

Saint Francis Xavier Parish



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 SATURDAY 5:30 P.M.
 SUNDAY 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.
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WELCOME
 A warm welcome to all visitors who are with us today. May the Lord bless you!

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Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, March 18 Daniel 9.3, 4b-10 Luke 6.36-38 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, (OM)	7:30 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Harry Reitzel
Tuesday, March 19 2 Samuel 7.4-5, 12-14, 16 Romans 4.13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1.16, 18-21, 24 Saint Joseph, (Solemnity)	7:30 am	† Giuseppe & Gino D'Ambrosio	Rev. Florian Stasinski
Wednesday, March 20 Jeremiah 18.18-20 Matthew 20.17-28	7:30 am 6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	† John Arquin Sacrament of Reconciliation † Danny Cesarini † Gianfranco Piro † Durostante Di Cenzo † David Colterman † Tea Di Cenzo † Maria Soda † Joe Miceli	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
Thursday, March 21 Jeremiah 17.5-10 Luke 16.19-31	7:30 am 11:00 am	† Giuseppe & Antonia Franz Mass at New Village Retirement Home - † Emilio Pitoscia	Rev. Chester Chmurzynski
Friday, March 22 Gen. 37.3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46	7:30 am 8-9 am 4-5:50 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	† Intentions for Paul Andrego Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 5:50 pm) Evening Mass – † Linda D'Agostino & Luigi Mennella Stations of the Cross	Rev. Jim Valk
Saturday, March 23 Micah 7.14-15, 18-20 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am 4-5 pm 5:30 pm	† Erwin & Genevieve Mazurkiewicz Sacrament of Reconciliation † Giovanni Valeri † Achille Luison † Joseph Fuca † Anna Rizzi † Domenico Polidori † Assunta & Tony Madia † Santina Cefaloni † Nicola Pellegrino † Henrique Ferreira † Tony & Clara Mascaro † Romano Grazia † Angelo Macaluso † Biagio Di Giovanni † Fabio Pettorossi † Mario Granata † Mario & Matteo Manzella † Vito Saputo & Grazia Cottone † Giuseppe & Natalina Rotondo † Luigi & Saveria DiRenzo † Odessa Carbone	Rev. Raymond Reitzel
Sunday, March 24 Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor. 10.1-6, 10-12 Luke 13.1-9	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Iole & Armando Santarelli † Elio Tirimacco † Agostino & Rosa Spadafora	

If you are visiting our community this Sunday, St. Francis Xavier Parish welcomes you!



Three Habits of Resilient Families

St Martin of Tours school will be hosting a Community event being held Wednesday March 20th at 6:30 pm. Our speaker will be Sara Westbrook and she will address: "Three Habits of Resilient Families". Including fostering emotional well-being and confidence in children by teaching how to make character-based choices. Also learning healthy ways to release emotions. Just to name a couple of topics she will address. Refreshments and babysitting available.

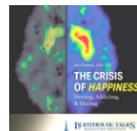
"The Word Among Us"

The Word Among Us is a Catholic devotional magazine based on the Daily Mass Readings. It is intended to assist people in reading, meditating on, and understanding scripture to provide sound, practical advice for Catholics in living out the Christian life. For anyone who would like to read and reflect on daily Scripture readings, the Lenten edition is available for you in the Narthex of the Church. A free will offering is accepted to cover booklet cost.



Lighthouse CD of the Month
The Crisis of Happiness

When you hear the word "Addiction", what typically comes to mind? Needles? Alcohol? Pills? As Jim Owens, MA, LPC explains, addiction is much simpler, including everything from substances to technology, screen time, work, shopping, and even sugar. Addictions and distractions are used to manage pain—but in the process, end up damaging our brains, our relationships, and our ability to find lasting happiness. Jim gives scientific evidence and practical advice for overcoming wounds, to help hurt people become healed people. **This CD is available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.**



SSVP 2019 Soupfest

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at our parish is pleased to announce that our annual Soup Fest will be held on **Sunday March 24th from 11:30 to 2 pm** in the parish centre. Sample the soups, vote and purchase your favourite soup for \$5 per bowl! Take out is available. **"Thank you for helping us serve in hope."**



Youth 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, 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. 7-12** are invited to sign up. Presentation: **Friday, April 19** at 7pm. There will be 3 rehearsals in preparation. (Sign-up form is on our parish website).



CWL Spring Luncheon

CWL ladies. Join us for our **70th Anniversary** CWL Spring Luncheon to be held at Liuna Gardens on **Sunday, April 28, at 1 pm**. Tickets may be purchased from Josie Merolli (905-643-2970), Mickie Puglia (905-662-5304) or the Parish Office. Price is \$35. Plan on attending and invite a friend!



Questions of the Week

Theme: Lent calls us to transform our lives.
Question for Children: Jesus invites you to be close to him, to see him with clear eyes. What is Jesus like as a friend?
Question for Youth: What do you most want God to help you with?
Question for Adults: Sometimes we see Christ with clear eyes, as the disciples did on that mountain. Share about such a time in your own life.

Mother Load

Moms with school aged children: Do you want to be refreshed? Inspired? Come and talk about being a Mom in today's society. This month: **"Struggling with Homework"**. Times: 9:30am and 7:30pm in the Parish Centre. Call Joyce-905-662-2018, Carol-905-643-9532 or Email: stfxmomsgruopsc@gmail.com

The One Heart, One Soul Campaign

for the Diocese of Hamilton is about to reach high gear! The 14 Pilot Wave Parishes have been busy planning the projects of theirs that will benefit from the campaign, and a public kickoff Mass will be held at noon on Monday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby and followed by a reception at the Cathedral. The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well. A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.oneheartonesoul.ca



Can You Help Birthright Hamilton?

Imagine being pregnant unexpectedly. Imagine not knowing where to turn for help. Imagine knowing there is somewhere to go for support and care. Well, there is such a place for those facing an unplanned pregnancy, Birthright, and we need volunteers to be sure we are there whenever someone reaches out for help. We provide a bridge over the gap between those first days of fear and the ultimate joy at the birth of a child. Our presence, along with free pregnancy tests, counselling and many other services, help those facing a pregnancy say "yes" to life. Can you help us reach out to them in their time of need by becoming a volunteer? If so, please call Birthright at 905 527-3677 and ask for Eva.



Baptismal Preparation Meeting

A reminder to parents who will be having their children baptised here at St. Francis Xavier Church in the near future that on **Wednesday, March 20** at 6:45 pm there is going to be a baptism preparation session in the small meeting room in the Parish Centre.

Solemnity of St. Joseph

March 19 the Church celebrates the solemnity of Saint Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian of the Christ-child and the patron of the universal Church. **"We can have recourse to many saints as our intercessors, but go especially to Joseph..." – St. Teresa of Avila**



Pope Leo XIII's 1889 encyclical Quamquam Pluriesen treated the faithful to offer a prayer to St. Joseph. It can also be prayed throughout the year.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness; and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holy, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Share Lent Campaign videos in the Narthex

Our parish's Share Lent campaign for this year will be focusing on the plight of refugees around the world and asking us to "Share the Journey." In the narthex each weekend leading up to **Solidarity Sunday (April 7)** there will be a different short video playing before and after Mass. You're invited to view the video, and to help yourself to any of the other materials provided from Development & Peace for your own reading, prayer, and acts of service.

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 18 – 9:30 am – Mother Load Group – SMR
- Mar. 18 – 7:00 pm – Quest & Epic Youth – GH
- Mar. 18 – 7:30 pm – Mother Load Group – SMR
- Mar. 19 – 6:00 pm – St. Joseph's Feast Dinner – GH
- Mar. 19 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study – CH
- Mar. 20 – 6:45 pm – Baptismal Prep. Mtg.- SMR
- Mar. 20 – 7:30 pm – CWL Executive. Mtg. – RCR
- Mar. 21 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – SMR
- Mar. 21 – 7:00 pm – SVdP Mtg. – RCR
- Mar. 22-23 – 6:00 pm – Thinkfast - CH + GH
- Mar. 22 – 7:15 pm – SFX Card Club
- Mar. 23 – 10:00 am – Retrouvaille – CH

Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings – your contributions assist in the spiritual, pastoral and practical work of the Parish and the upkeep of St. Francis Xavier Church.

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. This devotion is intended to help us, Christ's followers, to join our own sufferings to His. Join us every Friday evening at **6:30pm** during Lent for Stations of the Cross, which will take place immediately after the evening Mass. **"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

THINKfast

THINKfast is a sleepover where participants learn about a particular social justice issue and spend 24 hours fasting from solid food as a reminder of those who are in need around the world. This year's focus is **forced migration and the refugee crisis**. Lots of fun and interactive activities. Come out for a fun and faith-filled experience and learn more about this important issue and how you can help! Age Group: Grade 5 and up, **Friday, March 22 (6pm) – Saturday, March 23 (7:30pm)**. Cost: \$20. Registration deadline: **Mon., March 18.**



Lenten Parish Mission

The Fullness of Purpose, **April 7 & 8th** at 7 pm. Could there be more to our faith experience, than what we have come to know? Dynamic speaker and author Ken Yasinski will be leading a 2 day parish mission here at St. Francis Xavier designed to help answer life's most meaningful questions: **1) Why have I been created? 2) Where is Joy found? 3) Does my Catholic faith matter?** This mission is Catholicism in everyday simple language that will make relevant the timeless truths of our faith. Come be inspired to live your full potential in life. **Want a free introductory talk by Ken! Text the word FREETALK to 1-855-969-5300.**



A big thank you to those parishioners who either picked up their tax receipts or asked to have them emailed. You saved the Parish a considerable amount of time and money. We did still have to mail our more than 750 tax receipts and hope to get this number down next year by having more email requests. With appreciation from the Parish Office Staff.



From the Catholic Cemeteries

Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves **by April 1st** to assist with the Spring clean-up. Any wreaths on stands or other winter decorations left on graves after this date will be removed and discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

