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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

#### OFFICE HOURS

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



### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD/EPIPHANY

December 31, 2025 & January 1, 2026/  
January 3 & 4, 2026

#### PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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

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

# MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD/EPIPHANY

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 6</b> + All Souls in Purgatory	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7</b> + Emma & Valentino Andreatta & Family	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7</b> + Angelo Giglia + Janina Kucemba	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 8</b> + Christina Murray	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 9</b> + Wasyl & Melanie Mroczkowski	<b>8:00AM</b>

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 10</b> + Michael Blanche + Joe Varrasso + Cecile Amorosi + Gaetano Marini + Frank & Elmyra Cserni + Louie Del Fiacco + Zuzanna Iodlovski + Joseph Joun + Carmine Colalillo + Giuseppe Di Carlo + Giuseppina Fuca + Tom Mesic Sr. + Angelo Pettorossi - Special Intention for Andrea Jacob	<b>5:30PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 11</b> + Thomas & Doris Goodwin	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 11</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

## 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

**DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, WE WILL PUBLISH THE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS NEXT WEEKEND**

**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.

# DECEMBER 31 & JANUARY 1, 2026/JANUARY 3 & 4, 2026

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

1 Jhon 3.22—4.6; Psalm 2.7-8, 10-11;  
Matthew 4.12-17m 23-25

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

1 John 4.7-10; Psalm 72.1-2, 3-4, 7-8;  
Mark 6.34-44

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7—ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

1 John 4.11-18; Psalm 72.1-2, 10-11, 12-13;  
Mark 6.45-52

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

1 John 4.19—5.4; Psalm 72.1-2, 14-15, 17;  
Luke 4.14-22

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

1 John 5.5-13; Psalm 147.12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Luke 5.12-16

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

1 John 5.14-21; Psalm 149.1-2, 3-4, 5-6+9;  
John 3.22-30

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11—THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29.1-2, 3-4, 3+9+10;  
Acts 10.34-38; Matthew 3.13-17

## THANK YOU

Fr. Ross, Fr. Moices, Deacon Gian, and the entire staff sincerely thank the many parishioners and friends of the St. Francis community for their thoughtful cards and generous gifts during the Christmas season. May God bless you and keep you safe throughout 2026.

## OFFICE CLOSED

The office will **REOPEN:**  
**Tuesday, January 6 at 9:00am**

*Happy New Year!*

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

<b>Tuesday - 6th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
<b>Wednesday - 7th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - KofC General Meeting
<b>Thursday - 8th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Bible Study 7:00 pm - KofC 4th Degree
<b>Friday - 9th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
<b>Saturday - 10th</b>	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
<b>Sunday - 11th</b>	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Mark Morley
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
<b>Wednesday</b>	Diocesan Priests
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
<b>Saturday</b>	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.

## 2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

Donation Envelope Boxes are still available for pick up in the Parish Centre Entrance. Anyone using pre-authorized debit is asked to please contact the office to ensure that their information is current and accurate.

Please, for the first few weeks, write out your name and address on the envelopes. As well as please recycle your 2025 envelopes.



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

Contact Rev. Mark Morley at:

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

## CHALKING OF THE DOORS

The point of the Epiphany blessing over your door is exactly what you might think it is: to bless your house and everyone who enters it. It's a centuries-old tradition that started shortly around the end of the middle ages. Priests would traditionally visit the members of their parish after the Feast of the Epiphany and bless their homes. As parishes grew, the responsibility was transferred over to household members.

The Epiphany blessing is a simple blessing written on your door as follows:

the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the new year.

So, today, it would look like this:

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

The C M B serves two meanings:

1. The initials of the wise men.
2. The first letters of the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless the house).

### WHAT DO I DO / SAY?

Make the sign of the cross and sprinkle some holy water on the door (if holy water is available). Then, recite a simple prayer like this:

Loving God, bless this household and all who enter. May we, and they, be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and seek to do Your will. We ask this through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**Note:**

**Chalk will be blessed and available after all masses this weekend**

## CARD CLUB

Please note that the Card Club will be meeting up again starting **Tuesday, January 6th at 7pm.**



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THANK-YOU!!

A big thank-you to the students and volunteers who have so generously shared the gifts of their time and talents over the past few weeks to bring this year's Christmas pageant to life! Your contributions and efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you as well to the families of our participants for your time, encouragement and support.

Student actors and readers: Luna B., Liana B., Matteo C., Charlotte C., Briella D., Matteo D., Julia D., Sarah F., Alexia G., Everly J., Isla J., Isabel J., Jennifer J., Loic K., Paul K., Joshua L., Julia M., Olivia M., Gabi M., Stella M., Austin P., Kinsley T.

Volunteers: Corrina C., Nancy C., Giuliano D., Karina E., Virginia L., Victoria P., Adalynn R., Nameesha S., Tami S.

## JESSE TREE

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** for all your support with this year's Society of St. Vincent de Paul Jesse Tree. Because of your amazing generosity, we are sure that your gifts have made a difference in the lives of people at Regina's Place, Good Shepherd seniors, young adults, families and their Homes Program, Catholic Children's Aid, St. Lawrence and St. Patrick Schools, as well as two of our local schools. The response was overwhelming.

*Thank you for helping us serve in hope.*

## FOOD DRIVE

**The Knights of Columbus Council 7969**

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for their generosity during this year's Food Drive. The response was overwhelming and your kindness will help to feed many families over the coming months.

# NOVENA TO INFANT OF PRAGUE

Start Date: January 5  
Feast Day: January 14

O Jesus, who has said ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you, through the intercession of Mary, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek and I ask that my prayer may be granted.

*(Share your request...)*

O Jesus, who has said all that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you, through the intercession of Mary, Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Your Father in Thy Name, that my prayer be granted.

*(Repeat your request...)*

O Jesus, who has said, “Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass”, through the intercession of Mary, Your Most Holy Mother, I place my confidence in You that my prayer will be granted.

*(Repeat your request...)*

Divine Infant Jesus, I know You love me and would never leave me. I thank You for Your close Presence in my life. Miraculous Infant, I believe in Your promise of peace, blessings, and freedom from want. I place every need and care in Your hands.

Lord Jesus, may I always trust in Your generous mercy and love. I want to honor and praise You, now and forever. Amen.

Infant of Prague, have mercy on us.



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