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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*



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10 & 11, 2026

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Francis Xavier(905) 523-2333
St. Martin of Tours(905) 523-2334
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St. Clare of Assisi(905) 523-2344
Our Lady of Peace(905) 523-2330

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. John Henry Newman (905) 523-2314

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 + Giuseppe Giacoboni	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 + Gianfranco Reia	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 + Christina Murray + Joseph Joun - Special Intentions for the Bates Family - Special Intentions for Angelo Kovac - Special Intentions for the Kovac Family	7:00PM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 + Antonia Munisteri	8:00AM
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 + All Souls in Purgatory	8:00AM

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 + Domenico Villella + Saverio Raniero & Family + Gianbattista & Concetta Ferrelli + Lino Losani + Deceased Members of the Barbera Family + Angelo Giglia + Zuzanna Iodlovski + Giuseppina Silvestro + Domenica Pagliari + Giovanni Lepore + Patrick Coward + Osvaldo DiBacco + Harrie Snooren + Joseph Joun + Adriana & Valentino De Bellis	5:30PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 + Rosa & Alvise Beraldo	9:00AM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 - 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

Christmas	\$ 16,884.00
Weekend (27/28)	\$ 13,707.20
New Years	\$ 3,289.00
Weekend (3/4)	\$ 5,797.90
Online Donations	\$ 4,089.84
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 43,767.94

Thank You!

JANUARY 10 & 11, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 12—ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS
1 Samuel 1.1-8; Psalm 116.12-13, 14+17m 18-19;
Marl 1.14-20

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13
1 Samuel 1.9-20; 1 Samuel 2.1, 4-5, 6-7, 8;
Mark 1.21-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
1 Samuel 3.1-10, 19-20; Psalm 40.1+4, 6-8, 9;
Mark 1.29-39

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
1 Samuel 4.1-11; Psalm 44.91-, 13-14, 23-24;
Mark 1.40-45

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
1 Samuel 8.4-7, 10-22; Psalm 89.15-16, 17-18;
Mark 2.1-12

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17—ST. ANTHONY
1 Samuel 9.1-4, 17-19; 10.1; Psalm 21.1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mark 2.13-17

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
Isaiah 49.3, 5-6; Psalm 40.1+3, 6, 7-8, 9;
1 Corinthians 1.1-3; John 1.29-34

RELIC DISPLAY

Join **The Annunciation of Our Lord** (280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton) on **Saturday, January 17, 2026**, at **11:00 AM** for a talk on Holy Relics by Fr. Ross Campbell. After the talk, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring over **150 sacred relics of the saints**.

This is a unique opportunity to walk among the saints and spend time in prayer with relics of great spiritual significance, including the Passion Relics: The True Cross, the Crown of Thorns, the Holy Spear, and the Holy Nail of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will also feature a fragment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and St. Joseph's cloak. Don't miss this powerful chance to draw closer to our faith through these holy treasures. The schedule is as follows:

11:00 am: Talk on the Relics by Fr. Ross Campbell

11:15 pm-4:00 pm: Exposition of the Relics

5:00 pm: Mass

6:00 pm-8:30 pm: Exposition of the Relics

Come Join Us!

The Annunciation of Our Lord
280 Limeridge Rd W, Hamilton

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 13th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
Wednesday - 14th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - CWL General Meeting
Thursday - 15th	8:00 am - Mass 6:00 pm - SSVP General Meeting 7:00 pm - Bible Study
Friday - 16th	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 17th	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 18th	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Tuesday	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wednesday	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thursday	Rev. Peter Robinson
Friday	Rev. James Petrie
Saturday	Married Couples

2026 DONATION ENVELOPES

Donation Envelope Boxes are still available for pick up in the Narthex. 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

WHY THE CHURCH IS CONCERNED?

Questions & Answers on Bill C-9

WHAT IS BILL C-9?

Bill C-9 is a federal bill currently being debated in Parliament that proposes changes to Canada's laws dealing with hate speech, hate crimes, and discrimination.

In simple terms:

It seeks to strengthen laws meant to prevent harm, intimidation, or violence against individuals or groups.

DOES THE CHURCH OPPOSE LAWS AGAINST HATE OR VIOLENCE?

NO. The Catholic Church clearly rejects hatred, violence, and discrimination against any person.

Example:

Threats, harassment, vandalism, or calls for harm against a group or individual are morally wrong and should be addressed by the law.

THEN WHY IS THE CHURCH CONCERNED ABOUT BILL C-9?

The concern is not the goal of protecting people, but whether the bill clearly protects freedom of religion and freedom of expression, especially when religious teachings are expressed peacefully and responsibly.

In other words:

The Church is asking whether the law clearly distinguishes harmful hatred from sincere moral or religious teaching, even when that teaching is unpopular.

WHAT DOES “GOOD-FAITH RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION” MEAN?

Good-faith religious expression means:

Speaking, teaching, or preaching sincerely held religious beliefs — without intent to harm, threaten, or incite violence— and with the aim of teaching, forming conscience, or expressing faith.

Examples of good-faith religious expression:

- A priest preaching about Catholic moral teaching during a homily
- A parent explaining Church teaching to their child
- A Catholic school teacher presenting Church doctrine respectfully
- A parish offering catechesis or adult faith formation

Good-faith religious expression is not about attacking people; it is about explaining beliefs.

WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUE WORRIES RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES?

Some proposed changes may reduce or remove long-standing legal language that has helped protect religious discussion made in good faith from being misclassified as hate speech.

Why this Matters:

Without clear protections, people may worry that lawful religious teaching could be misunderstood or challenged simply because someone disagrees with it.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN “DISAGREEMENT” AND “HATE”?

This distinction is very important.

- **Disagreement:** Saying, respectfully, “My faith teaches this, even if others believe differently.”
- **Hate:** Promoting hostility, dehumanization, or harm toward a person or group.

Example:

- **Saying** “The Church teaches X about morality” is disagreement.
- **Saying** “People who believe differently should be harmed or excluded” is hate.

The Church teaches the first and rejects the second.

IS THE CHURCH WORRIED ABOUT PREACHING HATRED?

NO. The Church does not teach hatred or violence. Catholic teaching emphasizes:

- the dignity of every human person,
- charity in speech,
- and respect even in disagreement.

At the same time, the Church cannot abandon moral teaching simply because it is controversial.

WHAT DOES “FREEDOM OF RELIGION” INCLUDE?

Freedom of religion is not only private belief. It includes the ability to:

- teach religious beliefs publicly,
- preach and catechize,
- form consciences,
- and participate in public discussion without fear or coercion.

Example:

A priest should be able to preach Catholic teaching in a church without wondering whether that homily could later be interpreted as unlawful.

COULD THIS AFFECT PRIESTS, TEACHERS, OR PARENTS?

Potentially, **YES.** Example:

- A priest hesitates to address a moral topic in a homily
- A teacher avoids explaining Church teaching in class
- A parent feels unsure about discussing faith at home

Even if no law is ultimately broken, fear and uncertainty alone can discourage speech. This is often called a “chilling effect.”

WHAT DOES “NON-PARTISAN” MEAN?

Non-partisan means: not supporting or opposing any political party or candidate.

The Church does not tell people how to vote or which party to support.

It does speak about moral principles and how laws affect human dignity and religious life.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH ASKING LAWMAKERS TO DO?

The Church is asking that laws:

- clearly distinguish **peaceful belief** from **harmful hatred**,
- explicitly protect **good-faith religious expression**,
- and address real harm without unintentionally restricting religious freedom.

This is about clarity and balance, not privilege.

WHAT CAN PARISHIONERS DO?

Parishioners are encouraged to:

- stay informed,
- pray for wisdom for our leaders,
- and, if they choose, respectfully share concerns with their Member of Parliament.

Engaging thoughtfully, charitably, and peacefully in public life is part of our Christian responsibility.

A FINAL THOUGHT

As Catholics, we are called to speak the truth with charity, to defend human dignity, and to protect freedom of conscience. These values do not compete with one another—they belong together.

HOW TO REACH OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

SIGN A PETITION!

<http://www.conservative.ca/cpc/protect-religious-freedom/>

Everyone who signs that petition will be invited to an upcoming virtual townhall meeting on this topic.

WRITE YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

A Word of Encouragement

Reaching out to your Member of Parliament is a meaningful way to participate in our democracy and to share how legislation affects your faith and conscience. You do not need special expertise—simple, respectful communication matters. Speak in your own words about why freedom of religion and freedom of expression are important to you, and how laws should protect both human dignity and peaceful religious belief. Focus on the issue itself rather than political parties, and write with charity and clarity. Even brief messages, offered thoughtfully, can help elected officials understand the concerns of the people they serve.

Your federal **Member of Parliament** (MP) for Stoney Creek, Ontario (specifically the Hamilton East—Stoney Creek riding) is:

Ned Kuruc (Conservative Party) — Member of Parliament for Hamilton East—Stoney Creek, representing your area in the House of Commons of Canada.

Constituency office contact info:

Address: 103–66 King Street East, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1K2

Phone: 905-662-7205

Email: Ned@NedKurucMP.ca

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

COOKING DEMONSTRATION CLASS

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.

January's Cooking Demonstration is:

When: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Where: In the Parish Centre
Start Time: 7:30pm following the evening Mass
Length of Event: 2 hours
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Please register and pay at the office by:

Friday January 23, 2026 as seating is limited!

304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek
905-662-8593

Menu for the evening:

- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Sautéed Spinach
- Fried Rice Dish
- Peach Crisp

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT



NOVENA TO ST. AGNES

Start Date: January 12

Feast Date: January 21

O glorious St. Agnes, by the living faith which animated thee from thy tender years and rendered thee so pleasing to God that thou didst merit a martyr's crown: obtain for us the grace to keep our holy faith pure within us and to profess ourselves Christians in both word and work.

May our open confession of Jesus before men cause Him to bear a favorable witness to us before His eternal Father. O invincible Martyr, St. Agnes, by thy confidence in God's help, when being condemned by the Roman prefect to see the lily of thy purity stained and trampled in the mud, thou didst not despair, still trusting firmly in God.

We beseech thee by thine intercession to obtain for us from Almighty God the forgiveness of our sins and sure confidence that He will bestow upon us life everlasting and the means necessary to merit it. O courageous maiden, St. Agnes most pure, by the burning love with which thy heart was on fire, and which preserved thee from harm in the midst of the flames of passion and of the stake with which the enemies of Christ sought to destroy thee.

Obtain for us from Almighty God that every unclean flame may be extinguished in us and only the fire of Divine Love may burn within us. So that after spending a blameless life in practice of this virtue we may be worthy to have a share in the glory thou didst merit by the purity of thy heart and thy glorious martyrdom.

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Amen.

St. Agnes, virgin and martyr, pray for us.



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Locations: Lower and Upper Stoney Creek
Sherwood Park or Heritage Green Park

Winter Indoor Programs:

United Sports Centre



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