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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.*

'A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I am going, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of the father?'

Matthew 21:28-32
NRSV

**A.I. Generated*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 26 & 27, 2026

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St. Francis Xavier(905) 523-2333
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PARISH SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. John Henry Newman (905) 523-2314

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 8:00AM
+ Luba Bartolotti

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 8:00AM
- Special Intentions for Antonietta Marrone

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 7:00PM
+ Jeffrey William Nicholas Kotanko
+ Luisa DiDiodato
+ Michael Lee & Maria Vu
- In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 8:00AM
+ Giuseppe Cremonese

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 8:00AM
- In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 5:30PM
+ Francesco Giangregorio
+ Elvira Gatner
+ Carmelo Pettorossi
+ Michael & Zenko Litniansky
+ Loretta Muraca
+ Jason McClure
+ Maria Pettorossi
+ Bryce Papon
+ Giuseppe Cremonese
+ Remo Pavone
+ Vincenzo & Charlie Di Trapani
+ Mira Sola
+ Living & Deceased Members of the
Waller & Shea Families
+ Rosa & Salvatore Agro & Family
+ Antonio Paiano
+ Luciano Carbone
+ Silvio Del Fiacco
- In Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 9:00AM
+ Eurosia Morganti

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 11:00AM
- Mass for the Parishioners

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

(Reprint from September 20)

OFFERTORY

Envelope Contributions	\$ 4,386.00
Loose Collection	\$ 1,107.90
Online Donations	\$ 1,480.86
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$ 6,974.76

Thank You!

SEPTEMBER 26 & 27, 2026

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Job 1.6-22; Psalm 17.1, 2-3, 6-7;
Luke 9.46-50

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL & ST. RAPHAEL

Revelation 12.7-12; Psalm 138.1-3, 4-5;
John 1.47-51

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—ST. JEROME

Job 9.1-12, 14-16; Psalm 88.9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
Luke 9.57-62

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1—ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Job 19.21-27; Psalm 27.7-9, 13-14;
Luke 10.1-12

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2—THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Exodus 23.20-23; Psalm 91. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 10-11;
Matthew 18.1-5, 10

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Job 42.1-3, 5-6, 12-13, 15-17; Psalm 119.66+71, 75+91, 125+130
Luke 10.17-24

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.8+11, 12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Philippians 4.6-9; Matthew 21.33-43

HAMILTON RIGHT TO LIFE'S ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

OCTOBER 4TH FROM 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Join the thousands across the globe to witness to the sanctity of all human life peacefully and prayerfully. Your presence can save lives and change the hearts and minds of those who still believe that abortion is healthcare.

Show up at one of the locations below for one hour to stand on the sidewalk with others who are not ashamed to publicly witness to their pro-life beliefs. We will provide you with a non-graphic Life Chain sign to hold, and you may pray silently for an end to abortion and for those affected by it.

Stoney Creek Locations:

- Highway 20 at Highway 8
(parking at Eastgate Square)
- Highway 8 at Grays Road
(parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday - 29th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Card Club
Wednesday - 30th	8:00 am - Mass 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - Cooking Class
Thursday - 1st	8:00 am - Mass 7:30 pm - KofC 4th Degree
Friday - 2nd	8:00 am - Mass 8:30 am - Adoration
Saturday - 3rd	4:30 pm - Confessions 5:30 pm - Mass
Sunday - 4th	9:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Mass

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Rev. Anton Sebamalai
Tuesday	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Wednesday	Consecrated Virgins
Thursday	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Friday	Rev. David Wilhelm
Saturday	Rev. Paul Patrick

RETROUVAILLE – OCTOBER 16-18

Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. RETROUVAILLE helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and helps couples to reconnect.

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



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

Contact Rev. John Ha at:

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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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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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
Father Gerald M. Warren
Council #7969

ANNUAL GREEN TOMATO
COLLECTION FOR THE GOOD
SHEPHERD FOOD BANK

It's that time of year again to start cleaning out the remains of your summer harvest from your garden. If anyone has any **GREEN** tomatoes (2 inches and bigger) that you don't have any use for, the Good Shepherd could use them for their needy clients. Please do not include anything that is rotten or diseased or something that you wouldn't eat it yourself. Tomatoes must be of good quality for human, edible purposes.

Some under ripe "ORANGE" tomatoes are acceptable but please, **no "RED" tomatoes!** Please bring the **GREEN** tomato donations to the Knight of Columbus garage after the Saturday and Sunday masses of October 3 and 4. A member from the Knights of Columbus will be on hand to help unload.

Any questions, please call Roger @ 905-662-7259

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO TO MASS?

Have you ever wondered, "Why do we have to go to Mass?" Mass is more than a weekly obligation—it is an opportunity to encounter Christ, receive the Eucharist, worship together as a community, and be strengthened for the week ahead. Through the Mass, we hear God's Word, seek forgiveness, pray for others, profess our faith, and are sent forth to live the Gospel.

Discover 10 reasons why going to Mass matters and how participating in the Mass can deepen our relationship with God.

Please pick one up in the Narthex.

Why do we "have to" go to

MASS?



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
50/50 TICKETS

Help make our Christmas Bazaar a success! 50/50 tickets will be on sale at the beginning and end of every Mass. Get yours today for a chance to win big while supporting our parish community.

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

SOLD
OUT



PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT A PEANUT FREE ENVIRONMENT

📍 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Young Adults Group Event

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH 2026



EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 PM - MASS

6:30 PM - HOLY HOUR ADORATION
AND CONFESSIONS

7:30 PM - FOOD & DRINKS SOCIAL

8:00 PM - TALK FROM
FR. MARK MORLEY ON THE ROSARY

8:15 PM - DISCUSSION/
Q & A WITH THE PRIESTS

8:30 PM - SOCIAL

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FR. MARK MORLEY

*Enjoy a night of
prayer, friends,
and fellowship!*



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FALL LUNCHEON

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

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\$45

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

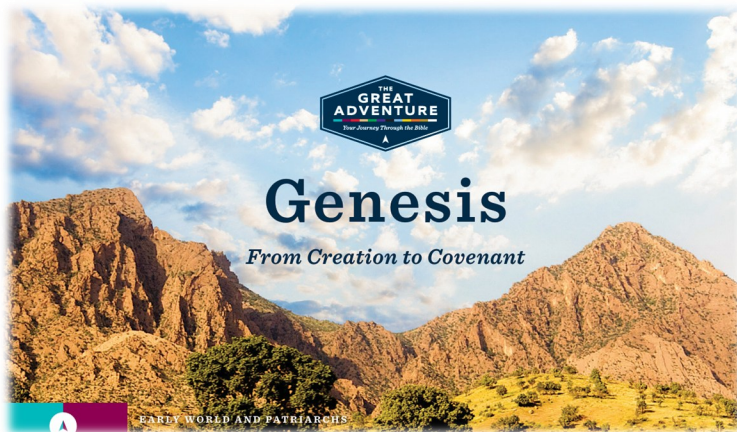
come and join us!!!

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

Genesis: From Creation to

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!!

NOVENA TO ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Start Date: September 30

Feast Date: October 9

Almighty God and Father, we give You thanks for blessing the Church with the witness of Saint John Henry Newman, through whom shines Your fatherly care, the truth of Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of conversion.

In him You have given us an example of trust in Your divine Providence and the intercession of the Virgin Mary. In him You have raised up a holy example of fidelity to the timeless teachings of Holy Mother Church. With a special love for Catholic education, and due warning against the errors of relativism, Your servant John Henry Newman is a shining example for our times.

Grant us we beseech You, through his intercession, and according to Your holy will, the renewal of faithful Catholic education and fidelity to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory Be

St John Henry Newman, pray for us!

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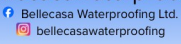
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