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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

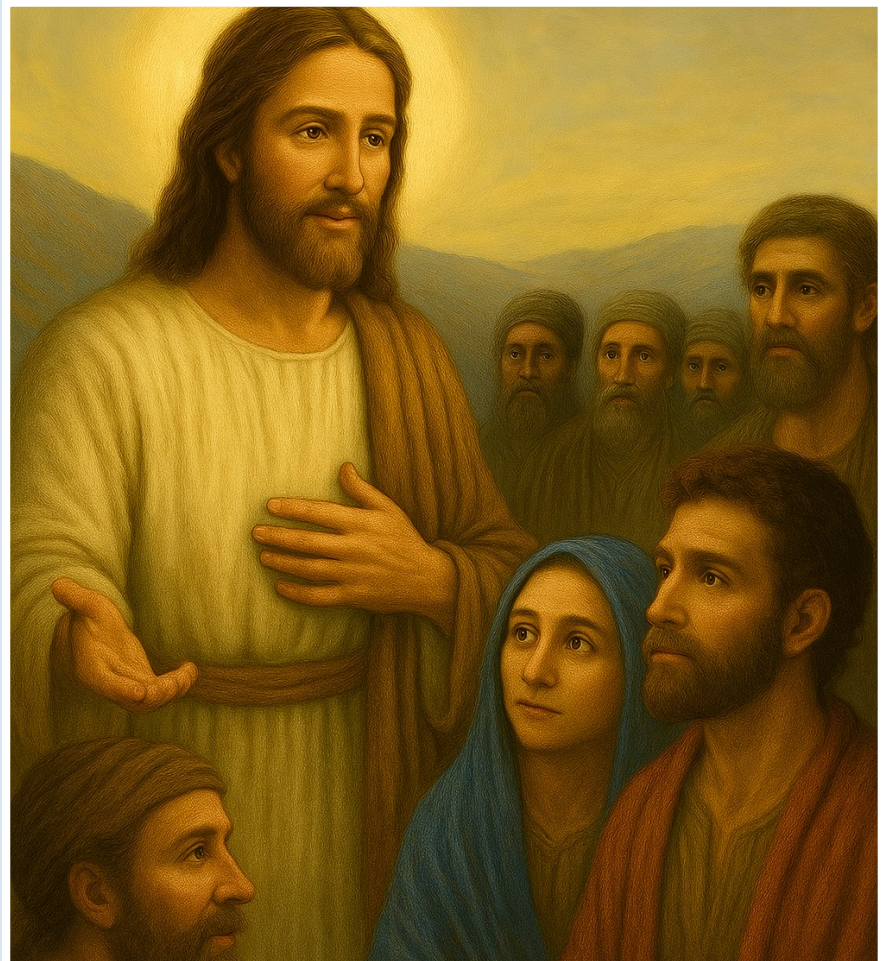
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
**Or by appointment*

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Ross Campbell	Pastor
Fr. Moices Caballero	Associate
Rev. Mr. Gian Girolami	Deacon
Mr. John Obinna Emelle	Seminarian
Mr. Stefano De Feo	Administrator
Ms. Wes Moga	Youth Minister
Mrs. Jean Goobie	Bookkeeper
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OFFICE HOURS

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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6 & 7, 2025

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Francis Xavier(905) 523-2333
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Our Lady of Peace(905) 523-2330

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. John Henry Newman (905) 523-2314

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 + Mario Angelini	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 + Gaetano Candeloro	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 + Ronald MacEachern + Guido De Luca + Francesco Gagliano-Pisa + Mary-Jane Gagliano + Angela Assettino - Special Intentions for Carol & Ugo Pin	7:00PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 + Giuseppe Giacoboni	8:00AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 + Alberto & Maria Capretta	8:00AM

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 + Luciano Quarin + Aleksandra Luchak + Joe Varrasso + Giuseppina Fuca + Kimberly Marino + Vincenzo & Maria Cocco + Assunta Capellone + Franco & Felicia Paladino + Avio Diletti + Martin Thien Phu Nguyen + Ralph Guarino + Milanino & Virginia Russo + Romeo & Maria DiLegge + Amleto & Fulvia Saliccioli + John Kovach + Angela Assettino + Silvano & Rosa Zanon + Christine Pinelli + Giuseppe Profetto	5:30PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 + Domenico Villella	9:00AM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - 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	\$ 5,437.25
Loose Collection	\$ 904.10
Online Donations	\$ 1,656.98
Total Collection	\$ 7,998.33

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.

SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2025

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8—NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Romans 8.28-30; Psalm 13.5, 6;
Mathew 1.1-16, 18-23

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Colossians 2.6-15; Psalm 145.1-2, 8-9, 10-11;
Luke 6.12-19

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Colossians 3.1-11; Psalm 145.2-3, 10-11, 12-13;
Luke 6.20-26

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
Colossians 3.12-17; Psalm 150.1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Luke 6.27-38

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 11;
Luke 6.39-42

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13—FEAST OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
1 Timothy 1.15-17; Psalm 113.1-2, 3-4, 5+6-7;
Luke 6.43-49

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14—EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 78.1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38;
Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17



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Friday October 3rd, 2025

@ St. Naum's Banquet Hall

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order tickets-email:**

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word returns at the 11:00am
Mass on Sunday, September 21, 2025!

Open to children in JK–Grade 4, this program helps
them understand the Scriptures in a way that speaks to
their age and faith journey. Younger children (pre-JK)
should be accompanied by a parent. Volunteers—
Grade 8 students and up—are welcome to join our
team.

For details, please contact Wes at the parish office.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 9th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
Wednesday - 10th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass
Thursday - 11th	8:00 am - Mass
Friday - 12th	~OFFICE CLOSED~ 8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 13th	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 14th	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	Rev. David Perrin
Wednesday	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thursday	Catholic Teachers
Friday	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Saturday	Rev. Matthew Durham

WELCOME FATHER MOICES

Fr. Moices was born in Barranquilla, Colombia. He obtained a degree in Philosophy from the University of Atlántico in Barranquilla and a degree in Theology from the Pontifical Javeriana University in Bogotá. He was a member of the Salesian Congregation for ten years, where he discovered and nurtured a deep love for serving young people, education, and catechesis. After a period of discernment, he clearly recognized the call to live his vocation within the diocesan clergy. In 2023, he joined the Diocese of Hamilton, beginning a new chapter of pastoral service. He was ordained a Deacon in June 2024 and a Priest in May 2025.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

PARISH CENTRE

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PARISH NEEDS

FRI. NOV. 14, 2025
9:00AM - 7:00PM

SAT. NOV. 15, 2025
9:00AM - 2:00PM

VISIT SANTA FROM 9:15AM - 2:00PM



**BAKED GOODS, FOOD, GIFTS,
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RAFFLE, PENNY SALE, CURIOSITY
TABLE, CHRISTMAS CORNER, BOOK
TABLE & CHILDRENS AREA**



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PARISHIONERS**



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STUDY**

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT 905-662-8593



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR?

CONSIDER MAKING A MONETARY DONATION



A SPECIAL ENVELOPE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS.
ENVELOPES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR
PUT IN WITH THE COLLECTION AT WEEKEND MASSES.

THE PARISH IS SEEKING DONATIONS:

FOR OUR PENNY SALE:



- NEW KITCHEN ITEMS / HOUSEWARES / SMALL APPLIANCES
- NEW CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- NEW CHILDREN'S TOYS
- NEW PREARRANGED BASKETS OR ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS
- NEW GOURMET FOOD ITEMS (E.G. JAMS OR PASTAS)

FOR OUR LARGE RAFFLE:



- GIFT CERTIFICATES OR GIFT CARDS
- TELEVISION / BBQ OR OTHER NEW ITEMS
- ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS / BEER / WINE TO FILL OUR SPECIAL SANTA SLEIGH RAFFLE PRIZE

FOR OUR CURIOSITY TABLE:



- CHRISTMAS ITEMS
- GENTLY USED ITEMS
- NEW/GENTLY USED COSTUME JEWELRY
- BOOKS - COOKBOOKS, NOVELS & CHILDREN'S BOOKS


NO CLOTHING PLEASE

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATED ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR BEFORE/AFTER WEEKEND MASSES IN THE NARTHEX.

THE LAST DAY TO DROP-OFF DONATED ITEMS OR MONETARY DONATIONS WILL BE TUESDAY, NOV. 4TH.

FRESHLY BAKED GOODS CAN BE DELIVERED ON:



- THURSDAY, NOV. 13TH FROM 9AM - 4PM (PARISH OFFICE)
 - FRIDAY, NOV. 14TH UNTIL 7PM (PARISH CENTRE)
 - SATURDAY, NOV. 15TH UNTIL 12PM (NOON) (PARISH CENTRE)
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NEW TO THE BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM THIS SEASON!!!

Join us on a spiritual pilgrimage that will transform the way you understand Catholic teachings and live the Catholic Faith!



The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is the **definitive summary of our Catholic beliefs and practices**. Drawing from the riches of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, it highlights how our faith is rooted in the teachings of Christ and his apostles. **The *Catechism* is an essential book for every Catholic to read and understand.**

This dynamic, **video-based program** is filmed **across 40 locations in 11 countries on 4 continents**—taking you to the places where our **faith was explained** and clarified by Church councils, the Church doctors, and the saints.

Led by renowned educators such as **Dr. Edward Sri, Jeff Cavins, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Fr. Mike Schmitz**, and others, this comprehensive study **walks you through the *Catechism* from beginning to end**, unpacking its rich insights and showing you how to apply them to your daily life. When: Thursday evenings – 20 sessions over 4-blocks of study beginning September 25th:

1st block:	Sept 25 th ,	Oct 2 nd ,	Oct 9 th ,	Oct 16 th ,	Oct 23 rd
2nd block:	Nov 6 th ,	Nov 20 th ,	Nov 27 th ,	Dec 4 th ,	Dec 11 th
3rd block:	Jan 8 th ,	Jan 15 th ,	Jan 22 nd ,	Jan 29 th ,	Feb 5 th .
4th block:	Feb 19 th ,	Feb 26 th ,	Mar 5 th ,	Mar 12 th ,	Mar 19 th

Time: 7:00pm – approx. 8:30pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Chapel Hall

Cost: \$40 for the workbook

To register for this Study or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Marianne at BiblestudySFX@gmail.com; or by phone 905-870-6554. To help determine numbers, if possible, **please register by Wednesday, September 24, 2025, but its never to late to join us on this beautiful spiritual pilgrimage!!**

Join us and bring a friend; everyone is welcome!!

RETROUVAILLE OCTOBER 17-19, 2025

Retrouvaille is the best kept secret for helping marriages. Tens of thousands of struggling couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems through Retrouvaille. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: 1013r@helpourmarriage.org or to register visit www.retrouvaille.org.

CARD CLUB

Card Club will be returning on **Tuesday September 9th** in the Parish Centre.

Hope you all had a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again!

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IS OFFERING A

COOKING DEMONSTRATION CLASS

ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

The class will present cost effective, easy recipes and tips. Everyone will enjoy **sample tastings** at the end of the evening. We will also have a cost breakdown for the meal. Copies of all the recipes will be available to take home.

Our First Cooking Demonstration is:

When: Wednesday, September 24

Where: In the Parish Centre

Start Time: 7:30pm following the evening Mass

Length of Event: 1½ - 2 hours

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Please register and pay at the office by:
Friday, September 19th as seating is limited.
304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek
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Menu for the evening

- Penne Pasta with tomato sauce made with vegetables and ground beef
- Salad with cucumber and tomatoes and an oil and vinegar dressing
- Homemade crusty Italian bread
- Seasonal fruit platter

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT



FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



St. Francis Xavier Church
304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek
Sunday, September 28, 2025
Free Admission



PROGRAM

11 am

Holy Mass

12 pm

Procession accompanied by
The Italo-Canadian Band

1:00pm

Food Extravaganza:
Porchetta, Pizza and Drinks

1:30-3:30 pm

Concert and Entertainment Featuring:

- ❖ *Sons of Italy Choir*
- ❖ *Vince Paparo*
- ❖ *Special Guest: Claudio Santaluce*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOW TO SPIRITUALLY ARMOR YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE SCHOOL

Each morning, as you pack lunches, check backpacks, and hustle to get out the door, you prepare your children for the physical challenges of the day. But how often do you stop to prepare them for the spiritual battles they will face at school?

As a Catholic parent, you must remember: your children are targets in a world that often opposes their innocence, faith, and purity. That's why it's crucial to send them out not just with shoes and books—but with the **ARMOR OF GOD**.



Here's how to **spiritually armor** your children before school:

1. BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

The simplest and most powerful way to begin is: *"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* This ancient gesture calls upon the Holy Trinity and reminds your child that they are marked by Christ and never alone.

2. PRAY WITH THEM—OUT LOUD

Don't skip morning prayer. Even just a short, heartfelt prayer like: *"Lord Jesus, walk with my child today. Keep them safe, pure, kind, and strong. Send Your angels to guard them, and may they always know You are near. Amen."* Hearing your voice call on God's protection will anchor their day with spiritual confidence.

3. BLESS THEM WITH HOLY WATER

Keep a small bottle of holy water by the door. Make the Sign of the Cross on their forehead as they leave, saying: *"May the Precious Blood of Jesus cover you and protect you today."* This is more than symbolic. It is a sacramental—a real way the Church allows grace to flow.

4. GIVE THEM A SACRAMENTAL TO WEAR OR CARRY

Equip them with spiritual weapons: *A small crucifix or Saint medal. A blessed rosary in their backpack. A scapular worn under their clothing.* These items are not good luck charms. They are visible reminders of their identity in Christ and of the prayers surrounding them.

5. TEACH THEM SHORT SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

Give your child a few phrases they can say during the day when afraid, tempted, or lonely:

"Jesus, I trust in You."

"Come, Holy Spirit."

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend me."

These words are powerful. They invite divine help instantly.

6. ENCOURAGE KINDNESS AND COURAGE

Tell them: *"Be a light. Be kind. Be strong. Stand up for what's right, even if you're the only one."* Plant the seed of Catholic virtue in their heart—and water it daily.

7. PRAY FOR THEM THROUGHOUT THE DAY

While they're at school, continue to pray: *"Mother Mary, wrap your mantle around my child. Keep them safe in body, mind, and soul."* Remember: You're Not Sending Them Alone.

When your child walks into that school building, they're not alone. They carry the prayers of their family, the grace of the sacraments, and the power of God's presence. By **spiritually arming** them each morning, you're doing something that no worldly preparation can replace. You're shaping their heart for heaven, even as they walk the halls of earth.

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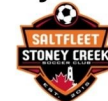
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