

**MARCH 23 & 24, 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  
Mr. Stefano De Feo, Administrator  
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.  
*\*Closed for Lunch: 12:00 - 12:30*



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# PALM SUNDAY

## 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

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 26</b> + Zef & Zoi Selmani	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27</b> + Mario Angelini	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27</b> + Edmund Kulak + Pia DiGiacinto + Vincenzo Caiella + Deceased Members of the Docherty Family	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 28</b> NO MASS	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 28</b> - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 29</b> NO MASS	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 29</b> Good Friday Service	<b>11:00AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 29</b> Good Friday Service	<b>3:00PM</b>

### EASTER

#### EASTER VIGIL

<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 30</b> - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>8:00PM</b>
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#### EASTER SUNDAY

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 31</b> - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 31</b> - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 31</b> - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>12:00PM</b>

### DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
<b>Thursday</b>	Holy Thursday
<b>Friday</b>	Good Friday
<b>Saturday</b>	Holy Saturday

### OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 4,767.00
Loose Collection	\$ 524.70
Online Donations	\$ 1,831.62
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,123.32</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.

# MARCH 23 & 24, 2024

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

Isaiah 42.1-7; Psalm 27.1, 2, 3, 13-15;  
John 12.1-11

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 71.1-2, 3, 5-6, 15+17;  
John 13.21-33, 36-38

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Isaiah 50.4-9; Psalm 69.7-9, 20-21, 30+32-33;  
Matthew 26.14-26

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12.1-8; 11-14, Psalm 116.12-13, 15+16, 17-18;  
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-15

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52.13-53.12; Psalm 31.1+5, 11-12, 14-15, 16+24;  
Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1-19.42

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - EASTER VIGIL

Genesis 1.1-2.2; Psalm 104.1-2, 5-6, 10+12, 13-14, 24+35;  
Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20, 1; Exodus 15.1-2, 3-5, 6-7, 17-18;  
Isaiah 55.1-11; Isaiah 12.2-3, 4, 5-6  
Romans 6.3-11;  
Mark 16.1-8

### SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10.34, 37-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6-8; John 20.1-18

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

<b>Tuesday - 26th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club 7:00 pm - RCIA
<b>Wednesday - 27th</b>	9:00 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Youth Choir Practice 6:00 pm - Lenten Confessions 7:00 pm - Mass
<b>Thursday - 28th</b>	<b>8:00 am - NO MASS</b> 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm - Adoration 10:00 pm - Adoration Ends
<b>Friday - 29th</b>	<b>8:00 am - NO MASS</b> 11:00 am - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm - Good Friday Service <b>7:00 pm - STATION OF THE CROSS</b>
<b>Saturday - 30th</b>	11:00 am - Food Blessing 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday - 31st</b>	8:00 am - Easter Sunday Mass 10:00 am - Easter Sunday Mass 12:00 pm - Easter Sunday Mass



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## Meaning Behind the Palms



The palms symbolize peace and victory! It was a custom during Jesus' time for people to pay homage by laying down palm branches-or even clothes- in front of people who they owed a great amount of respect.

The Gospel of John tells of how Jesus was welcomed into the city mere days before his death:

“When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel’” (John 12:12-13)



**HEARING A CALL TO A VOCATION  
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Contact Rev. Mark Morley at:

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

# EXTRA LENTEN CONFESSION

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 3:30 - 5:00

March 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024



### Are You Ready?

Resources can be picked up in the Narthex

2:30 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2:35 pm	Silent Personal Prayer
3:00 pm	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
3:30 pm	Benediction
4:00 pm	Sunday Divine Mercy Mass

## Thank you!

A very special thank-you to the dedicated group of students and adults who shared their time and talents so generously over the past few weeks to prepare and lead this year's Youth Stations of the Cross.

### STUDENT ACTORS, READERS, AND CANTOR:

Grayton, Mia, Giuliano, Cole, Athina, Andre, Dom, Santiago, Vincent, Gracie, Dilan.

### ADULT TEAM:

Lindsay, Corrina, Nancy, Kaya, Ashley, Victoria.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday - March 28, 2024

NO MORNING 8:00 AM MASS

7:00 pm Mass - Intentions for the parishioners  
8:00 -10:00 pm Adoration

### Good Friday - March 29, 2024

11:00 am Good Friday Service  
3:00 pm Good Friday Service  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024

11:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food

## EASTER VIGIL

### Holy Saturday - March 30, 2024

8:00 pm Mass - Intentions for the parishioners

## EASTER SUNDAY

### Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

8:00 am Mass - Intentions for the parishioners  
10:00 am Mass - Intentions for the parishioners  
12:00 pm Mass - Intentions for the parishioners

## 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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Please bring your form and donation to the Office no later than **Tuesday, March 26 @ 4:00 pm** if you want the names to appear in the Easter Bulletin. We cannot guarantee that there will be time to include your intentions if your form is received past this date.



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