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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!

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: 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
Fr. Pawel Stankiewicz	Associate
Rev. Mr. Gian Girolami	Deacon
Mr. John Obinna Emelle	Seminarian
Mr. Stefano De Feo	Administrator
Ms. Wes Moga	Youth Minister
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OFFICE HOURS

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30 & 31, 2025

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Our Lady of Peace	(905) 523-2330

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. John Henry Newman	(905) 523-2314
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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 + Piotr Labedzki	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - Special Intentions of Flora	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 + All Souls in Purgatory	7:00PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 + Mike Pala	8:00AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 + Vittorio & Gilda Petrella	8:00AM

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 + Luigi & Maria Agostini + Carmine Colalillo + Aleksandra Luchak + Lucia Ottaviano + Michael & Zenko Litniansky + Laura Soares + Rocco Lemmo + Julieta Vieira + Riccardo Palmieri + Splendora & Michelangelo Di Marco + Mario Marcoccia + Maria Rosa Bonadio - Special Healing for Joseph Joun - Special Intentions for Angelo & Anna Trombetta - In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered	5:30PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - Special Intentions for Carol & Ugo Pin	9:00AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - Mass for the Parishioners	11:00AM

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

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	\$ 6,380.00
Loose Collection	\$ 537.30
Online Donations	\$ 1,473.88
Total Collection	\$ 8,391.18

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 30 & 31, 2025

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18; Psalm 96.1+3, 4-5, 11-12, 13;
Luke 4.16-30

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1 Thessalonians 5.1-6, 9-11; Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14;
Luke 4.31-37

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3—FEAST OF ST. GREGORY

Colossians 1.1-8; Psalm 52.8, 9;
Luke 4.38-44

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Colossians 1.9-14; Psalm 98.2-4, 5-6;
Luke 5.1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Colossians 1.15-20; Psalm 100.1-2, 3, 4, 5;
Luke 5.33-39

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Colossians 1.21-23; Psalm 54.1-2, 4+6;
Luke 6.1-5

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Wisdom 9.13-18; Psalm 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17;
Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14.25-33

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 2nd	8:00 am - Mass
Wednesday - 3rd	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - KofC General Meeting
Thursday - 4th	8:00 am - Mass 7:30 pm - KofC 4th Degree
Friday - 5th	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 6th	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 7th	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Tuesday	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wednesday	Our Parish Community
Thursday	Rev. Michael Anderson
Friday	Rev. Patrick Ohl
Saturday	Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel, S.J.

PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI



Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) was a young man from Turin, Italy, whose deep faith and vibrant personality touched countless lives. Born into an aristocratic family, he grew up with a strong prayer life, nurtured by his mother's teaching of Scripture. From a young age, he developed a

personal relationship with God and a special love for the poor, giving away his allowance, clothes, and even train fare to those in need. At 17, he joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and committed himself to serving the sick and marginalized, often visiting Turin's slums with food, medicine, and encouragement.

Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized a saint of the Catholic Church on September 7, 2025.

FAREWELL TO FR. PAWEL

As we bid farewell to our Associate Priest Fr. Pawel, we want to express our sincere thanks for his dedication and service. His hard work and commitment to our community have been greatly appreciated. Though his time with us was brief, his contributions have made a wonderful impact. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors and thank him for his efforts and devotion during his time here. May he continue to succeed in all his future undertakings.



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order tickets-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.

PRAYER FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

*God of wisdom and love,
we thank You for the gift
of a new school year.*

*Bless our students, teachers,
staff, and families.*

*Grant them patience in challenges,
joy in learning,
and kindness in their words and actions.*

*Guide them to grow in knowledge
and in faith,
so that all they do may give glory to You.*

Amen.

RECOGNIZING SPIRITUAL ATTACKS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Spiritual warfare is real. Yet many Catholics remain unaware of the subtle ways the enemy works against us. When we think of spiritual attack, our minds often jump to dramatic possessions or exorcisms. But the truth is that most attacks are far more ordinary, quiet, and hidden—making them much easier to overlook in our daily lives.



The devil rarely shows his hand openly. Instead, he works through discouragement, confusion, distraction, temptation, and even weariness of soul. These small cracks, if ignored, can grow into greater struggles that distance us from prayer, the Sacraments, and trust in God. Recognizing the signs is not about fear, but about vigilance—remaining awake to the reality that our spiritual life is constantly under pressure.

Here are some common, yet often unnoticed, signs of spiritual attack that Catholics should learn to recognize—and resist through prayer, the Sacraments, and confidence in God's grace.

1. SUDDEN AND UNEXPLAINED FEAR OR ANXIETY

While natural fear and worry are part of human life, sometimes sudden and paralyzing anxiety can be spiritual in nature. The devil delights in stealing peace, because fear weakens faith and makes us doubt God's providence.

2. UNUSUAL TEMPTATIONS AND PERSISTENT SIN

Spiritual attack often shows up as unusually strong temptations or struggles with sins you thought you had already overcome. The devil studies our weaknesses and targets them relentlessly.

3. DISTRACTION IN PRAYER

Have you ever noticed that as soon as you start to pray, your mind fills with noise, fatigue, or endless to-do lists? While some distractions are natural, persistent and oppressive distractions in prayer may be a sign of attack meant to keep you from intimacy with God.

4. DISCORD IN RELATIONSHIPS

The devil loves to divide. When small misunderstandings with family, friends, or fellow parishioners suddenly escalate into anger and bitterness, it may be more than human weakness—it may be the enemy sowing division.

5. UNEXPLAINED FATIGUE OR OPPRESSION

Sometimes spiritual attack manifests as a heavy spiritual “weight” or exhaustion with no physical explanation. It often happens when someone is growing in holiness or engaging in ministry.

6. AVERSION TO HOLY THINGS

If you suddenly feel resistance or even disgust toward prayer, Mass, confession, or holy objects like the crucifix or Rosary, it can be a sign of spiritual harassment. The enemy does not want you near the sources of grace.

7. STRANGE OBSTACLES TO GOOD WORKS

Have you noticed that every time you try to go to confession, pray more, or deepen your faith, unusual obstacles arise? Repeated disruptions or blockages may indicate spiritual resistance.

HOW TO RESPOND

The good news is that Christ has already won the victory. When you suspect spiritual attack:

- Stay rooted in prayer, especially the Rosary.
- Receive the sacraments frequently.
- Use sacramentals such as holy water, the crucifix, and the St. Benedict medal.
- Call on St. Michael the Archangel for protection.
“St. Michael, defend, be my guide to the end.”
OR
“St. Michael, defend me, protect me, set me free.”
- Seek help from a priest if attacks become severe.



CONCLUSION

Spiritual attacks are often subtle, but they can be recognized. The enemy’s goal is to steal your peace, weaken your faith, and isolate you from God. But through prayer, the sacraments, and trust in Christ, you can resist and stand firm.

REMEMBER: “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS

On Sunday, September 7, Pope Leo will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first saint of the 21st Century! Carlo passed away in 2006 at the age of 15. He was a “normal” teenager living in modern times who loved soccer, video games, and computers, but Jesus above all. Come discover his story, learn from his legacy, and let him encourage you in living out your own call to sainthood!

This overnight retreat will feature:

- breakfast, lunch, and snacks
- games, including a Mario Kart competition and scavenger hunt (Carlo's favourites)
- time for conversation, reflection, and prayer
- a special night-time Mass
- the viewing of Carlo's canonization

To sign up, please complete and submit the online registration form.

When: Saturday, September 6 (7:00pm)
– Sunday, September 7 (2:00pm)

Where: Parish Centre
(304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek)

Age: Grades 8 – 12

Cost: \$25/student



Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 3

- To complete your registration, please drop off your payment (cash or a cheque made out to “St. Francis Xavier Parish”) at the parish office (304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek).
- The mail slot in the office door can be used before or after hours.

****Please note that space is limited and spots may fill up before the deadline****

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