

NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2023



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WELCOME to all who have come to worship and pray with us this weekend. We are glad you are here!

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Ross Campbell, Pastor
Fr. Jonathan Reitzel, Associate
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Deacon Brian Prieur
Ms. Wes Moga, Youth Minister
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Offered during 11:00 a.m. Mass
(Sept - June)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
**Or by appointment*

ADORATION (1 HOUR)

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 8:00AM
+ Orlando Tammaro

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 9:00AM
+ Margaret Smith

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 7:00PM
+ Deceased Members of the D'Ambrosio Family
+ Paul Virga
+ Bruno Iacoviello
+ Maria Snoeren-Princen
+ Bren Prem Sharma
+ Domenico Albini

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 8:00AM
+ Bosica & Placidi Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1 8:00AM
+ Deceased Members of the Lopez Family

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 5:30PM
+ Guerino Volpacchio
+ Cecylia Kulak
+ Giulio Quercia
+ Michael Litniansky
+ Noeleen McCrohan
+ Giovanni & Teresina Caruso
+ Maria Caruso
+ Umberto Spadafora
+ Elisabetta Ienco
+ Antonietta Zezza
+ All Souls
+ Deceased Members of Rinaldo Storti's Family
+ Deceased Members of the Asnicar Family
+ Maria Malatesta
+ Vince Guagliano
+ Frank Granato
+ Nicola Piuanno
+ Arielle Schneider
- In Thanksgiving
- In Thanksgiving for prayers answered

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 9:00AM
+ Frank Lacivita

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 11:00AM
- Mass for the Parishioners

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Welcomes YOU!

Whether you are new to our parish, or have been with us for many years, your presence leaves a unique mark on the life of our church. As your Pastor, I am excited you are with us today to build an even stronger parish community now and into the future.



Fr. Ross Campbell

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Roger Yaworski
Tuesday	Parents & Guardians
Wednesday	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
Thursday	Rev. Edward Hampson
Friday	Most. Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Saturday	Rev. David Reilander

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 5,960.00
Loose Collection	\$ 515.30
Online Donations	\$ 1,848.93
Total Collection	\$ 8,324.23

THANK YOU!

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REMEMBER YOUR PARISH Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Francis Xavier Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2023

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Daniel 1.1-6, 8-20;

Canticle: Daniel 3.52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Luke 21.1-4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Daniel 2.3, 9a, 10a, 27a, 31-45++;

Canticle: Daniel 3.57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Luke 21.5-11

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Daniel 5.1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;

Canticle: Daniel 3.62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Luke 21.12-19

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Romans 10.9-18; Psalm 19.1-2, 3-4ab;

Matthew 4.18-22

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Daniel 7.1-14++;

Canticle: Daniel 3.75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81;

Luke 21.29-33

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Daniel 7.15-27; Canticle: Daniel 3.82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87;

Luke 21.34-36

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8; Psalm 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18;

1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.33-37

SUNDAY MISSALS

2023-2024

The new Sunday Missals are still available in the Narthex and in the office. The cost is still only \$5 each.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 28th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
Wednesday - 29th	9:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass
Thursday - 30th	8:00 am - Mass
Friday - 1st	8:00 am - Mass & Adoration
Saturday - 2nd	4:30 pm - Confessions 6:30 pm - CWL Bake Sale
Sunday - 3rd	10:00 am - CWL Bake Sale

Blessing with Relics

November 30 is the Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle. There will be a special blessing with a 1st Class Relic (bone) following the Thursday morning Mass.

The Feast Day of our very own **St. Francis Xavier** is on December 3. As December 3 falls on a Sunday this year, we will be celebrating his Feast Day at the evening Mass on Wednesday, December 6. However, his 1st Class Relic (bone) will be on display at all Masses on the Weekend of December 2 & 3 and a special blessing will be given after these Masses as well as after the Mass on December 6.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Pack a Shoebox Campaign. The support this year from our Parish was overwhelming. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE BACK!!!!

All weekday Masses are being celebrated once again in our Church. We have missed you and are excited to see everyone from our St. Francis Xavier Family back home to pray together during the week once again.



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2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

Starting next weekend - December 2 & 3, Donation Envelope Boxes will be available for pick up in the Narthex.

Anyone using pre-authorized debit is asked to please contact the office to ensure that their information is current and accurate.

FINALLY SOME GOOD CONSTRUCTION NEWS!

Earlier this year, Fr. Ross applied to the Ex Corde Foundation at the Diocese for grant money so that we could install a very much needed 2nd Bathroom in our Church along with upgrading our current bathroom. We are so pleased to announce that we have been awarded \$15,000 towards this project.

Work has already started and we are so excited and grateful that we are finally able to build this much needed addition to our church.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Grade 7 Students from St. Agnes and Our Lady of Peace Schools who were sealed with the Holy Spirit this past Saturday.

Please keep all our students in your prayers.

SSVP - JESSE TREE



WOW!

We are surely blessed with incredibly loving and generous parishioners. During trying times like these, you really stepped up to help our neighbours in need. Your generosity is amazing!

Thank you to everyone who took tags from our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Trees.

Please remember to return your gifts with the tags attached by December 5th. You can drop them off either at the Church or at the Office.

“Thank you for helping us serve in hope.”

THE STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY



**Find the deeper meaning of Christmas
participating in this wonderful tradition!**

Here is a brand new way to celebrate Advent. As in the Lenten Stations, fourteen scenes from Jesus' life are used as opportunities for prayer. The familiar scenes here are those surrounding Christ's birth, beginning with the Annunciation. A short scripture verse and reflection will bring out the meaning of the scene for our own lives today.

The Stations of the Nativity are beautiful enough to be understood by children, and rich enough to be inspiring for adults. The Stations of the Nativity is the perfect way to focus on the mystery of Jesus as *Emmanuel*, "God with us."

Join us praying the Stations of the Nativity each Friday of Advent:

Dec. 8th — Dec. 15th — Dec. 22nd

The Stations start at **7:00 p.m.** & coffee and treats to follow afterwards.

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23 & 24

Saturday 5:30 pm	Mass
Sunday 9:00 am	Mass
Sunday 11:00 am	Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - December 24

Sunday 3:30 pm	Children's Nativity Pageant
Sunday 4:00 pm	Mass
Sunday 7:00 pm	Mass
Sunday 12:00 Midnight	Mass

Christmas Day - December 25

Monday 9:00 am	Mass
Monday 11:00 am	Mass

Christmas Week Schedule

December 26	No Mass
December 27	9:00 am Mass (no evening Mass)
December 28	8:00 am Mass
December 29	8:00 am Mass (no Adoration)

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30 & 31

Saturday 5:30 pm	Mass
Sunday 9:00 am	Mass
Sunday 11:00 am	Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve - December 31

Sunday 5:30 pm	Mass
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New Year's Day - January 1

Monday 11:00 am	Mass
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CWL BAKE SALE

Mark your calendars!

To celebrate our St. Francis Xavier's Feast Day, the Catholic Women's League will be hosting a bake sale after all Masses the weekend of December 2 & 3. You will be able to find all the goodies for sale in the meeting room in the Narthex. Please come out and support our CWL and celebrate St. Francis Xavier!



November 25, December 3, December 10, 2023

ITEMS IN NEED OF;

Cereal, jam, juice cans & boxes, pancake mix, peanut free school snacks, instant oatmeal, tomato sauce & pasta, crackers, coffee, tea, sugar, salt, flour, cooking and olive oil.

Hygiene products such as new tooth brushes, toothpaste, bathroom & facial tissue, bar soap, shampoo, adult & children diapers, dish soap.

All proceeds will go to the local Stoney Creek Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity and support.

For more information or to arrange for donation pick ups, contact Mario at 905-662-1287

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

The Office is now taking requests for Mass Intentions for 2024.

Thank you to everyone who have already requested their 3 Masses for 2024.

The process went much smoother this year and we have been able to accommodate more requests in a timely manner.

As of this Friday, December 1, you may come back and book the remainder of your requested Masses.

December 2023

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Novena Begins: November 29

Feast Day: December 8

O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honor of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.

I pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will. Queen of Heaven, I beg you to beg my Savior to grant me these requests...

(Mention your intentions)

My holy Mother, I know that you were obedient to the will of God. In making this petition, I know that God's will is more perfect than mine. So, grant that I may receive God's grace with humility as you did.

As my final request, I ask that you pray for me to increase in faith in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in hope in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in love for the risen Jesus!

Say 1 Hail Mary



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