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WELCOME

To all who gather with us in prayer and worship this weekend; it is a blessing to have you here!

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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: 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

ADORATION (1 HOUR)

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Ross Campbell	Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
**Closed for Lunch: 12:00 - 12:30*



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23 & 24, 2025

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 + Lina Di Pietro	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 + Mariano, Maria & Serafino De Carolis	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 + Aurelia Caiella	7:00PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 + All Souls in Purgatory	8:00AM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 - Special Intention for Matteo Vilella	8:00AM

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 + Jozef Luchak + Gianni Valle + Deceased Members of the Valle Family + Deceased Members of the Capretta Family + Domenico Albini + Gregory & Laura Di Pietro + Joseph Mattina + Charels Samuel Constanza + Deceased Members of the Vilella Family + Anthony Valentin + Christina Pinelli	5:30PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 + John Santarelli	9:00AM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - Mass for the Parishioners	11:00AM
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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

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW MUCH TO DONATE?

Historically, Catholic tithing involved offering **10%** of one's income to support the Church and its community. While this is no longer a strict requirement, the table below provides a helpful guideline for considering your contribution to meet the Church's current needs, including paying down our loan and funding the Bell Tower project.

A tax-deductible receipt will be provided for your donation.

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>% Range</u>	<u>Per Sunday</u>	<u>Annual Contribution</u>
\$20,000	2-4%	\$7.50 - \$15	\$400 - \$800
\$30,000	2-4%	\$11 - \$22	\$600 - \$1,200
\$40,000	2-4%	\$15 - \$30	\$800 - \$1,600
\$50,000	2-4%	\$18.50 - \$37	\$1,000 - \$2,000
\$60,000	2-4%	\$22 - \$44	\$1,200 - \$2,400
\$80,000	2-4%	\$30 - \$60	\$1,600 - \$3,200

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 6,019.00
Loose Collection	\$ 514.20
Online Donations	\$ 1,709.92
Total Collection	\$ 8,243.12

Thank You!

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

AUGUST 23 & 24, 2025

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

1 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 8-10; Psalm 149.1-2, 3-4, 5, 6+9;
Matthew 23.13-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Psalm 139.1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Matthew 23.23-26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27—FEAST OF ST. MONICA

1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Psalm 139.7-8, 9-10, 11-12;
Matthew 23.27-32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28—FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE

1 Thessalonians 3.7-13; Psalm 90.3-4, 12-13, 14+17;
Matthew 24.42-51

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29—PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Jeremiah 1.17-19; Psalm 71.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15+17;
Mark 6.17-29

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

1 Thessalonians 4.9-11; Psalm 98.1, 7-8, 9;
Matthew 25.14-30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29; Psalm 68.3-4, 5-6, 9-10;
Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24; Luke 14.1, 7-14

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 26th	8:00 am - Mass
Wednesday - 27th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass
Thursday - 28th	8:00 am - Mass
Friday - 29th	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 30th	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 31st	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Robert Wong, S.J.
Tuesday	Rev. Philip Shano, S.J.
Wednesday	Ursuline Sisters, o.s.u.
Thursday	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr.
Friday	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Saturday	Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu

RECIPE

ROAST BEEF & GRAVY

- 1 Roast (any type will do)
- 1 can Campbell's mushroom soup (if roast is large use 2 cans)
- 1 can water
- 1 package Lipton's onion soup mix
- Cut up potatoes, carrots & mushrooms (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Place meat in roasting pan. Add vegetables. Add onion and golden mushroom soups. Add 1 can of water. Put lid on and cook for about 2 hours until meat temperature is 170°F. Liquid can be served as gravy.



ANNUAL WINONA PEACH FESTIVAL

Every year, Winona hosts a Peach Festival featuring delicious food vendors, fun carnival games, and vibrant local markets. It's a cherished tradition that brings joy to families and the entire community. The Knights of Columbus have long been part of this celebration, running a booth with food and drinks. If you're at the festival, be sure to stop by, enjoy some refreshments, and say hello!





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For more information email:

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CWL RETREAT

Friday, Sept. 12 - Sunday Sept. 14.

**Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
Niagara Falls**

Our theme this year is "**God's Amazing Grace**". The cost of the entire weekend (2 nights accommodations plus 6 meals) is \$300, but there are options if you wish to attend a portion of the weekend only.

All women over 18 years are welcome. It is a relaxing, faith-filled weekend in a beautiful setting.

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please call Carol, 905-643-3532. We will need to submit numbers by the first week of September.



**HEARING A CALL TO A VOCATION
TO SERVE THE CHURCH?**

Contact Rev. Mark Morley at:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

COMING SOON

Please look to next weekend's bulletin for information about the canonization of two individuals, Carlos Acutis & Pier Giorgio Frassati.



WHAT DOES THE PRIEST WEAR AT MASS?

When a priest comes to the altar for Mass, he does not put on ordinary clothes. Instead, he wears sacred garments called **vestments**. At first glance, they may seem like just “church clothes,” but in truth, they are full of meaning. Each vestment tells a story, teaches us a truth about Christ, and shows us that the priest stands before us in the person of Christ (*in persona Christi*).

The vestments are not about style or decoration. They are about reminding us that the Mass is not an ordinary event—it is a sacred mystery where heaven and earth meet. The garments of the priest help to make that mystery visible. Let’s take a closer look.

THE AMICE – GOD’S PROTECTION

The first vestment is the **amice**, a simple rectangular piece of cloth placed over the shoulders. It represents the “helmet of salvation” (Ephesians 6:17). When the priest prays as he puts it on, he asks God to protect his mind and heart from distraction and temptation.

In the Middle Ages, priests would pull the **amice** over their heads like a hood before lowering it onto their shoulders. It was a sign that they were stepping away from the world and entering into holy worship. For us, the **amice** reminds us that Mass is not a time for wandering thoughts, but a time to let God guard our hearts and focus us on Him.



THE ALB – THE GARMENT OF THE BAPTIZED

Next comes the **alb**, a long white robe that reaches down to the ankles. Its name comes from the Latin word *albus*, meaning “white.” It symbolizes the purity of Baptism (Revelation 7:14) and recalls the robe Christ wore when He stood before Pilate, His robe of innocence (John 19:5).

In the early Church, those newly baptized would wear a white **alb** for a full week after Easter as a visible sign of their new life in Christ. When we see the priest in his **alb**, we should remember our own baptismal garment—the promise that we, too, have been washed clean in Christ and called to live in holiness.

THE CINCTURE – GIRDED FOR SERVICE

Around his waist, the priest ties a cord called the **cincture**. It symbolizes chastity, self-control, and readiness to serve (Luke 12:35: “Gird your loins and keep your lamps burning”).

In ancient times, people wore long tunics that could slow them down. By tightening a belt, they were “ready for action.” When the priest fastens the cincture, he is reminding himself—and us—that holiness requires discipline, and service requires readiness. The **cincture** tells us: be prepared to live your faith, not just to speak of it.



Deacons Cincture

Priest Cincture

THE STOLE – THE YOKE OF CHRIST

Perhaps the most recognizable vestment is the **stole**: a long strip of cloth worn around the priest's shoulders. It represents both the authority of the priesthood and the “yoke of Christ” (Matthew 11:29–30).

The **stole** is essential to a priest's ministry. He wears it when he celebrates Mass, hears confessions, blesses, and anoints. It is the visible sign that he is acting not for himself but for Christ and His Church. In fact, when a priest is laid to rest at his funeral, a **stole** is placed on his shoulders, along with the rest of his vestments, because his soul continues to share in the eternal priesthood of Christ.



Deacons Stole

Priest Stole



THE CHASUBLE – CLOTHED IN LOVE

Finally, the priest puts on the **chasuble**, the large outer garment that covers everything else. The word **chasuble** comes from the Latin *casula*, meaning “little house.” It symbolizes charity—love—that covers all things (Colossians 3:14: “Above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”).

In the earliest centuries, **chasubles** were so wide and heavy that priests could hardly lift their arms. Over time, the garment was tailored so they could serve more freely. But its message has never changed: love must cover everything we do. Just as the **chasuble** covers the priest's other garments, charity must cover all our actions.

MORE THAN JUST ROBES

The priest's vestments are not costumes or decoration. **They are theology made visible.** Each piece proclaims something about Christ:

- **The Amice** – Christ protects.
- **The Alb** – Christ purifies.
- **The Cincture** – Christ strengthens.
- **The Stole** – Christ leads.
- **The Chasuble** – Christ loves.

When we look at the priest at the altar, clothed in these vestments, we should remember that he is not simply “Fr. John” or “Fr. Mark.” He is standing *in persona Christi*—in the very person of Christ. At the altar, it is Christ Himself, the eternal High Priest (Hebrews 4:14–15), who offers the sacrifice.

And so, the vestments are not just “what the priest wears.” They are a reminder that in the Mass, heaven touches earth, and Christ Himself acts among us.

NOVENA TO MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Start Date: August 27
Feast Date: September 5

Dear Mother Teresa, when Jesus said on the Cross—I thirst—you understood that more than physical thirst, He was thirsting for our love, for the love of every soul He redeemed. You gave your life in the service of Christ, so that every soul you touched would respond to the love of Jesus and quench His thirst.

I ask that you pray for me and obtain from the Heart of Jesus (mention your request here...)

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, help me to let Jesus possess my whole being completely, as you did, so that I too may radiate His light and love to others.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be

Amen.

St Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!



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