

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, April 22 Acts 2.14, 22-33 Matthew 28.8-15	8:30 am 10:00 am	† Gioberti, Andrego & Zamprogna Families Mass at Seasons Retirement Home - † Olive Taylor	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Tuesday, April 23 Acts 2.36, 36-41 John 20.11-18	7:30 am	† Carlo Albanese	Rev. Phillip Cook
Wednesday, April 24 Acts 3.1-10 Luke 24.13-35	7:30 am 6-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	† John Wiecha Sacrament of Reconciliation † Luigi Giammarco † Alfonsina, Frances & Giovanni Licata † Marino DiDiodato † Lino, Lucia, Raffaele & Annunziata Verrelli	Pallottine Fathers
Thursday, April 25 Acts 3.11-26 Luke 24.35-48	7:30 am	† Bill Meek	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Friday, April 26 Acts 4.1-12 John 21.1-14	7:30 am 8-9 am 5-7 pm	† Nicola Baccala Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Michael Downey
Saturday, April 27 Acts 4.13-21 Mark 16.9-15	8:30 am 5:30 pm	† Emilio Maria & Elisa Placidi † Vincenza Cesarini † John Spadafora † Salvatore Milisenda † Mario Granata † David Colterman † Joun & Peterka Families † Danny Raposo † Umberto Corvaro † Berardino DiDiodato † Carmine & Rosina Prete † Francesco Maiolo † Robert Mueller † Rosina Bozzo † Fabio Pettorossi † Mary Nobile † Peter Morris † Cece Lupino † Rosa Zanon † Anna Rizzi † Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Martin Valley
SUNDAY, April 28 Acts 5.12-16 Rev. 1.9-11,12-13,17-19 John 20.19-31	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Agostina Fratarcangeli † Domenic D'Alesio † Joseph Bayer	

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



Easter

He is Risen! From the empty tomb on that first day of the week, the women brought good news to the Apostles. It was the Good News of: ...hope. ...forgiveness. ...peace. ...eternal life. This is such Good News that Catholics celebrate Easter not just on a single day, but all year long, in different ways. We celebrate the Resurrection every Sunday, the “little Easter” of our week. We also celebrate it for the seven weeks of the Easter season, which is considered one single feast day, called the “Great Sunday.” The Easter season lasts fifty days, beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday. We celebrate Ascension part way through — forty days after Easter. Because the date for Easter changes every year, the dates for the other feasts do as well. The joy of the Easter season is reflected in our words: Two “Alleluias” are added to the dismissal at Mass: we hear The Mass is ended, go in peace, Alleluia, Alleluia, and we respond, Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia! “Alleluia” is also added to the ends of prayers and antiphons in the Liturgy of the Hours. In Eastern European cultures, it is typical to greet others with “Christ is risen,” to which the response is, “He is risen indeed!” The light and life Christ brings into the world are reflected in the symbols of: **The Paschal Candle**, which is lit during the Easter Vigil and during all liturgies of the Easter season. After that, it is kept next to the baptismal font and lit at baptisms. It is also used at funerals. **The liturgical color of white**, symbolizing the purity of our life in Christ and his glory. **Easter lilies**, which represent the beauty and glory of Christ.

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.



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.**



Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Baby Bottles will again be handed out after each Mass on Sunday, May 12th, Mother’s Day, and you are asked to return them on Sunday, June 16th, Father’s Day. This ministry reaches out through education and advertising with truth and love, empowering choices for life. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your loose coin. HRTL needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion. See hamiltonrighttolife.org

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.

Questions of the Week

Theme: We are a resurrection people! **Question for Children:** What is good and new in your life? **Question for Youth:** Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year? **Question for Adults:** In what way have you risen from "deadness" in your life?

Feast in Honour of St. Michael

at St. Francis Xavier Church
Thursday May 2 & Friday May 3 – 7 pm - Mass in **Saturday May 4 – 10 am** - Bocce Tournament **1pm - 4 pm** – Children’s Treasure Hunt **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 to be served.

Festa In Onore Di San Michele Arcangelo Il Nostro Protettore

Ha Luogo Nella Chiesa di St. Francis Xavier
Giovedì 2 & Venerdì 3 Maggio – **7 pm** - Santa Messa in Preparazione **Sabato 4 Maggio** – **10 am** - Torneo di Bocce a Memorial Bocce Club **1-4 pm** - Attivita per I bambini delle scuole elementary Caccia al Tesoro con premi per tutti. **6 pm** – Dinner Dance press Donnici Social Club **Domenica 5 Maggio** – **3 pm** - Processione con la Statua di San Michele con la partecipazione della Italo/ Canadian Band, Donnici Club e altri club italiani di Hamilton. **4 pm** – Santa Messa, Predica con Rev. Francesco Cucchi e consegna del primo “Frank Bozzo Charity Award” **5 pm** – Concerto del Coro dei Sons of Italy Hamilton a seguire grande serata con la partecipazione di Claudio Santaluce. Possibilita di ristoro con Porchetta per tutti.

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, **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.

First Holy Communion Celebrations at St. Francis Xavier Church for:

St. Martin of Tours: Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 am
St. Clare of Assisi: Saturday, June 1, at 2:00 pm
Our Lady of Peace: Saturday, June 1, at 11:00 am
St. Agnes: Saturday, May 18, at 11:00 am
St. Francis Xavier: Sunday, May 26, at 1:30 pm
Please keep the First Communicants in your prayers as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time.

Priesthood Ordinations

Join us on **Saturday, May 4th at 11 am** for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacons Gregory Merkley, John Schnurr and Vivek Trindade. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Priests are invited to con-celebrate and participate in the “laying on of hands.” All welcome to attend.

Words of Appreciation

Our gratitude to all parishioners who contributed in any way to the enhancement of our Holy Week liturgies. The Choirs, Cantors, Musicians, our Music Directors, are to be highly commended for the excellence of their contribution to the praise of God; the Ushers, Lectors, Lay Ministers of the Eucharist, and Altar Servers all gave exceptional service throughout Holy Week. Thank you to all of the Parishioners who donated towards the Easter Flowers. A special thanks to the Decorating Crew for their help with making our Church beautiful during Easter time. And the many gestures of friendship that were extended to me personally and Fr. Francesco were very much appreciated. Thank you! Multo bene, gracie!
Fr. Marisz

Catholic Education Week

The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children’s school and if possible, attend these events. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year’s CEW theme is “Living as Joyful Disciples.” The 2019 CEW theme was inspired by three sources: *Renewing the Promise*, The Pastoral Letter on Catholic Education from the Bishops of Ontario; *Gaudete et exsultate*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the Call to Holiness; and *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, the October 2018 Synod of Bishops. Mindful of the Synod on Youth, the theme and sub-themes are very much directed to the young people in our schools, especially in their growth in holiness and their formation as disciples of Christ through the discernment of their vocational pathways.

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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 24 - 1:00 pm – CWL Anniversary Mtg. - RCR
- Apr. 25 - 7:00 pm – RCIA. - RCR
- Apr. 25 - 7:00 pm – SSVp Mtg. – Back RCR
- Apr. 26 - 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – GH/CH
- Apr. 27 - 10:00 am – Retrouvaille – CH
- Apr. 27 – 6:30 pm – Digging Deeper – ROR