

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, April 8 Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64 John 8.12-20	7:30 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Tuesday, April 9 Numbers 21.4-9 John 8.21-30	7:30 am	† Bill Meek	Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Wednesday, April 10 Daniel 3.13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95 John 8.31-42	7:30 am 6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	† Manuel Medeiros Jr. Sacrament of Reconciliation † Dande, Rosa & Alba Rinaldi † David Colterman † Rosina Bozzo † John Michael Fedorik † Breid Handcke † Francesco Ventricini Special Intentions for Teresa Zaborniak † Pierina Pin	Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ
Thursday, April 11 Genesis 17.3-9 John 8.51-59 St. Stanislaus, (OM)	7:30 am 10:30 am	† Pasquale & Chiara D'Ambrosio Mass at Clarion Nursing Home - † Angelo Musitano	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Friday, April 12 Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13 John 10.31-42	7:30 am 8-9 am 4-5:50 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	† Vittorio & Matilde Medves Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 5:50 pm) Evening Mass - † Frances Zaharuk Lenten devotions: Stations of the Cross	Rev. Pitor Golinski
Saturday, April 13 Ezekiel 37.21-28 John 11.45-57 St. Martin, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am 4-5 pm 5:30 pm	† Luigi & Pierina Pin Sacrament of Reconciliation † Virginia Allega-DiSanza † Stefano Fortunato † Elisabetta Bozzo † Martin Thien Phu Nguyen † Elisa Altobelli-Bozzo † Giulio Biagetti † Filomena Spadafora † Carmine Colalillo † Rita Arcuri-Carpino † Raffaele Mascia † Theresa & Marcello Kalc † Dave Campomizzi † Giuseppe DeSimone & Enzo Felice † Mario Granata † Tadeusz, Marianna & Jakub Perz † Aniela & Walenty Kasiedczak † Rosa Nella & Flaviano DelSordo † Mario Sciuollo † Rosina Bozzo Special Intentions for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak
Sunday, April 14 Luke 19.28-40. Isaiah. 50.4-7 Philippians. 2.6-11 Luke 22.14-23.56	8:00 am 10:00 am 12 noon 4:00 pm	† Giovanni Di Paolo † Ernesto Caruso † Clerio D'Angelo † Luigi, Maria & Pietro Petrella	



Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus' love and forgiveness offer true freedom.
Question for Children: How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?
Question for Youth: Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?
Question for Adults: Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

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.

Collection of Good Friday for the Benefit of the Holy Land.

The Pontifical collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday, April 19. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and local population.

Congratulations

50th Wedding Anniversary
Antonio & Caterina Salotti

Lighthouse CD of the Month



Know Your Story: The Love of God in the Narrative of Your Life. Sr. Miriam James Heidland SOLT. People love stories. But when we lose sight of where the story of our life is going, the "narrative" and meaning of our lives becomes confusing to us, and we can lose hope. In this dynamic talk, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, renews our sense of hope and wonder (and humor), revealing that the reason we love stories is that we are part of a good story; one that answers the deepest desires and longings of our hearts. Whatever chapter our lives are in, God can transform our story, so that we can know and experience the beauty, adventure, and love for which we were created. **This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.**

Summer Bible Camp 2019

Registration forms are now available for students in Gr. 2-5 (campers), Gr. 6-7 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.



Share Lent 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.

The Spring Memorial Mass

will take place at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Stoney Creek on **Saturday, April 13 at 11 am.** The principal celebrant will be Most Rev. Douglas Crosby. During this Mass, our Bishop will also bless the recently completed expansion of the Mausoleum. All are welcome. Our parish will be providing the liturgical assistance at this Mass.

THINKfast

Congratulations to the students and adults from St. Francis and Immaculate Heart Parishes who took part in THINKfast! The group fasted from solid food for 24 hours, learned about forced migration and the refugee crisis, and raised over \$300 towards this year's Share Lent campaign. Please consider making a donation of your own towards the campaign on Solidarity Sunday, which is coming up next weekend.

Practice of covering crosses and images

Crosses and images may be veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. What is the reason for the veiling of crosses and images? The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of "fasting" from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

Mass Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday Saturday, April 13, 5:30 pm
Sunday, April 14, 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 4 pm
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 pm.
Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm
Holy Saturday Solemn Easter Vigil, 8 pm
Blessing of Easter Foods 12 noon
Easter Sunday 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am



CWL Spring Luncheon

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 Parish Office. Price is **\$35.** Plan on attending and invite a friend!

Feast in Honour of St. Michael

at St. Francis Xavier Church
Thursday May 2 & Friday May 3 - 7 pm - Mass in Preparation
Saturday May 4 - 10 am - Bocce Tournament at Memorial Bocce Club
1pm - 4 pm - Children's Treasure Hunt at Memorial Bocce Club
6 pm - Dinner Dance at Donnici Social Club
Sunday May 5 - 3 pm - Procession with Hamilton Italian Club, Donnici Club and the Italo/Canadian Band
4 pm - Mass and Sermon with Rev. Francesco Cucchi & presentation of first "Frank Bozzo Charity Award"
5 pm - Concert in Parish Centre with Coro Sons of Italy & Claudio Santaluce
Refreshments & Porchetta for everyone.
For more information, call 905 662-8593.

Upcoming Events

Apr. 8 - 6:30 pm - Lenten Mission
Apr. 9 - 7:00 pm - Bible Study - CH
Apr. 11 - 7:00 pm - RCIA - SMR
Apr. 12 - 7:15 pm - SFX Card Club
Apr. 13 - 10:00 am - Retrouvaille - CH
Apr. 13 - 6:30 pm - Digging Deeper - RCR

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.



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. Free introductory talk by Ken, text FREETALK to 1-855-969-5300.

Confession Times This Week

All Saturdays 4 pm - 5 pm
All Wednesdays 6 pm - 6:45 pm
Monday, April 8 after morning Mass until 9 am
Tuesday, April 9 after morning Mass until 9 am
Wednesday, April 10 after morning Mass until 9 am
Thursday, April 11 after morning Mass until 9 am
Friday, April 12 after morning Mass until 9 am
Friday, April 12 4 pm - 5:50 pm
Saturday, April 13 9 am - 11 am in Italian & English with Fr. Janusz Roginski
Saturday, April 13 3 pm - 5 pm

Compassionate Outreach

Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of a person's presence in your life? Our compassionate outreach program can help. Both St. Francis Xavier and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes are hosting a Grief Support Program Thursday evenings from **April 25, to May 30, from 7:30-9 pm.** This program will be at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church** at 934 Highway 8 Stoney Creek in the meeting room. If you feel you can be helped by such a program we urge you to attend. If you know of someone who could benefit from this, encouragh them to come. To register or if you have any questions, call at 905 662-8593.

Read all about the Diocese of Hamilton!



The Catholic Register, Canada's largest Catholic newspaper, will soon include a two-page insert featuring happenings in the Diocese of Hamilton! The insert will appear every other week in The Register, beginning with the March 31st issue. The insert will include news and updates about the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign*, as well as features and news about the other good works that take place in the Diocese. Copies of the paper are now available in the Narthex of the Church. Please take a copy, read it & pass on to a friend. Spread the Diocese's good news.



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