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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. Mark Morley	Pastor
Fr. Moices Caballero	Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Gian Girolami	Deacon
Mr. Joshua Osoria-Bote	Seminarian
Mr. Stefano De Feo	Administrative Assistant
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.*



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 15 & 16, 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

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 + Luisa DiDiodato	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 + Linda & John do Rego	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 + Mario Krajcar + Peter Tran & Maria Nguyen + Mina Ciabattoni + Sally Fitzpatrick + Carmela Cino	7:00PM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 + All Souls in Purgatory	8:00AM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 + Wasyl & Melanie Mroczkowski	8:00AM

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 + Jozef Luchak + Carmelo Pettorossi + Deceased Members of the Pettorossi Family + Splendora & Michelangelo Di Marco + Quintino & Argia Corsini + Luisa DiDiodato + Beatrice & Vitamaria Paolino + Donato & Nicola Raccaniello + Bryce Papson + Helen & Frank Polgar + Giuseppe Cremonese + Domenico Iacovino + George Bortolato - Special Intentions for Joe & Trudy Lemmen	5:30PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 + Deceased Members of the Spagnuolo & Medeiros Family	9:00AM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 - Mass for the Parishioners	11:00AM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Over the past couple of weeks I have continued to learn about the activities of the parish as we plan for the Fall. I have met with parish organizations like the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, and the Bazaar Committee. I have also continued to make some progress dealing with water issues in the church and the hall.

In my homily for the Eighteen Sunday of Ordinary Time (the audio recording can be found at the parish Web site) I talked about the need to reach out to our youth and young adults. Out of compassion for our young people, I invited Wes Moga (our Youth Minister), Joshua Osaria-Bote (our Seminarian) and Father Gregory Merkley, the Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, to meet and talk about collaboration in teen ministry. Since youth from both our parishes attend Saint John Henry Newman Catholic Secondary School, we decided to combine our efforts. We also decided that it would be good to offer our youth monthly events that would alternate between the parishes.

Father Greg had already invited some high school students to meet with him and form a leadership team. They are planning to hold a gathering for teens at IHM on Thursday, September 24th. We are now planning to hold a gathering at St.FX on Saturday, October 24th. In the meantime, we are planning to meet with the leadership team and ask them what they would like to see at future events. The idea is that there will be one leadership team for both parishes. It is important that the youth be involved in the planning and take ownership of these events, both for the sake of promotion but also for the sake of subsidiarity, whereby the youth take responsibility for what they are able to do at their level. I'm grateful to Father Greg for his willingness and openness to collaborate in this important ministry.

Please pray for our youth, for the leadership team, and for the fruitfulness of these joint parish events. If you are a young person and would like to get involved, please reach out to me through the parish office. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us.

God bless,
Father Mark

Reprint from August 9

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 6,255.90
Loose Collection	\$ 907.95
Online Donations	\$ 1,626.63
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 8,790.48

Thank You!

AUGUST 15 & 16, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Ezekiel 24.15-24; Deuteronomy 32.18-19, 20, 21;
Matthew 19.16-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Ezekiel 28.1-10; Deuteronomy 32.26-28, 30, 35-36;
Matthew 19.23-30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Ezekiel 34.1-11; Psalm 23.1-4, 5, 6;
Matthew 20.1-16

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20—ST. BERNARD

Ezekiel 36.23-28; Psalm 51.10-11, 12-13, 16-17;
Matthew 22.1-14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21—ST. PIUS X

Ezekiel 37.1-14; Psalm 107.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9'
Matthew 22.34-40

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22—QUEENSHIP OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ezekiel 43.1-7; Psalm 85.8-9, 10-11, 12-13;
Matthew 23.1-12

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Isaiah 22.15, 19-23; Psalm 138.1-3, 6+8;
Romans 11.33-36; Matthew 16.13-20

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 18th	8:00 am - Mass
Wednesday - 19th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass
Thursday - 20th	8:00 am - Mass
Friday - 21st	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 22nd	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 23rd	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Philip Shano, S.J.
Tuesday	Very Rev. Paul Damian Panaretos, S.J.
Wednesday	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thursday	Rev. Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Chr.
Friday	Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu
Saturday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RECIPE

PEACH PIE

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 Tsp nutmeg or cinnamon
- 4 cups sliced peaches
- 3 Tsp minute tapioca (can use flour instead)
- Dash of Salt
- 2 Tsp Butter

Mix all ingredients with peaches. Put in unbaked pie shell. Dot with butter. Fit top crust over top and bake at 400°F for 35 to 40 minutes. Can be left in pie tin, wrapped in tin foil, and frozen. Served with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream if wished.

Just in time for the Peach Festival!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Wes and the youth leaders for their leadership, energy, and heart during our Service Camp. Your dedication inspired our youth to serve joyfully and grow in faith. We are grateful for all the time, care, and prayer you poured into making this week such a blessing.



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

Contact Rev. John Ha at:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

CWL RETREAT WEEKEND “LIVING AS WOMEN OF HOPE” Save the Date!

All women, 18 years or older, are warmly invited to join us for a weekend of faith, friendship, reflection and renewal as we explore what it means to live as women of hope in today's world.

DATE: Friday October 2 – Sunday October 4
LOCATION: Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre
7020 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls
PRICE: 2 nights & 6 meals: \$300 for members, \$320 for non-members

Options are available if you wish to attend a portion of the weekend.

Please contact Carol at 905-643-3532 if you are interested in attending or would like more information.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.” Romans 15:13

MARIAN PRAYER GARDEN

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.

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- **Cost:** \$85 per 4 x 8 brick paver
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Contact for more information

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

FAITH AND FLAVOURS PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

November 3-14, 2026

There are still some spaces available for a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Saints Francis and Clare, Saints Benedict and Scholastica, Saints Peter and Paul, and many more. Additionally this adventure will include wine tasting, pasta making, and enjoying the gastronomy of various parts of Italy.

To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com.

Final numbers are needed in September so register soon.



ADVERTISERS NEEDED

Our bulletin advertising pages are being prepared for the upcoming year beginning August 29/30. We are in the process of reaching out to our current advertisers so watch your mail. If you are not yet an advertiser and would like more information please contact the parish office at (905-662-8593) by **August 18**.

CARD CLUB

Card Club will be returning on Tuesday September 15th in the Parish Centre. Hope you all had a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again!



SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: RCIA AND CATECHISM PROGRAM

Jesus has entrusted the mission of Church to us. It is our responsibility to welcome new members and prepare them to celebrate the sacraments of initiation, namely, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Most of us were baptized as infants. In which case, our initiation into the Catholic faith was spread out over the years of our childhood, with First Communion in Grade Two and Confirmation in Grade Seven or Grade Eight. If you went to a Catholic school, your preparation for these sacraments would have happened mostly during religion classes. If you didn't attend a Catholic school, then you



know that preparation requires attending catechism classes at the parish. Some of us became Catholic as adults, in which case you attended Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), now also known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). These classes and rites culminate with the celebration of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The RCIA is primarily for adults seeking baptism, but sometimes Christians baptized in other denominations will participate in a modified version in order to be received into the Catholic Church.

Children who attend a public school or are home schooled are invited to participate in the Catechism Program, especially if they are in Grade Two and preparing for First Communion, or in Grade Seven and preparing for Confirmation. I also encourage parents of children going into Grade Two and Grade Seven, and those in other grades who missed preparing for sacraments, to contact the parish. We will meet and discuss your child's next step in his or her initiation into the Catholic faith.

For those of you with children enrolled in one of our five Catholic elementary schools, there will be information nights held in the parish on September 22nd for Confirmation and on January 26th for First Communion. Information about this will be sent home with your child. Regardless of whether your child is attending Catholic school, public school or home school, he or she will need to be registered with the parish in order to celebrate First Communion or Confirmation.

Likewise, if you are an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office and I will make an appointment to meet with you. We have an RCIA team that facilitates the classes on Tuesday evenings starting on October 6th. But don't wait until then to reach out to me.

Finally, if you know a parent who isn't practicing the faith but has a child who should be receiving sacramental preparation this year, I ask you to encourage them to contact me. Likewise, if you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, I ask you to encourage them to contact me. In this way, you will be contributing to the mission of the Church to welcome new members.

Fr. Mark Morley



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NOVENA TO ST. MONICA

Start Date: August 18

Feast Date: August 27

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray.

Today we pray for all God's people who have left the Church. May the Holy Spirit open their ears and hearts so they may hear this invitation to come home.

Dear St Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius and your beloved son, Augustine.

Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for (*mention your petition here*).

And grant me the grace to accept his will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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