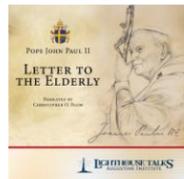


Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
<b>Monday, May 13</b> Acts 11.1-18 John 10.1-10 <b>Our Lady of Fatima, (OM)</b>	7:30 am	† Francesco Sepe	Rev. Ronald Hodara
<b>Tuesday, May 14</b> Acts 1.15-17, 20-26 John 15.9-17 <b>St. Matthias, (Feast)</b>	7:30 am	† Mimmo Barresi	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b> Acts 12.24-13.5 John 12.44-50	7:30 am 6-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	† Mario Granata <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Maria Fedorik † Donata Aresta † Nicoletta Bisignani † Romano & Bontempo Families † Sergio Sacattolon	Society of Christ
<b>Thursday, May 16</b> Acts 13.13-25 John 13.16-20	7:30 am 10:30 am	Blessings for Fr. Les Szczygiel <b>Mass at New Village Retirement Home</b> – † Angelo Zingaro	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
<b>Friday, May 17</b> Acts 13.13-26 John 14.1-6	7:30 am 8-9 am 5-7 pm	† Silvano Scattolon <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 9 am) <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 7 pm)	Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
<b>Saturday, May 18</b> Acts 13.44-52 John 14.7-14	8:30 am 4-5 pm 5:30 pm	† John Santarelli <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Giuseppina Fuca † Mario Granata † Salvatore Milisenda † Raffaele Mascia † David Colterman † Adolfo & Basilisa Frias † Jose DaMaia † Robert Buist † Tessie Coliero † Dorothy Savelli † Umberto Corvaro † Rosario Paolini † Bernardino DiDiodato † Antonio DiNunzio & Antonio D'Angelo † Silvano Scattolon † Saverio Raniero † Carmen Vella † Stanislaw Dyjach In thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Rosary	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
<b>Sunday, May 19</b> Acts 14.21-27 Revelation 21.1-5 John 13.1, 31-33, 34-35	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Anthony Merolli † Ernesto Caruso † Giovanni & Francesca DiGennaro	

*"If you cannot find Christ in the beggar, you will not find Him in the Chalice"*  
St. John Chrysostom

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

**Lighthouse CD of the Month**



**Letter to the Elderly**  
In 1978, Pope John Paul II became one of the youngest popes ever elected. At the time of his death in 2005, he was also one of the longest serving popes, having lived into his early 80s. From his own experience of growing old, and only five and a half years before his death, John Paul wrote and shared this moving letter, addressed "To my elderly brothers and sisters." His letter shares and cherishes the experiences, beauty, agony, and dignity of growing old and drawing closer to God. "The years pass quickly," he writes, "and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves, is too beautiful and precious for us to ever grow tired of it." This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.

**Fundraiser Walk**

Would you like to help raise awareness and aid for the millions of people around the world who have been forced to leave their homes and become refugees? Join our parish's Development & Peace group on the afternoon of **Sunday, June 2** for a fundraiser walk! You will have the opportunity to learn about what it's like to be a refugee through a simulation activity and to encounter actual refugees who have settled in our community. Registration forms with much more information are available in the letter trays in the Narthex, at the parish office, and on the "News" page of the church website. **Forms must be returned to the office by Monday, May 27.** Contact Wes for any questions. You can also donate to our walk or track our progress of reaching the goal of **\$1000** by visiting [www.dev.p.org/walk/2418](http://www.dev.p.org/walk/2418).



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

St. Agnes: Saturday, May 18, at 11:00 am  
St. Francis Xavier: Sunday, May 26, at 1:30 pm  
St. Clare of Assisi: Saturday, June 1, at 2:00 pm  
Our Lady of Peace: Saturday, June 1, at 11:00 am  
Congratulations to the children who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time in their life. We want to extend an open invitation to parents and godparents to bring your children to Mass so that they can receive the Eucharist often.

**Baptismal Preparation Meeting**

A reminder to parents who will be having their children baptized here at St. Francis Xavier Church in the near future that on **Wednesday, May 15 at 6:45 pm** there is going to be a baptism preparation session in the small meeting room in the Parish Centre.

**The Real Story of Catholic History**

**Save the date!** Join us for Steve Weidenkopf's presentation on "THE REAL STORY OF CATHOLIC HISTORY: Answering Twenty Centuries of Anti-Catholic Myths". Steve Weidenkopf, a lecturer at Christendom College, has a gift for making Catholic Church history come alive for any audience. Come and learn fascinating facts about all those historical events that Catholics are frequently challenged with by those who oppose our faith. You will be surprised how different the true facts are and how you can confidently respond in defense of Catholicism next time you are challenged! Bring family, friends, neighbors, co-workers—especially those who are questioning or even those who are anti-Catholic. Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish. When: **Friday, May 24, 6:30pm to 8:30 pm** (doors open at 5:30pm) Tickets are **\$10**. Purchase tickets by calling the parish office at 905-662-8593 or via email at [saintfx@cogeco.net](mailto:saintfx@cogeco.net) or online [go2branches.com](http://go2branches.com).

**CWL Ladies**

Please join us on Sat. May 18th at 1:30 pm for a Mass in honour of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Mass will be followed by the May Crowning (inside the church). After, ladies, you are invited for a Tea to celebrate our anniversary.

**Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign**

Baby Bottles will again be handed out after each Mass this 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](http://hamiltonrighttolife.org).



**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: "Summer Fun" **Monday, May 27, 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Call Joyce - 905-662-2018 or Carol - 905-643-3532, or [motherloadstfx@gmail.com](mailto:motherloadstfx@gmail.com)

**Wedding Congratulations:**

*Michael Molinaro & Amanda Grande*

**Questions of the Week**

**Theme:** Jesus knows us and calls us.  
**Question for Children:** Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life? **Question for Youth:** Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you? **Question for Adults:** What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

**Non Perishable Food Collection**

The Knights of Columbus Council 7969 will be collecting non perishable food and hygiene products at the Narthex of the church for the **months of May and June**. Refer to the flyer at the Narthex to see which items are in demand. Monetary donations are also welcome. Just place your donation in a sealed envelope and write your name, address, and phone number on the envelope. These donations can be placed in the regular parish collections. The Stoney Creek food bank will issue income tax receipts to you for donations of \$10 or more.



**K of C Annual Garage Sale**

Sat. May 25<sup>th</sup>. Start cleaning out and getting rid of those things not being used or required anymore! To book a spot, call the office @ **905 662-8593 by May 20<sup>th</sup>**. First come, first serve basis. Set up time is 6-7:30 am, event time, 8-1 pm. & rain date, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is **\$25** per parking space. Bring your own tables or sell from your truck, van or trunk within the designated vehicle parking lined area. Side by side parking spots are also available if you wish to make it a family affair. Anyone with items to donate for the Knights to sell, please make sure that they are in good working order and all items must be donated by Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. No items will be accepted the morning of the sale due to safety concerns and congestion as well as the small window of opportunity to sell these items. If you wish items to be picked up, please call Victor @ 905-662-5304. No children's car seats, old cribs, large furniture or appliances will be accepted. Small electronics... toasters, microwaves in working order will be accepted as well as the usual household items, books, dishes, tools, bikes, mowers etc. NOTE: Vender sale of food or beverages is not permitted as the Knights will be on hand with their outstanding yearly BBQ specialties plus select popular beverages. The truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the parking lot that same weekend for gently used clothing and household items. Raffle tickets will be available from the Special Olympics representatives. Call Roger @ 905-662-7259 for any questions regarding rental spaces or donation of items. Hope to see you there to support a great charitable cause.



**A prayer for mothers**

"All loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers & great grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love." Amen



**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
*Claude & Carol Luscombe*

**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). Reminder notice that Camper & Leaders in Training is now half filled and all Leader applications need to be in to the office by May 24th. 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.



**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2019? On **Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 1:30 pm**, Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required). Please register by May 20th to be sure your name is included in the program. Details are available on the poster in the church, or go to: [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

**Upcoming Events**

May 14 - 7:00 pm - Finance Com. Mtg. - GH/CH  
May 15 - 6:45 pm - Baptismal Prep. Mtg. - SMR  
May 15 - 7:30 pm - CWL Executive Mtg. - RCR  
May 17 - 7:00 pm - SFX Card Club - GH  
May 18 - 6:30 pm - Alpha Course - 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.**



**Rosette Sunday**

Weekend of **May 11/12<sup>th</sup>** at each Mass members of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing rose appliques for a good will offering. All funds raised will go to local Pro-Life groups to assist them in their battle against abortion. **Help us save lives!**

**May Crowning**



Saturday, **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, the CWL will be hosting the Crowning of Mary at 2 pm with reception following in the Chapel Hall. Mass. The indoor statue only will be crowned and everyone is invited to come and participate in this wonderful tribute to Our Blessed Mother. A reception will take place following the crowning in Chapel Hall.