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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

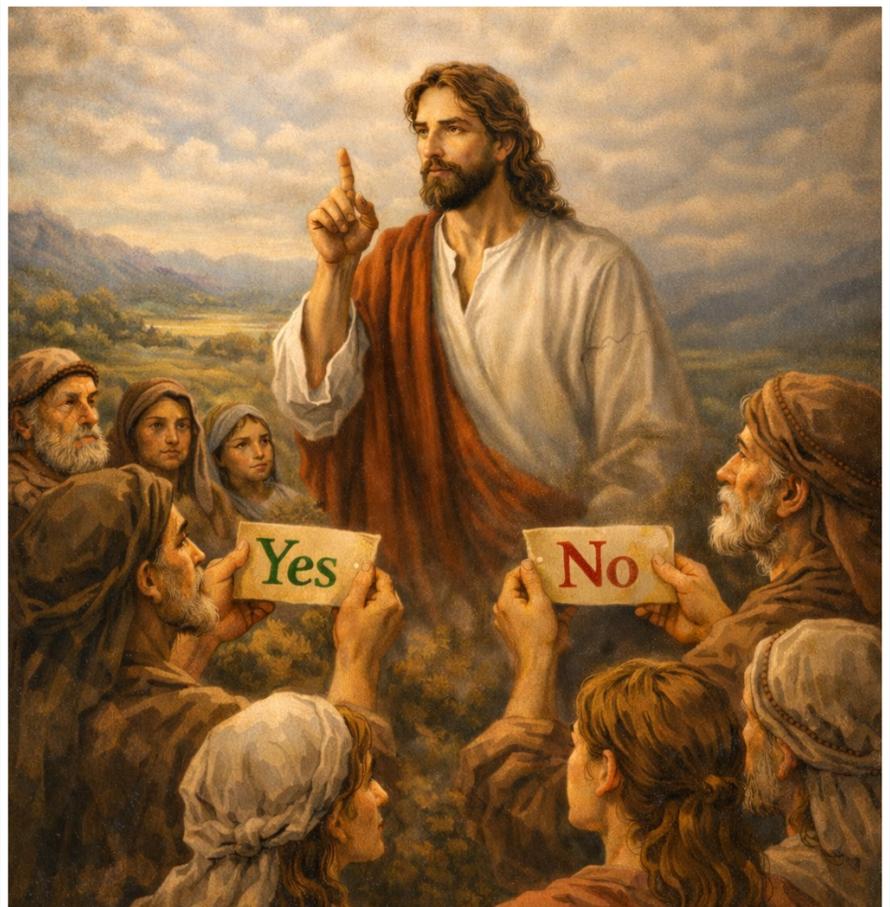
Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*\*Or by appointment*

#### PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Ross Campbell	Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Gian Girolami	Deacon
Mr. John Obinna Emelle	Seminarian
Mr. Stefano De Feo	Administrator
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#### OFFICE HOURS

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



### 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

February 14 & 15, 2026

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# 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17</b> + Deceased Members of the Franz Family	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18</b> (ASH WEDNESDAY) - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18</b> (ASH WEDNESDAY) - Mass for the Parishioners	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19</b> + Sandra Gazzola	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20</b> + Dino Menegazzo	<b>8:00AM</b>

## 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b> + Antonio & Angela Conte + Ireneush Pintera + Wanda Mazur + Deceased Members of the Pettorossi Family + Lino Losani + Liberata Continelli + Splendor & Michelangelo Di Marco + Calogero Meli + Giovanna Monachino + Mary Caravaggio + Domingo Piccolo + Giovannina Bozzo + Rosario Pagliari + Antonio Pagliari + Nick Giuliano + Giovanni & Maria Di Fazio + Armando & Clorinda Pagliari + Godma Blanche Mascarenhas - Special Intentions for Benette Valentine D'Mello	<b>5:30PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b> + Ed Chalupka	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15</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

Envelope Contributions	\$ 6,214.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,067.15
Online Donations	\$ 1,404.80
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$ 8,685.95</b>

**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.

# FEBRUARY 14 & 15, 2026

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

James 1.1-11; Psalm 119.67-68, 71-71, 75-76;  
Mark 8.11-13

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

James 1.12-18; Psalm 94.12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mark 8.14-21

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2.12-18; Psalm 51.1-2, 3-4, 10-11, 12+15;  
2 Corinthians 5.20—6.2; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Psalm 1.1-2, 3, 4-6;  
Luke 9.22-25

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Isaiah 58.1-9; Psalm 51.1-2, 3-4, 16-17;  
Matthew 9.14-15

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Isaiah 58.9-14; Psalm 86.1-4, 5-6;  
Luke 27-32

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25, 3.1-7; Psalm 51.1-2, 3-4, 10-11, 12+15;  
Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11

## 2025 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income Tax Receipts will be available for  
pick up in the Narthex this weekend of:

**FEBRUARY  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

Receipts can also be picked  
up in the office starting on:

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>**



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If you have any questions regarding your  
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by phone: 905-662-8593.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

<b>Tuesday - 17th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
<b>Wednesday - 18th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - KofC Executive
<b>Thursday - 19th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 6:00 pm - SSVP General Meeting 7:00 pm - Bible Study
<b>Friday - 20th</b>	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday - 21st</b>	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
<b>Sunday - 22nd</b>	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Robert Love
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ash Wednesday
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
<b>Saturday</b>	Rev. Mark Gatto

## THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your:  
**25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+**  
**Wedding Anniversary**  
in the year 2026?



If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from  
across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding  
Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at the  
Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30  
pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only -  
those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you  
require assistance).

Registration is now available online at  
[hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).



**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL**

**In Support of Bill C-218:**

***“An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Medical Assistance in Dying)”***

On 20 June 2025, Private Member’s Bill C-218 was introduced in the House of Commons. It proposes to repeal the planned 2027 expansion of the eligibility criteria for “Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD),” which would allow mental illness alone to qualify for euthanasia and assisted suicide.

On numerous occasions, the CCCB has stated its opposition to “MAiD” and explained its reasons, while encouraging and promoting humane and compassionate alternatives that address chronic pain, suffering, and terminal illness. These alternatives include comprehensive and accessible palliative care,<sup>1</sup> as well as better support for persons living with mental illness.<sup>2</sup>

However, as long as Canadian legislation regrettably continues to permit euthanasia, the CCCB will also advocate for measures that prevent even wider and more vulnerable segments of the population from gaining access to it. If passed, Bill C-218 would be a constructive step in this regard, limiting euthanasia and protecting persons with mental illness. Such progress would be consistent with the recommendation of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to rescind Track 2 MAiD by repealing Bill C-7 and to permanently exclude MAiD for persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness.<sup>3</sup>

**The CCCB supports Bill C-218, which seeks to stop “MAiD” for mental illness alone, and encourages the Catholic faithful, in communion with their local Bishop, and all people of goodwill, to express their support for the same. We further call on the government to allow free conscience voting on this matter, given its profound moral and social implications.**

**Human life is a gift** that must be protected and valued at every stage and in every circumstance. As Canada’s Bishops have consistently affirmed, euthanasia and assisted suicide – whether for the sick, the dying, persons with disabilities, or those with mental illness – are always morally unacceptable.<sup>4</sup> These actions disregard the inviolable dignity of every person, fracture family and relational bonds, and weaken our shared social responsibility to protect human life and provide care for the vulnerable and marginalized.

Empirical research, together with the expert judgment of many mental health professionals and

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<sup>1</sup> Joint *Ad Hoc* Committee on Palliative Care, [Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care](#), Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, [Open Letter to the Government of Canada on Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide](#), 9 May 2023, accessed 8 December 2025.

<sup>3</sup> United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, [“Concluding observations on the combined second and third periodic reports of Canada,”](#) CRPD/C/CAN/CO/2-3. 15 April 2025.

<sup>4</sup> Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, [“Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide”](#), accessed 8 December 2025.



suicide prevention organizations, affirms that *it is not possible to determine whether a mental illness is irremediable*.<sup>5</sup> Peer-reviewed studies show that most patients with mental illness have positive long-term outcomes and experience “significant improvement over time,” offering them a horizon for hope and healing.<sup>6</sup>

As Christians, our response to persons living with mental illness should be modelled after the powerful witness of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), who, rather than abandoning his neighbour in need, responded personally with charity, compassion, care, and self-sacrifice, acting as a bearer of God’s love and as a sign of hope.

4 February 2026

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<sup>5</sup> Ontario Psychiatric Association, “[Brief to the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying \(MAID\): Preliminary Results of OPA National Survey on Psychiatrists’ and Psychiatry Residents’ Perspectives on MAID for Mental Disorders as a Sole Underlying Medical Condition \(MD-SUMC\)](#),” 29 January 2024; Society of Canadian Psychiatry, “[Brief on MAID and Mental Illness Expansion](#),” 13 October 2023; Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention, “[Statement About MAiD for Mental Illness](#),” 14 December 2022.

<sup>6</sup> M. Nicolini, et al., “[Irremediability in psychiatric euthanasia: examining the objective standard](#),” *Psychological Medicine*, 2023 Sep;53(12):5729-5747.

## SUMMARY

In its recent statement, the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops expresses clear support for Bill C-218, which seeks to repeal the planned 2027 expansion of MAID to include mental illness as a sole qualifying condition. While consistently opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide in all forms, the Bishops affirm that, as long as such legislation remains in Canada, every effort must be made to limit its scope and protect vulnerable persons—especially those living with mental illness. They emphasize the importance of accessible palliative care, meaningful mental health supports, and the inviolable dignity of every human life. In this moment—much like previous debates such as Bill C-9—we have a duty first to prayer, asking God to guide our elected officials toward decisions that uphold human dignity; and, if we feel called, to respectfully write our local Member of Parliament to voice our concerns. United with our local Bishop and in communion with the Bishops of Canada, we stand firmly for the protection of life and the compassionate care of the vulnerable.

If you feel called to take this step, the following is the contact information for our local Member of Parliament in Stoney Creek, Ontario:

**Ned Kuruc (Conservative)**  
42 King St E,  
Stoney Creek,  
ON L8G 1K1  
[Ned@NedKurucMP.ca](mailto:Ned@NedKurucMP.ca)

Let us continue to pray fervently for wisdom, courage, and reverence for life in all who are entrusted with governance.

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH PAINT NIGHT

Come out and enjoy a fun, relaxed evening of canvas painting as you create your own masterpiece to take home! Guided instructions will be provided by artist Christina P.

No previous painting experience is required.

## Our Paint Evening is:

**When:** Wednesday March 4  
**Where:** Parish Centre  
**Start Time:** 7:30pm following the evening Mass  
**Length:** 2 hours  
**Cost:** \$50.00 per person

*Everything is Provided!*

Please call the office at **905-662-8593** to register  
and pay at the office by:  
**Friday February 27**

Join us for a fun filled evening of painting!  
Refreshments will be provided.



## 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. Copies of all the recipes will be available to take home.

February's Cooking Demonstration is:

**When:** Wednesday, February 25, 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 February 20, 2026 as seating is limited!**  
304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek  
905-662-8593

### **Menu for the evening:**

- Minestrone
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Potato-Cheddar Soup
- Roasted Butternut Squash Soup
- Strawberry Shortcake

\*Sample each of the soups and vote on which one you like the best!

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT**



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to His burial.

## 7 BENEFITS OF PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. It gives us a way to make a spiritual pilgrimage.
2. We can gain a plenary indulgence to shorten our time in Purgatory.
3. Praying the Stations of the Cross helps inspire deep prayer.
4. We can look at suffering from a different perspective.
5. Praying this devotion helps us grow in our love for God.
6. Praying the stations helps us to become holy.
7. We learn to hope in the promise of salvation.

Join us in praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm



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## COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Members of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Francis Xavier are taking part in the Coldest Night of the Year – a wintery, family friendly fundraising walk in support of those who are hungry, hurting and homeless in Hamilton. Funds go to Hamilton's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please consider joining our team or sponsoring one of our walkers. To donate or register visit:  
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