

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, April 15 Isaiah 42.1-7 John 12.1-11	7:30 am	† Oreste & Dina DiLeonardo	Rev Paul Hrynyczyszyn
Tuesday, April 16 Isaiah 49.1-6 John 13.21-33, 36-38	7:30 am	† Clelia & Rocco DiLeonardo	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz
Wednesday, April 17 Isaiah 50.4-9 Matthew 26.14-26	7:30 am 5-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	† Fontana & Ippolito Families Sacrament of Reconciliation † Maddalen Lustrinelli † Giuseppina Fuca † Liberatore DiRienzo † Agostino DiNunzio † Cathy Gallagher † Giuseppe De Simone † Rosina Bozzo † Helena Vanderwerf † Ron & Mary Smithson † Yolanda & Guerino Bosica † Lucia, Costantino & Filippo Di Nucci † Angelo & Mary Evangelisto † Math & Jacqueline Thijssen † David & Sophie Colterman † Raoul & Jacqueline Doiron † Sylvia Langin † Deceased Pastors of St. Francis Xavier Parish	Diaconate Formation Candidates
HOLY THURSDAY, April 18 Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-15. Triduum Begins	7:00 pm	No Morning Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper After Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10 pm	Holy Thursday
GOOD FRIDAY, April 19 Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42. Passion of the Lord	11:00 am 1:00pm 3:00 pm 7:00 pm	No Morning Mass Good Friday Liturgy Good Friday Liturgy Good Friday Liturgy Stations of the Cross prepared by the Youth Group	Good Friday
HOLY SATURDAY, April 20 Please see page 318 in the Sunday Missal.	12 noon 8:00 pm	No Morning Mass Blessing of Easter Foods Solemn Easter Vigil	Rev. John Redmond
EASTER SUNDAY, April 21 Acts 10.34a, 37-43; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18++	7:00 am 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Insert for Flower Donations: "in Memory of", for these Easter Sunday Masses, will be placed in the Easter edition of parish bulletin.	



Confession Times This Week

Monday, April 15 after morning Mass until 9 am
 Tuesday, April 16 after morning Mass until 9 am
 Tuesday, April 16 6 pm – 8 pm
 Wed., April 17 after morning Mass until 9 am
 Wednesday, April 17 5 pm – 7 pm
 Holy Thursday, April 18 9 am – 11 am
 Good Friday, April 19 after Stations of the Cross
 Holy Saturday, April 20 NO Confessions

Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus shows us how much He truly loves us.
Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?
Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?
Question for Adults: What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

Congratulations
 50th Wedding Anniversary
Angelo & Maria Clappa

Fasting and Abstinence

The Church of God fasts Good Friday and invites us to fast on Holy Saturday (optional), to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more deeply in the joy of His Resurrection. Abstinence means eating no meat. Fasting means eating only one normal-sized meal and two small meals, with no snacks. Those 14+ are required to abstain from meat; those 18-59 are required to fast, except in cases of special medical conditions that prevent fasting.

Mass Schedule for Holy Week

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 Blessing of Easter Foods 12 noon
 Solemn Easter Vigil 8 pm
Easter Sunday 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am

Jewel in the Crown

The Holy week starts from the Palm Sunday Liturgy and the reading of the Passion. On Monday in our diocese the Bishop and clergy celebrate the special Mass of Chrism when the Holy Oils used for Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick are Blessed. The Holy Triduum is like one celebration is stretched over 3 days; it starts from the Lord's Supper Mass on Holy Thursday Night at 7pm. This Mass doesn't end like every Mass and is resumed on Good Friday when we will celebrate the Passion of Our Lord and venerate the Cross. The Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is very unique, done only once a year. It doesn't end with a blessing either and will resume on Easter Vigil Night at 8pm when we will anticipate the Resurrection of our Lord. This Mass contains a choice of beautiful readings, chants, blessing of fire and....

.... water, Paschal Candle and baptisms and reception of the elects to the full communion with the Catholic Church.

The Holy Week Liturgies is the jewel in the crown; the most beautiful prayers crafted some of them by first Christians who might themselves seen or heard of the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no obligation to participate but it is a privilege and everyone who will do so will share in many blessings and graces granted by God to those who revere him in the liturgy of the Church. Everyone is invited and welcome to our liturgies at St. Francis Xavier Church.

The Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and ends on the evening of Easter Sunday. The word "Triduum" comes from two Latin words which mean "three days". Why do we speak of a period of three days when we have four days with special names – Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday? This is easily explained. On all high festival days, the Church counts a day in the same way as the Jewish faith counts days and festivals – from sundown to sundown. For us as Catholics, however, the Triduum is liturgically one celebration. Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday and concludes with the day of the Lord's Resurrection, which includes the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which includes the washing of feet. The Last Supper was a meal of unity, love and shared life; it was there that the disciples bound themselves to follow Christ wherever He went. Through our participation in this liturgy, we too bind ourselves to follow Jesus in His death and resurrection. It was also at the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Holy Orders (Priesthood) for the Church. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we participate again in the death and resurrection of Jesus and commit ourselves to be His disciples. The washing of the feet is a sign to us, as it was to His disciples that night, of the service we are called to live. This Mass ends in silence without a closing procession because our celebration has not ended. We are all invited to spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, keeping watch with Jesus as we prepare for Good Friday.

Good Friday

Good Friday is the only day of the year when the Roman Catholic Church does not celebrate Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. We celebrate the Lord's Passion in the afternoon. We stand and listen as the Passion of Jesus is proclaimed and we remember how He suffered and died for our sins. We also participate in the Adoration of the Cross by kneeling or bowing before the cross, by kissing it or by touching it respectfully. We do this to

acknowledge the cross as the means of our salvation. Also, on Good Friday we use the expanded form of General Intercessions. We pray the ten intercessions that are prayed by the entire Church – for the Church, for Christian unity, for the Jewish people, for those who do not believe in God or in Christ, for those in public office and for people who are suffering or experiencing difficulties in their lives. These prayers recognize the universality of our Church and the need for us to be aware of faiths different from our own.

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter Triduum. The Vigil includes the blessing of the Easter fire and the Paschal candle, the singing of the Easter Proclamation, the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces the story of our Salvation, the Liturgy of Initiation in which people become new members of the Church and the celebration of the Eucharist. During the Triduum, we celebrate the essential mystery of our Christian faith: Jesus' triumph over death and our own participation in that resurrection. We come together in a special way to remember the saving act of Jesus and the miracle of His Resurrection and we celebrate our faith and identity as Christians.

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the year 2000, St. Pope John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. Rooted in Jesus' words to St. Faustina Kowalska, a focus on the devotion of the Divine Mercy is fitting at this time, for it is in the sacrifice of Jesus that we encounter His mercy — His forgiveness of our sins — and during the Easter season we bear witness to the joyful and loving fruit of that Divine Mercy in our lives. Here at St. Francis Xavier on April 28, we will celebrate with: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **at 2 pm.**, Sacrament of Reconciliation till 3pm and Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung by our Youth Choir) **at 3 pm.**, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1-18.

Mother Load

Come and talk about what it's like to be a mother today. Open to all moms with elementary and high-school age children. Topic: "Mom Guilt" Monday, April 15, 9 am. and 7:30 p.m. Call Joyce - 905-662-2018 or Carol - 905-643-3532 for more info. Email: motherloadstfx@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 15 - 9:00 am – Mother Load Group – SMR
- Apr. 15 - 7:30 pm – Mother Load Group - SMR
- Apr. 15 - 7:00 pm – Quest & Epic Groups – GH/CH
- Apr. 16 - 7:00 pm – Bible Study – CH
- Apr. 17 - 6:45 am – Baptismal Preparation Mtg. - SMR
- Apr. 17 - 7:30 pm – CWL Exec. Mtg. - RCR
- Apr. 20 - 10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt – GH & Grounds

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.

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.

Collection of Good Friday for 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.

Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m.** At this Mass the bishop formally blesses olive oil to be distributed to all the parishes and priests throughout our Diocese. Three oils are blessed at this annual Mass: The Oil of Catechumens (Oleum Catechumenorum), The Oil of Sick (Oleum Infirmorum) and Chrism Oil (Sacrum Chrisma). Everyone is invited to attend the Mass.

Parish Office Closed
Good Friday, April 19, 2019
Easter Monday, April 22, 2019

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.**

