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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. Stefano De Feo	Administrator
Ms. Wes Moga	Youth Minister
Mrs. Jean Goobie	Bookkeeper
Mr. Kieran McIsaac	Custodian

OFFICE HOURS

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



PALM SUNDAY

March 28 & 29, 2026

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Francis Xavier	(905) 523-2333
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St. Agnes	(905) 560-7616
St. Clare of Assisi	(905) 523-2344
Our Lady of Peace	(905) 523-2330

PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. John Henry Newman (905) 523-2314

PALM SUNDAY

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	\$ 6,237.30
Loose Collection	\$ 727.05
Online Donations	\$ 1,693.87
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 8,658.22

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 + Mario Angelini	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 + Elizabetha Re	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 + Angelo & Rosa Trotti + Edmund Kulak - Special Intentions for Jeffrey Toole	7:00PM
THURSDAY, APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY NO MORNING MASS	8:00AM
THURSDAY, APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY - Mass for the Parishioners	7:00PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 NO MORNING MASS	8:00AM
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 Good Friday Service	11:00AM
FRIDAY, APRIL 3 Good Friday Service	3:00PM

EASTER

EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - Mass for the Parishioners	8:00PM
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EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - Mass for the Parishioners	8:00AM
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - Mass for the Parishioners	10:00AM
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SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - Mass for the Parishioners	12:00PM
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MARCH 28 & 29, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Isaiah 42.1-7; Psalm 27.1, 2, 3, 13-15;
John 12.1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 71.1-2, 3, 5-6, 15+17;
John 13.21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Isaiah 50.4-9; Psalm 69.7-9, 20-21, 30+32+33;
Matthew 26.14-26

THURSDAY, APRIL 2—HOLY THURSDAY

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116.12-13, 15+16, 17-18;
1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 3—GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52.13—53.12; Psalm 31: 1+5, 11-12, 14-15, 16+24;
Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9; John 18.1—19.42

SATURDAY, APRIL 4—HOLY SATURDAY

Genesis 1.1—2.2; Psalm 104.1-2, 5-6, 10+12, 13-14, 24+35;
Exodus 14.15-31; 15.20; Isaiah 55.1-11;
Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 28.1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 5—EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10.34, 37-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-18



Charles Dickens plans to read *A Christmas Carol*, but his playful son Walter interrupts while pretending to be King Arthur. Instead of scolding him, Dickens begins telling Walter the greatest story ever told—the story of Jesus. As Walter imagines being part of the journey, he witnesses Jesus' life, miracles, death, and resurrection, and discovers how much Jesus loves us all.

Join us for this beautiful animated film!

DATE: Sunday, March 29
MOVIE TIME: 12:45 PM
(Following the 11:00 AM Mass)
ADMISSION: **FREE**

Pop and chips (\$2 each) will be available for purchase.

*Bring the whole family
and make this Lent memorable!*

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 31st	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
Wednesday - 1st	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass
Thursday - 2nd	8:00 am - NO MORNING MASS 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm—Adoration
Friday - 3rd	8:00 am - NO MORNING MASS 11:00 am - Good Friday Service 3:00 pm - Good Friday Service 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
Saturday - 4th	11:00 am - Food Blessing 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
Sunday - 5th	8:00 am - Easter Sunday Mass 10:00 am - Easter Sunday Mass 12:00 pm - Easter Sunday Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Tuesday	Rev. Gregory Merkley
Wednesday	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	The Passion of the Lord
Saturday	Holy Saturday

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.

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**

PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND ON GOOD FRIDAY

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during our parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 3, 2026.

If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 2, 2026

NO MORNING MASS AT 8:00 AM

7:00 pm Mass - Intentions for the parishioners
8:00 -10:00 pm Adoration

Good Friday - April 3, 2026

11:00 am Good Friday Service
3:00 pm Good Friday Service
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 4, 2026

11:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food

EASTER VIGIL

Holy Saturday - April 4, 2026

8:00 pm Mass - Intentions for the parishioners

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday - April 5, 2025

8:00 am Mass - Intentions for the parishioners
10:00 am Mass - Intentions for the parishioners
12:00 pm Mass - Intentions for the parishioners

HOLY OILS

On Monday, all the priests of the Diocese of Hamilton will gather with the Bishop at the Cathedral to celebrate a special Mass of Chrism during which the holy oils used throughout the year will be blessed.

These sacred oils—**THE OIL OF THE SICK, THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS & THE OIL OF CHRISM**—are essential to the sacramental life of the Church. They will be formally presented and brought forth in our parish at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, reminding us of our unity with the wider Church and the grace poured out through the sacraments.

The **OIL OF THE SICK** is used to anoint and bring healing and strength to those who are ill.

The **OIL OF THE CATECHUMENS** strengthens those who are preparing for Baptism.

The **OIL OF CHRISM** is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders as a sign of consecration and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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! Local artist, Cristina Palermo will provide guided instructions.

No previous painting experience is required.

Our Paint Evening is:

When: Wednesday May 6
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 May 1

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



BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT



Join us for a new Bible Study: **WISDOM – GOD’S VISION FOR LIFE.**

Seek Wisdom and Increase Your Sense of Peace and find God’s Vision for a practical way to live your life.

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. **In this study, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life.** Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible—

Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—Wisdom will **teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.** In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well being. **With this program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life.**

WHEN: Thursday evenings – Nine (9) weeks
Beginning April 09 and concluding on June 04, 2026
TIME: 7:00pm – approx. 8:30pm
WHERE: St. Francis Xavier Chapel Hall
COST: \$28 for the workbook/journal

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, April 08th, but its never to late to join us on this beautiful study.**

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2026



Are You Ready?

2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:35 pm Silent Personal Prayer

3:00 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

3:30 pm Benediction

4:00 pm Sunday Divine Mercy Mass

The Divine Mercy is a powerful devotion in the Catholic Church, emphasizing God's infinite mercy and love for humanity. The devotion highlights the importance of trusting in God's mercy, repenting of sins, and showing mercy to others.

The iconic image of the Divine Mercy shows Jesus with rays of light flowing from His Sacred Heart, symbolizing the mercy that flows to all who seek it. The Divine Mercy Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter, invites believers to reflect on and receive God's abundant mercy.

Resources will be available for pick up in the Narthex!

MEANING BEHIND THE PALMS

The palms symbolize peace and victory! It was a custom during Jesus' time for people to pay homage by laying down palm branches, or even clothes, in front of people who they owed a great amount of respect.

The Gospel of John tells of how Jesus was welcomed into the city mere days before His death: "When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet Him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel'" (John 12:12-13)



Help Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the *MARIAN PRAYER GARDEN* by Giving the Gift of Everlasting Love

Purchase a **brick paver** in honour of someone special! Commemorate a loved one who has passed, celebrate your parents' milestone anniversary or birthday, or preserve your own family name in a place of peace and beauty.

Your brick paver for our **Marian Prayer Garden** does more than leave a legacy — it also supports the ongoing needs of our parish.

- **Cost:** \$85 per 4 x 8 brick paver
- **Engraving:** Up to 3 lines of text
- **Order forms:** Available in the **Narthex** or **Parish Office**
- **SPACE IS LIMITED...**



Help continue to build a legacy for your family and for our parish community. Marian Prayer Garden...a place to pause, reflect, pray, and share stories.

Contact for more information

Email: marianprayergarden@gmail.com OR call the parish office @ 905-662-8593

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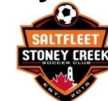
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