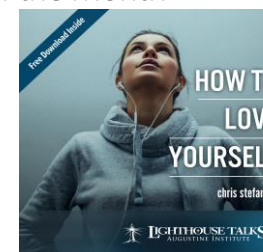
SSVP Soup Fest

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul is please to announce our Soup Fest to be held on **Sunday March 22** from 11:30 to 2:00 in the parish centre. Sample the soups, vote and purchase your favourite soup for **\$5.00** per bowl! Take out available. *"Thank you for helping us serve in hope."*

Lighthouse CD of the Month

How to Love Yourself

The words that we speak to ourselves shape our self-perception; how we see ourselves, and how we act. Despite being told perhaps more than any other generation to love and believe in themselves, this generation struggles more than any other with anxiety, self-loathing, and low self-esteem. In this talk, speaker and author Chris Stefanick tackles the lies which hold us captive to these struggles, and boldly shares the Good News of Jesus Christ—that Love Himself has come to redeem us, and destined us for eternal glory. **This CD is available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the church Narthex.**



Questions of the Week

Theme: Temptation - What would Jesus do? **Question for Children:** What do you plan to do during Lent this year as a way of showing you want to grow closer to Jesus? **Question for Youth:** Jesus was tempted by the devil. How are you tempted? What helps you resist these temptations? **Question for Adults:** When you yourself pause to be alone with God, what distracts and prevents you from dwelling in that? Busyness? The demands of life? The internet?



Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would you like to take on a leadership role within the parish, the Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking can help. The next course begins **Tuesday evening, March 31**, at McMaster University in Hamilton. To register, or for more information, please visit www.clchamilton.com or call Frank at 905-662-4076.

Diocesan Choir

The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. We invite interested music ministers to register and ask new members to audition during the first rehearsal. Rehearsals begin March 2nd and are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988 or check online at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/diocesan-choir.php>



Share Lent 2020

The tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. In 1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking to nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny.



Stress in Your Marriage?

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 about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 13**. Call **905-664-5212** or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit retrouvaille.org.

Stations of the Cross

Praying the Way of the Cross as a devotion began in Jerusalem, with Christian pilgrims tracing the spots linked with the Passion and Death of Jesus. When travel to the Holy Land became difficult, churches began including fourteen stations on their walls where the faithful could make the "stations of the cross" spiritually. The devotion is intended to help us, Christ's followers, to join our own sufferings to His. **Join us every Friday evening at 7pm** during Lent for Stations of the Cross, which will take place immediately following the evening Mass on those days. *There is no practice more profitable for the entire sanctification of the soul than the frequent meditation of the sufferings of Jesus Christ.* — St. Alphonsus de Liguori



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. Our next session is **March 3rd**. Thank you for your continued help.

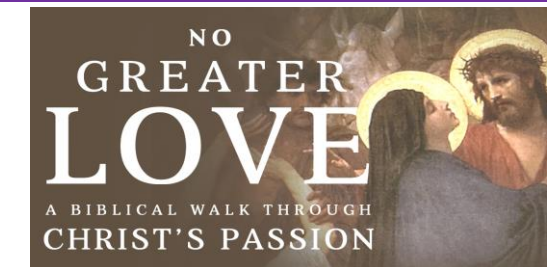
Feast of St. Joseph

Thursday, **March 19**, at 6 pm sharp. A meatless meal, (fish, pasta, salad, coffee and dessert). Bring pictures o of loved ones, & statues you have of St. Joseph for the St. Joseph Table. Donations are also welcomed to defray our costs. Price **\$25 ea.** & only 150 tickets are available at the parish office. **Deadline is Wednesday March 11. Remember, tickets sell out quickly!**



World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concern of our world, our country, our community. Sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world, it is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. Come and join us at The Church of Our Saviour the Redeemer on Friday, March 6 at 7 pm, 25 Lake Avenue S. Info call **905-664-6641**.



As we enter the season of Lent and begin our journey towards Holy Week, we will hear and see many references to Good Friday and the story of Jesus' Passion. Would you like the opportunity to go deeper into this pivotal event in salvation history? You're warmly invited to **"No Greater Love"**, a 5-part video series written and presented by best-selling author Edward Sri. Filmed in the Holy Land, this series guides the way through the last hours of Christ's life and reveals his amazing love for us. Under the direction of Deacon John and Fr. Mariusz, our parish will be offering **this study on the 5 Sundays in March from 10:00am to 10:50am in the Chapel Hall, beginning this Sunday**. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love - drawing closer to Jesus than they ever have before.

Lenten Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, Communion and Hospitality

Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day or reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers on **Saturday, March 14th** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington and on Saturday, March 14th at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Please check the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events for more information. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php>

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 2 - 7:00 pm – Mat Making Session – CH
- Mar. 3 - 7:00 pm – Bible Study – CH
- Mar. 4 – 7:00 pm – CWL General Mtg. - SMR
- Mar. 5 - 7:00 pm – RCIA program – SMR
- Mar. 6 - 7:00 pm – **NO** Card Club

Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings!