



Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
<b>Monday, May 27</b> Acts 16.11-15 John 15.26-16.4 <b>St. Augustine of Canterbury</b>	7:30 am	†John Bevilacqua	Bishop Anthony Tonnos
<b>Tuesday, May 28</b> Acts 16.22-34 John 16.5-11	7:30 am	†Antonio & Anna Sacchetti	Rev. Luc Payette
<b>Wednesday, May 29</b> Acts 17.15, 22-18..1 John 16.12-15	7:30 am 6-6:45 pm 7:00 pm	† Rita Castellino <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Francesco Saverio Sellard †Sebastiano Dell'Armi † Alan Bailey Intenitons of Anne Fedorik † Baby Addison Lawlor	Catholic Teachers
<b>Thursday, May 30</b> Acts 18.1-8 John 16.16-20	7:30 am 11:00 am	† Mariana & Jose P. Rodrigues <b>Mass at Seasons Retirement Home</b> – † Angelo Zingaro	Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki
<b>Friday, May 31</b> Zephaniah 3.14-18 Romans 12.9-16 Like 1.39-56 <b>Visitation of Virgin Mary, (F)</b>	7:30 am 8 - 9 am 5 - 7 pm	† Petronilla & Giovanni Giancarlo <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 9 am)</b> <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 7 pm)</b>	Rev. Anthony Azzopardi
<b>Saturday, June 1</b> Acts 18.23-28 John 16.23-28 <b>St. Justin, Martyr, (Memorial)</b>	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Soul of Stefan <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Le Family † Flaviano Tartaglia † Mario & Mateo Manzella † Vito Saputo & Grazia Cottone † Mary Rankie † Christine Bonk † Belfido & Dora Filice † Mary Narbonne † Danica Ferrarella † Maria Hrelja † Aleksandra & Jan Portka † Luciano Bontempo † Peter Fioravanti † Calogero Giglia † Msgr. Roger Formosi † Antonio Salvatore † Katarina Jazvac † Sergio Scattolon Special Intentions of Macabuag Family † Maria Giusti	Rev. Gordian Okpuruoka
<b>Sunday, June 2</b> Acts 1.1-11 Ephesians 1.17-23 Luke 24.44-53 <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Frank & Anna Lukacs † Marco & Giovanna Marchionda † Eleanor & Frank Kunkel	

*"The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue."*  
St. Gregory the Great

If you are visiting our community this Sunday, St. Francis Xavier Parish welcomes you!

### First Holy Communion Celebrations at St. Francis Xavier Church for:

St. Clare of Assisi: Saturday, June 1, at 2:00 pm  
Our Lady of Peace: Saturday, June 1, at 11:00 am  
Please keep the First Communicants in your prayers as they come to the table of the Lord for the first time.

### Mother Load

Come and talk about what it's like to be a mother today. Open to all moms with elementary and high-school age children. Topic: "Summer Fun" **Monday, May 27, 9 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.** Call Joyce - 905-662-2018 or Carol - 905-643-3532, or email: motherloadstfx@gmail.com.

### Save the Date

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>.** Keep this date open and join us for St. Francis Xavier **Porchetta Takeout** after all Masses. Cost is only \$5 per bun and will be served in the Chapel Hall. Porchetta is courtesy of Roberto.

### Catholic Cemeteries Masses

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am,** Most Reverend Anthony Tonnos, Bishop Emeritus of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass at Resurrection Cemetery, 254 Garner Rd W, Ancaster. Call 905-304-9138. Also **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am,** Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 580 Old York Rd. (at Snake Road), Burlington. Visit thecatholiccemeteries.ca. or call 905-690-7547



### Non Perishable Food Collection

The Knights of Columbus Council 7969 is collecting non perishable food and hygiene products in the Narthex of the church for **May and June**. Refer to the flyer in the Narthex to see which items are in demand. Monetary donations are also welcome. Place your donation in a sealed envelope with your name, address, and phone number and place in the regular parish collections. The Stoney Creek food bank will issue tax receipts to you for donations of \$10 or more.

### Questions of the Week

**Theme:** The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do. **Question for Children:** How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us? **Question for Youth:** Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you? **Question for Adults:** How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?



### Right to Life Baby Bottle Campaign

Baby Bottles are available again this year and you are asked to return them on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16th. This ministry educates and advertises with truth and love, empowering choices for life. Please take a bottle and fill it up with your loose coin. HRTL needs your support to raise money to educate, advertise, and get the message throughout the City of Hamilton of the devastating effects of abortion. See hamiltonrighttolife.org.



### Prayer Walk

Would you like to help raise awareness and aid for the millions of people around the world who have been forced to leave their homes and become refugees? Join our parish's Development & Peace group on the afternoon of **Sunday, June 2** for a fundraiser walk! You will have the opportunity to learn about what it's like to be a refugee through a simulation activity and to encounter actual refugees who have settled in our community. Registration forms with more information are available in the letter trays in the Narthex, at the parish office, and on the "News" page of the church website. **Forms must be returned to the office by Monday, May 27.** Contact Wes for any questions. You can also donate to our walk or track our progress of reaching the goal of \$1000 by visiting [www.devop.org/walk/2418](http://www.devop.org/walk/2418).

### Becoming a Roman Catholic

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic who has not received First Eucharist and /or Confirmation, or do you know someone who is a Catholic but has not received these Sacraments? Then maybe the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the place for you or them. Every year thousands of adults are welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through the RCIA process. The RCIA is a series of instructions, faith development and rituals designed to help adults and older children become full members of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Fr. Mariusz or parish office at 905-662-8593.



### An Invitation to Altar Service Ministry



St. Francis Parish is looking for new altar servers. The role of Altar Server is to assist the priest at Mass. It is a wonderful way of serving God and learning about the Catholic faith. This ministry is open to youth grades 3 and up who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. New servers are provided with an orientation and training session and will begin by assisting experienced servers at the altar. If you have heard the call to Altar Server ministry, you are asked to please contact Fr. Mariusz or our Youth Minister, Wes Moga, before or after Mass to ask any questions you may have or to pick-up a registration form. All vestments are provided.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Is your child in Grade 6? Did you know we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 7 in the Diocese of Hamilton? Confirmations at our Parish are normally celebrated in the Fall of each year. **If your child does not attend Catholic School,** please contact the Parish office as soon as possible so we can assist you. **The Catechetical Correspondence Courses from the Diocese of Hamilton** may be right for you. For more information visit: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) or call Monica Verin at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238.

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### Lighthouse CD of the Month

#### Letter to the Elderly

In 1978, Pope John Paul II became one of the youngest popes ever elected. At the time of his death in 2005, he was also one of the longest serving popes, having lived into his early 80s. From his own experience of growing old, and only five and a half years before his death, John Paul wrote and shared this moving letter, addressed "To my elderly brothers and sisters." His letter shares and cherishes the experiences, beauty, agony, and dignity of growing old and drawing closer to God. "The years pass quickly," he writes, "and the gift of life, for all the effort and pain it involves, is too beautiful and precious for us to ever grow tired of it." This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.



### Marriage Tip of the Month

Marriage in the Catholic faith, through the love of the couple, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love for his people. When people observe your relationship do they see love, patience, kindness, and commitment? If the answer is not as often as you would like, then instead of reverting to arguing, whining, or sarcasm when something goes wrong, change your response to your spouse. Be calm in stressful situations, use (learn if necessary) good conflict resolution skills and above all, commit to putting your spouse first. God is divine, but with a few changes, we can move closer to reflecting his love to all who witness our relationship.

### Cathedral Virtual Tour

A Child's Virtual Tour of the Cathedral is a special project from the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. Staff and students from St. Anne and St. Agnes created the Virtual Tour during a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King earlier this year. The Virtual Tour uses the latest technology and provides verbal explanations by the students to the various points of interest in the Cathedral. The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King was consecrated on December 19, 1933. It is the seat of the Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, and the cathedral of the Diocese of Hamilton. The cathedral contains the cathedra (bishop's chair) of the Bishop, the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby. The cathedral was raised to the status of a minor basilica in February 2013 by Pope Benedict XVI. Please see: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/catholic-education-week/#virtualltour>

### Diocesan Library Hours Change

As of June 1, 2019, the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives will be changing our hours. The Library will be open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 – 4:30 pm. Appointments can be made for those unable to visit during these hours. The Archives remains open by appointment only. The change will extend our Library open hours and help staff meet the demands of our Archival work. For further information, please contact Ms. Dominy Williams at: [dwilliams@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:dwilliams@hamiltondiocese.com) or by phone at: 905-528-7988 ext. 2252.

### Bishop's Award for Service

On Wednesday, May 15, 2019 altar servers from our parish: **Alessia Pontillo, Annabella Castellani, Emma Barabasz, Alissa Guagliano and James Pin** received the Bishop's Award for Service from Bishop Crosby during the 36th Annual Altar Servers Awards Ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. We congratulate them for this deserved recognition and thank them and all altar servers of our parish for assisting faithfully at the celebration of Masses.

### Special Collection, "Cura Pastorum"

which provides for the needs of our retired Priests — will be taken up in all Parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton on Sunday, June 9, 2019. Offering envelopes have been provided in the offertory boxes. Let's show our gratefulness for the ministry of our Priests in the Parishes of the Diocese of Hamilton. (Bp Crosby Letter)

### From the Pastor's Desk

Media can be a very useful tool to encourage Gospel values and stay informed about our faith. Whenever I go for my run on the treadmill, I watch something that is inspirational and informative and possesses Catholic values. I would like to use this space in the parish bulletin to promote some videos that all of us, no matter what our age, can watch to grow in the knowledge of our faith.

This week's video: **"What Constitutes a Practicing Catholic?"** "It may be difficult to tell a non-practicing Catholic that he or she can't receive Communion, but—as Fr. Mike Schmitz proves in this video—in the big picture, you would actually be helping the person. While telling an awe-inspiring story about a seminarian, Fr. Mike lays out what it means to be a practicing Catholic and shows how the requirements can transform a person's life." Please see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrGW5G8QqQ4>

Fr. Mariusz

### St. Anthony of Padua CWL

The CWL of St. Anthony's Parish is inviting ladies to their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch at Liuna Station on June 9 at 12:30 pm. Cost will be \$38 pp. Contact Pat – 905-389-9570 or Angela - 905-387-2418 if you are interested in attending.

### La Vita e Bella

La Vita e Bella is a radio show created with the intention to entertain and support the Italian community in Hamilton and surroundings and in particular those part of the Sons of Italy Trieste Lodge with updates of upcoming events and special announcements. It strives to maintain and spread the Italian language, traditions and culture facing extinction in today's Canadian society. You are invited to tune in to the radio show based out of McMaster University CFMU studios, live every Sunday from Noon to 1 pm on 93.3 FM.

### Upcoming Events

May 26 – 5:00 pm – Alpha – GH/CH  
May 27 – 9:00 am – Mother Load Group – SMR  
May 27 – 7:30 pm – Mother Load Group – SMR  
May 28 – 5:00 pm – CWL Seniors Super - GH  
May 31 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club - GH

Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings – your contributions assist in the spiritual, pastoral and practical work of the Parish and the upkeep of St. Francis Xavier Church.



### **Retired Priests of Hamilton ...**

There are currently 40 Priests and three Bishops receiving benefits from *Cura Pastorum Association*. Priests living in retirement provide for their own living accommodations and personal expenses. Diocesan Priests are encouraged to save for their retirement years, additionally they receive CPP and OAS. The benefits of *Cura Pastorum* help to supplement these other sources of income and offer some flexibility to our members. The Association is funded by the annual membership dues of the Priest members of the Association who are engaged in active ministry. Parishes contribute a percentage of their annual income each year. Today the Association also benefits from very careful and wise investment decisions since the founding of the Priests Retirement fund in the early 1970's by Bishop Ryan. Our Association assists the Bishop in providing for our retired Priests, as well as Priests who can no longer engage in active ministry due to serious illness.

### **Are there other ways of donating?**

#### **Memorial Donations**

Donations in memory of a deceased Priest of Hamilton Diocese, or made on the occasion of the death of a family member, are gratefully accepted.

#### **Bequests & Legacies**

Leaving a bequest to care for Priests of the Diocese is a profound act of generosity and faith. To do so, kindly specify in your will that the donation be directed to the *Cura Pastorum Association* (700 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 1C7).

#### **Gifts of Securities**

Donating stocks or mutual fund is a great way to provide for our Priests while paying no capital gains tax and receiving a charitable receipt.

#### **On-line Donations**

You can also make a direct donation on-line by visiting [www.hamiltondiocese.com/give](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/give)

For more information on any of the above, contact the Office of Stewardship & Development at 905-528-7988 or at [give@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:give@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **A few words from a Senior Priest ...**

In 1967, I was ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Hamilton and assigned to the Cathedral of Christ the King. I recall in my first year of ordination discussions being held at the Cathedral Rectory concerning the establishment of a Diocesan pension plan for retired priests, at that time no benefits were available. After several meetings a plan was established and all Diocesan priests were encouraged to join. Our contribution to the plan was 8% of our annual salary, later lowered to 5%. This amount continued to be put into the plan by every member for at least ten years or more and then replaced by a flat fee. The plan was also supported by the Diocese as well as the parishes served by Diocesan priests. The plan was well established and has undergone many adjustments and changes over the years. It is now known as the *Cura Pastorum Association* (Care of Shepherds). Since I am in my fifty-first year of priesthood I am a benefactor of the wisdom of Bishop Joseph Ryan for establishing the plan to care for the priests after the many years of ministry among the People of God. Each month, along with more than 40 other retirees, I receive a monthly benefit from the Association. I am most grateful for these funds which frees me from any financial anxiety so that I can relax and go about my priestly ministry with joy, as I await the final call from the Lord.

*Monsignor Edward D. Sheridan, PH*