



Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
<b>Monday, March 25</b> Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10 Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38 <b>Annunciation of the Lord, (Solemnity)</b>	7:30 am	† Mijo Cagalj	Rev. Chris Buda
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b> Daniel 3.25, 34-43 Matthew 18.21-35	7:30 am	† Carl Besseling	Rev. Frederick Scinto
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b> Deuteronomy 4.1, 5-9 Matthew 5.17-19	7:30 am 6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	Intentions for Anita Taylor <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Betty Pert † Mario Garanata † Antonia Radassao Intentions of Madeline Mojieski † Msgr. Roger Formosi	Cancery Staff
<b>Thursday, March 28</b> Jeremiah 7.23-28 Luke 11.14-23	7:30 am 10:30 am	† Enio D'Angelo <b>Mass at Seasons Retirement Home</b> - † Giuseppe Gennacaro	Rev. Aleksander Mazur
<b>Friday, March 29</b> Hosea 14.1-9 Mark 12.28b-34	7:30 am 8-9 am 4-5:50 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	† For the health & wellbeing of Janusz <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 9 am) <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 5:50 pm) <b>Evening Mass</b> - † For the repose of the soul of Stefan Lenten devotions: <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Rev. Pat Aiello
<b>Saturday, March 30</b> Hosea 5.15b-6.6 Luke 18.9-14	8:30 am 4-5 pm 5:30 pm	† David Colterman <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Pia DiGiacinto † Vincenza Cesarini † Lino & Vincenza Ciciotti † Yolanda Bosica † Cece Lupino † Alfredo & Vittoria Corsi † Mario Granata † Rocco Lupo † Marica Zagudajev † Mario Paolone † Umberto Corvaro † Jose Armando Font † Dave Campomizzi † Italia & Angelo Giffi † Henrique Ferreira † Francesca & Antonio DiZacomo † Maria & Armando Del Fiacco † Peterka & Joun Families † Suor Concetta & Suor Maria Agro	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> Joshua 5.9a, 10-12 Corinthians 5.17-21 Luke 15.1-3, 11-32	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Mario Angelini † Gordon Goulah † Drajića Sopćic	



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

**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. If you wish to have the 2019 tax receipts emailed to you next January, please email this request to us. With appreciation from the Parish Office Staff.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ **Wedding Anniversary this year?** Join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass, **Sunday, June 9th**, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Call the parish office to register by May 19.

**St. Joseph's Feast Dinner** was a big success!!! Thank You to all who attended the celebration of St. Joseph here in our parish, who is the patron of the Universal Church and principal patron of Canada. Also, a very special thank you to all our volunteers for their hard work. They were instrumental in making it all possible.



**It's KICKOFF time!**  
The preparation phase of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton is moving into the active phase! A campaign 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 in Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI. 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](http://www.oneheartonesoul.ca)



**Questions of the Week**  
**Theme:** Lent calls us to conversion.  
**Question for Children:** God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?  
**Question for Youth:** What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?  
**Question for Adults:** What steps are you taking to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?

**CWL Spring Luncheon**  
Join us for our 70<sup>th</sup> 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 Parish Office. Price is \$35. Plan on attending and invite a friend!



**"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.

**From the Catholic Cemeteries**  
Families are reminded that all winter decorations are to be removed from graves **by April 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.

**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.

**Lenten Parish Mission**  
The Fullness of Purpose, **April 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

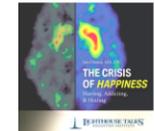


**Camp Keaton**  
Grief is a strong emotion for children to deal with, especially because they are often not capable of expressing their feelings to those around them. The Bob Kemp Hospice in Hamilton offers a weekend experience at a camp designed for children (age 7-17) experiencing grief, taking place Friday June 7-9. Contact Karen Nowicki at 905-387-2448 ext. 2208 or email [knowicki@kemphospice.org](mailto:knowicki@kemphospice.org).

**Summer Bible Camp 2019**  
Registration forms are available for students in Gr. 2 - 5 (campers), Gr. 6-7 (leaders-in-training) & Gr. 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. Camp dates this year: **Week 1: July 8-12; Week 2: July 29-August 2.** Participants can choose **one** of the two weeks to attend. If you will be 18 years of age or older during camp, are interested in volunteering, and would be a first-time volunteer at our parish, contact Wes at the church office by **Tuesday, April 30** so that there is adequate time to complete the volunteer screening.



**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.**



**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).



**Effective Speaking**  
Christopher Leadership Course can help you whether you are afraid of public speaking or would you like to take on a leadership role within the parish. Course begins **Tuesday night, March 26**, at McMaster University. To register or for information, visit [www.clchamilton.com](http://www.clchamilton.com) or call 905-662-4076.

**Natural Family Planning**  
Natural Family Planning Information Session: Remarkable scientific advancements have occurred since the rhythm method of the 1930's. No need for thermometers or rhythm calculations! Did you know the Billings Ovulation Method has a success rate of 99% in postponing pregnancy? Join us **March 25th at 7:00pm** in the St. Basil's Parish rectory in Brantford for a presentation and introduction into Natural Family Planning. For more information or to register please contact Janine Doyle at [janinedoyle@hotmail.ca](mailto:janinedoyle@hotmail.ca) or 519-304-6422.

**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



**Easter Flowers**  
We all enjoy the beauty of the flowers in our church, how the sanctuary (the main part of the church) looks decorated. Easter Sunday is not that far away, so we have begun the planning of the flowers for our wonderful Easter Season! During this holy time of Lent consider helping to decorate our church by making donations to make the Holy Space look as beautiful and bright as it has in past years! If you wish to contribute, kindly place your donation into a separate envelope during Lent (till Palm Sunday) and write "donation for Easter Flowers" on the outside. Donations made in memory of a loved one, whom you would like to remember on Easter Sunday—please write "donation for Easter flowers in memory of" and your loved one's name on a piece of paper in your envelope, as well as the Easter Sunday Mass time you plan to attend. Their name will be placed in the Easter bulletin and the Mass you indicate, will be offered for the repose of their soul.



**Support Group**  
Friday Night Support Group for Persons Separated or Divorced - This Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST.

**Acorn Stairlift**  
If there is anyone thinking of installing a stairlift, we have a parishioner who has a 5-month old one which cost \$12000 and is looking for best offer. He also has a professional installer to help configure to your staircase requirement. Contact John at 289-656-0278 or 905-977-8280.

**Upcoming Events**  
Mar. 26-7:00 pm - Bible Study - CH  
Mar. 27-1:00 pm - CWL Anniversary Mtg.- RCR  
Mar. 27-7:00 pm - HarmonKnights Practice - SMR  
Mar. 27-7:30 pm - New Evangelization - RCR  
Mar. 28-7:00 pm - RCI - SMR  
Mar. 29-7:15 pm - SFX Card Club  
Mar. 30-6:30 pm - Digging Deeper - ROR

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.