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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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“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.”

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19 & 20, 2026

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

St. Francis Xavier(905) 523-2333
St. Martin of Tours(905) 523-2334
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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 + Francesco Sepe	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 + Fiorelli Morganti	8:00AM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 + Luisa DiDiodato + Michael Lee & Maria Vu + Francesco Merla + Josie Cassano + Carolina & Antonio Amatucci - Special Intentions for Solomon Onemheghie	7:00PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 + Hilda Daniels	8:00AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 + Lori Petrella	8:00AM

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 + Elvira Gatner + Vincenzo & Maria Coccaro + Joe Garofoli & Family + Darryl Silva + Maria Pettorossi + Barbara Gravina + Giacomo & Grace Zanon + Ralph Guarino + Milanino & Virginia Russo + Romeo & Maria Di Legge + Amleto & Fulvia Salciccioli + John Kovach + All Souls in Purgatory + Mary Gvozdanovic + Delfina Liegghio + Beatrix Volcansek + Remo Pavone + Ronald Frank McDonald + Elisha Elliott & Family + Jose Manuel Cordeiro	5:30PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 + Stefano Fortunato	9:00AM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - Mass for the Parishioners	11:00AM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Mass of Installation and offer prayerful support for my ministry as your Pastor. Whether you were able to attend or not, please continue to pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you.

You may have noticed that there is now a lectern near the ambo. I'm still working on how best to add a microphone to the sound system. Please be patient with the adjustments. More importantly, I want you to know that the ambo is to the Liturgy of the Word as the altar is to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Here's what the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) has to say about the importance of the Ambo: "The dignity of the Word of God requires that in the church there be a suitable place from which it may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word. It is appropriate that generally this place be a stationary ambo and not simply a movable lectern. The ambo must be located in keeping with the design of each church in such a way that the ordained ministers and readers may be clearly seen and heard by the faithful. From the ambo only the readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are to be proclaimed; likewise it may be used for giving the Homily and for announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should stand at it. It is appropriate that before being put into liturgical use a new ambo be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual." (309.)

It follows that we should be treating the ambo with the same respect that we treat the altar. With regards to the announcer/commentator, the GIRM states: "In performing this function the commentator stands in a suitable place within sight of the faithful, but not at the ambo." (105.) Therefore, moving forward, the announcements, including announcements immediately before Mass, will now be made from the lectern.

Finally, take to heart what the GIRM says about listening to the Word of God: "The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy itself teaches the great reverence that is to be shown to this reading by setting it off from the other readings with special marks of honour, by the fact of which minister is appointed to proclaim it and by the blessing or prayer with which he prepares himself; and also by the fact that through their acclamations the faithful acknowledge and confess that Christ is present and is speaking to them and stand as they listen to the reading; and by the mere fact of the marks of reverence that are given to the Book of Gospels." (60.) Listening attentively to the readings disposes us to being open to the Holy Spirit as we receive the Word of God into our hearts through our ears. You may find that closing your eyes helps you to be disposed. I recommend imagining the scene of the Gospel and placing yourself somewhere in the action, especially when listening to Jesus speaking to you from the Gospel.

Father Mark Morley
Pastor

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 5,582.00
Loose Collection	\$ 769.55
Online Donations	\$ 1,636.28
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 7,987.83

Thank You!

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—ST. MATTHEW

Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13; Psalm 19.1-2, 3-4;
Matthew 9.9-13

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Proverbs 21.1-6, 10-13; Psalm 119.1+27, 30+34, 35+44;
Luke 8.19-21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA

Proverbs 30.5-9; Psalm 119.29+72, 89+101, 104+163;
Luke 9.1-6

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Ecclesiastes 1.2-11; Psalm 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17;
Luke 9.7-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Ecclesiastes 3.1-11; Psalm 144.1+2, 3-4, 9+15;
Luke 9.18-22

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26—ST. JEAN DE BREBEUF & ST. ISAAC JOGUES

Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 124.2-3, 4-5, 7-8;
2 Corinthians 4.7-15; Luke 9.23-26

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Ezekiel 18.25-28; Psalm 25.4-5, 6+7, 8-9;
Philippians 2.1-11; Matthew 21.28-32

RETROUVAILLE – OCTOBER 16-18

No matter how much you are hurting, no marriage is beyond hope. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, there is RETROUVAILLE! The best kept secret for helping marriages.

For more information call 905-664-5212 or email: hamilton@helpourmarriage.org.

PRO-LIFE YOUTH EVENT

Hamilton Right to Life is excited to offer its first, quarterly youth event. Come join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 934 Hwy #8 in Stoney Creek on Friday, September 25 from 7 pm – 9 pm. We will provide a safe venue for like-minded students 15 – 22 years old to discuss their pro-life values.

There will be a movie, discussion, socializing and, of course, PIZZA. Register at hamiltonrighttolife.org



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

Contact Rev. John Ha at:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 22nd	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
Wednesday - 23rd	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass
Thursday - 24th	8:00 am - Mass 3:00 pm - Pierogi Dinner
Friday - 25th	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 26th	4:00 pm - Youth Choir Practice 4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 27th	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass (St. Michael's Feast) 12:00 pm - St. Michael's Feast Celebration

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Grayson Hope
Tuesday	Rev. John Schnurr
Wednesday	Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.
Thursday	Rev. William Trusz
Friday	Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
Saturday	Rev. David Perrin

CWL ANNUAL RETREAT

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

Contact Carol at 905-643-3532 if you are still interested in attending.

REMEMBER YOUR PARISH Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember St. Francis Xavier Parish in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

304 HIGHWAY 8 | STONEY CREEK

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

PARISH CENTRE

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS PARISH NEEDS

FRI. NOV. 20, 2026
9:30AM - 7:00PM

SAT. NOV. 21, 2026
9:00AM - 3:00PM

VISIT SANTA ON SATURDAY FROM
9:00AM - 11:00AM
1:00PM - 2:00PM

SUN. NOV. 22, 2026
12:00PM - 2:00PM

ALL RAFFLE DRAWS TO TAKE
PLACE SUNDAY AT 2:25PM



BAKED GOODS, FOOD, GIFTS,
LOCAL VENDORS, 50/50 DRAW,
RAFFLE, PENNY SALE,
CURIOSITY TABLE, CHRISTMAS
CORNER, BOOK TABLE &
CHILDREN'S AREA



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OF
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FOR ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT 905-662-8593



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR PARISH
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR?

CONSIDER MAKING A MONETARY DONATION



A SPECIAL ENVELOPE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS.
ENVELOPES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR
PUT IN WITH THE COLLECTION AT WEEKEND MASSES.

THE PARISH IS SEEKING DONATIONS:

FOR OUR PENNY SALE:



- NEW KITCHEN ITEMS / HOUSEWARES / SMALL APPLIANCES
- NEW CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- NEW CHILDREN'S TOYS
- NEW PREARRANGED BASKETS OR ITEMS FOR GIFT BASKETS
- NEW GOURMET FOOD ITEMS (E.G. JAMS OR PASTAS)

FOR OUR LARGE RAFFLE:



- GIFT CERTIFICATES OR GIFT CARDS
- TELEVISION / BBQ OR OTHER NEW ITEMS
- ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS / BEER / WINE FOR OUR RAFFLE PRIZE

FOR OUR CURIOSITY TABLE:



- CHRISTMAS ITEMS
- GENTLY USED ITEMS
- NEW/GENTLY USED COSTUME JEWELRY
- BOOKS - COOKBOOKS, NOVELS & CHILDREN'S BOOKS

NO CLOTHING PLEASE

**PLEASE BRING ALL DONATED ITEMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE
HOURS OR BEFORE/AFTER WEEKEND MASSES IN THE NARTHEX.
THE LAST DAY TO DROP-OFF DONATED ITEMS OR MONETARY DONATIONS WILL
BE TUESDAY, NOV. 10TH.**

FRESHLY BAKED GOODS CAN BE DELIVERED ON:



- THURSDAY, NOV. 19TH FROM 9AM - 4PM (PARISH OFFICE)
- FRIDAY, NOV. 20TH UNTIL 7PM (PARISH CENTRE)
- SATURDAY, NOV. 21ST UNTIL 12PM (NOON) (PARISH CENTRE)





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 7969**

**PIEROGI DINNER
TAKE OUT ONLY**

Thursday, September 24, 2026
3:00 P.M. To 6:00 P.M.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Centre
304 Highway 8, Stoney Creek

Come & Enjoy a Great Pierogi Dinner!

Adults: \$15 Children
(8 & Under): \$10



**Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul**
Hamilton/Hamilton West Councils



DESIGNER PURSE BINGO!

Friday October 23rd, 2026

at St. Naum's Banquet Hall

1150 Stone Church Rd. E. - doors open: 4:30 p.m.

Regular Ticket: \$60.00

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**(please include full names of all your guests
in the e-transfer)**

Thank you for helping us serve in hope

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.

September's Cooking Demonstration is:

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

Menu for the evening:

- Baked Ham
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Glazed Carrots
- Ice Cream Cake

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT



Note for Parents/Guardians: For teens under 18 who would like to attend, their parent/guardian can give permission by either signing them in when they arrive or by sending an email in advance to wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com

BEGINNING OF YEAR GET TOGETHER FOR TEENS



SEP 24TH, 2026

6:30 - 8:30PM

At IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

A night full of praise and
pizza!!! Meet new people in
the community!!!

With Father. Greg

934 HIGHWAY 8, STONEY CREEK



This Event is Co-Sponsored by Saint Francis Xavier Parish



St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Women's League
FALL LUNCHEON

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 PM
LUNCH SERVED AT 1:00 PM

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HALL
\$45

Tickets may be purchased from:

Rose D'Agostino 905-930-8149

Melissa Puglia 905-520-6354

Andrea Di Nicola 289-237-4675

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE
CASH BAR - 50/50 - RAFFLE





New to the Bible Study program this season....

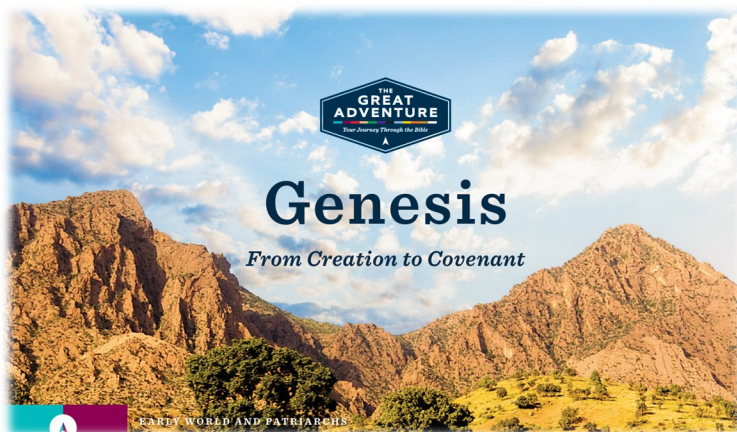
come and join us!!!

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant...The Beginning of God's Story - and Yours!

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Covenant is an eight-session study exploring how the first book of the Bible lays the foundation for the entire story of salvation.

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant takes you on a journey to the very beginning of salvation history, where God creates the world out of his infinite love and goodness. As you read through the book of Genesis, you will encounter some of the most well-known people and beloved moments in Scripture, including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph.



Genesis lays the foundation for the entire story of Scripture and shows how God calls his people back into relationship with him while preparing the way for our salvation. With **Genesis: From Creation to Covenant**, you will discover how the events of Genesis prepare the way for Jesus Christ and how God's promises continue to speak into our lives today.

When: **Thursday evenings beginning October 08, 2026 until December 03, 2026.**

Time: 7:00pm – approx. 8:30pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Chapel Hall

Cost: \$35 for the workbook

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, October 7th, but its never too late to join us on this beautiful study back to the Beginning.**

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

FR. MARK'S INSTALLATION MASS



Thank you to Bishop Dabrowski for coming to our parish to install Father Mark as our Pastor. Thank you to all of you who participated in the rite and offered to support to him in his ministry on behalf of all our parishioners.

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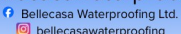
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