

**FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2024**



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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  
Deacon Gian Girolami  
Deacon Brian Prieur  
Ms. Wes Moga, Youth Minister  
Mrs. Jean Goobie, Bookkeeper  
Mrs. Pia Pua, Custodian

### **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.



### **PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

St. Francis Xavier .....(905) 523-2333  
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### **PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL**

St. John Henry Newman ..... (905) 523-2314

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20</b> The Deceased Members of the Franz Family	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b> + Manuel Rodrigues	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b> + Paul Virga + Paolo Gennaro + Inissina Marchesano + Norman Carmel + Mark Moga + Dora Noce	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b> + Monsignor Roach	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b> + Pia DiGiacinto	<b>8:00AM</b>

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24</b> + Zuzanna Iodlovski + Yolanda & Guerino Bosica + Angelo Petorossi + Dennis Ryan + Sam Monachino + Seratina Canci + Jiuseppe Rocci + Dora Noce + Domenico Mercuri + Herman Lemmen + Alfonso Cappello + Scott Goodwin + Maria Agostini + Veronica Rodrigues + Laura Fortino + George Savelli + All Souls in Purgatory + In Thanksgiving for Keith D'Mello	<b>5:30PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25</b> + Alberto & Maria Capertta	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25</b> - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>11:00AM</b>

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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

<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Ron Cote
<b>Wednesday</b>	Disalced Carmelite Sisters (O.C.D)
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. William Foote
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Michael Isabelle
<b>Saturday</b>	Consecrated Virgin Candidates

## OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 4,906.00
Loose Collection	\$ 518.75
Online Donations	\$ 1,571.68
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 6,996.43</b>

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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.

# FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2024

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Leviticus 19.1-2,11-18, Psalm 19.7,8,9,14  
Matthew 24.31-46

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Isaiah 55.10-11, Psalm 34.3-4,5-6,15-16, 17-18  
Matthew 6.7-15

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Jonah 3.1-10, Psalm 51.1-2,10-11, 16-17  
Luke 11.29-32

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22—CHAIR OF PETER, APOSTLE

1 Peter 5.1-4, Psalm 23.1-3,3-4,5,6  
Matthew 16.13-19

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Ezekiel 18.21-28, Psalm 130.1-2,3-4,5-6  
Matthew 5.20-26

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Deuteronomy 26.16-19, Psalm 119.1-2,4-5,7-8  
Matthew 5.43-48

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Genesis 22.1-2,9-13,15-18. Psalm 116.10+15,16-17,18-19  
Romans 8.31-35,37, Mark 9.2-10

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

<b>Tuesday - 20th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
<b>Wednesday - 21st</b>	9:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - CWL Executive 7:45 pm - KofC Executive
<b>Thursday - 22nd</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Bible Study
<b>Friday - 23rd</b>	8:00 am - Mass & Adoration 7:00 pm - Station of the Cross
<b>Saturday - 24th</b>	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
<b>Sunday - 25th</b>	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your:  
**25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+**  
**Wedding Anniversary**  
in the year 2024?



If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance).

Registration is now available online at  
[hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

## 5 TIMES TO MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



**During personal prayer.**  
—As an introduction/ invocation to the Blessed Trinity.



**When passing a church.**  
—To honor the blessed Sacrament present inside.



**When you hear a siren.**  
—To heal those who are in danger of dying.



**When passing a cemetery.**  
—As a prayer for the Holy souls.



**When you see an accident.**  
—As a protection for those who are in peril.



HEARING A CALL TO A VOCATION  
TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Rev. Mark Morley at:

[vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)



## DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE DIVINE MERCY?

Do you know the depth of love and mercy Jesus has for you?

Come join us for our next **Bible Study** to learn about the story of Divine Mercy; join us as we learn together each week and bring to life the vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world, and His calling to the hearts of all who will embrace it.

Divine Mercy, in the **SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD** is a dramatic **10-SESSION JOURNEY** featuring the renowned Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Fr. Gaitley interweaves the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II into a tapestry of wonder and beauty.

**WHEN:** JANUARY 18 – MARCH 21

(10-week study)

**TIME:** 7:00pm – approx. 8:30pm

**WHERE:** St. Francis Xavier Chapel Hall

**COST:** NO FEE

To register for the session or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Marianne at:

[BiblestudySFX@gmail.com](mailto:BiblestudySFX@gmail.com)

Or by phone: 905-870-6554.

This is a beautiful study to participate in during the coming Lenten season. St. John Paul II declared that the first Sunday following Easter will be called Divine Mercy Sunday; we invite you to take this opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Divine Mercy message.

**Join us and bring a friend.**

**Everyone is welcome!**

## NEW THIS MONTH (PAMPHLETS)

# LENT

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.

It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

**To read more about LENT please pick up a brochure at the back of the church!**

## 2023 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts will be available for pick up in the office: **9:00 - 4:00**

If you would like to have your receipt emailed to you please advise the office at 905-662-8593 or by email at: [saintfx@cogeco.ca](mailto:saintfx@cogeco.ca)



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# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to His burial.

## 7 BENEFITS OF PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. It gives us a way to make a spiritual pilgrimage.
2. We can gain a plenary indulgence to shorten our time in Purgatory.
3. Praying the Stations of the Cross helps inspire deep prayer.
4. We can look at suffering from a different perspective.
5. Praying this devotion helps us grow in our love for God.
6. Praying the stations helps us to become holy.
7. We learn to hope in the promise of salvation.

Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every  
**Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm**



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