

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
Monday, August 5 Numbers 11.4b-15 Matthew 14.13-21 Blessed Frédéric Janssoone Dedication of St. Mary Major, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am	† Lucia Cecchino DeMasi	Rev. Michael King
Tuesday, August 6 Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 or 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36 Transfiguration of the Lord, (Feast)	7:30 am	† Achille Luison	Transfiguration of the Lord
Wednesday, August 7 Numbers 13.1-2, 25-33; 14.1-2b, 26-29, 34-35 Matthew 15.21-28 Sts. Cajetan & Sixtus II and Companions, (OM)	7:30 am	† Souls in Purgatory No Sacrament of Reconciliation No evening Mass	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Thursday, August 8 Numbers 20.1-13 Matthew 16.13-23 St. Dominic, (Memorial)	7:30 am	† Giuseppe Ciulla	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Friday, August 9 Deuteronomy 4.32-40 Matthew 16.24-28 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, (Optional Mem.)	7:30 am 8 - 9 am	† Pasquale D'Ambrosio Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, (Benediction at 9 am)	Rev. Marijan Mihokovic
Saturday, August 10 2 Corinthians 9.6-10 John 12.24-26 St. Lawrence (Feast)	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Fiore Vescio & Peppina Buordolone Sacrament of Reconciliation † Rosalina Susi † Martin Thien Phu Nguyen † Eufemia Cavezza † Libby Ferrelli † Alfredo Varrasso † Gaspare 'Gus' Carubba † Aginaldo Elias † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Armando Fortino † Antonio Chiochio † Francesco Graziani † Carmela Spasaro † Antonio Amatucci † Raffaele Misale † Velia Chiochio Intentions of Sr. Mary Rita Intentions of Sr. Frances Teresa Intentions of Sr. M. Agnes Intentions of Sr. M. Irene Special Intentions for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Rev. Hanh Van Tran
Sunday, August 11 Wisdom 18.6-9 Hebrews 11.1-2, 8-12 Luke 12.35-40	9:00 am 11:00 am	† Ernesto Caruso † Madalena & Arturo Gabriele	

"Never read books you are not sure about... even supposing that these bad books are very well written from a literary point of view. Let me ask you this: Would you drink something you knew was poisoned just because it was offered to you in a golden cup?"
St. John Bosco

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

Lighthouse CD of the Month
A Catholic Millennial's Guide to Adulting
The Millennial Generation has grown to adulthood. Having experienced many of the conveniences and pitfalls of new technologies, social media, student loan debt, and adult life, millennials have also developed a genuine desire to do something great with their lives, but often don't know how to get there. As fellow millennial Paul J. Kim shares with great humor and insight, tackling life's big challenges and desires for vocation, career, and greatness can give powerful witness to God and the gift of life. This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.

C. W. L. Annual Retreat
Ladies – are you interested in a relaxing, faith-filled weekend away? The annual CWL Retreat takes place at Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7021 Stanley Ave., Niagara Falls, **September 13 - 15**. Our theme this year is **"Heroines of the Bible"** - in many cases it's women just like us who made a difference. Cost is **\$235** for the entire weekend, but can be adjusted if you are only able to attend a portion of the retreat. All women are welcome. For more information or to reserve a place, please call **Carol, 905-643-3532**, or the Parish Office, 905-662-8593.



It's almost that time again. Time to enjoy the last of the summer fairs and craft shows for the area before the Fall Fair's begin. Our Knights of Columbus 7969 will be at the Peach Festival with their booth serving Pizza, Porchetta, Hot Beef on a Bun, chocolate, strawberry and vanilla shakes, Loganberry Juice, and coke products. Please take the time to visit their booth and support the Knights of your parish

Parish Information
Don't forget to stop by the Parish Office or give us a call if you have changed your address, email or phone number so our records are updated.

St. Michael the Archangel group in St. Francis Xavier Parish
Salutes Festitalia (Hamilton). Join us **Saturday, September 14**, here at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall for a dinner/dance with music by Angelo Venditi. Tickets are **\$40** pp. and available at the parish office.

Parish Ministries
The parish is working on growing its volunteer teams in the ministries below. Would you be interested in joining?

Baptism Ceremony: This sacrament is held twice monthly on Sundays at 12:30 pm for 1.5 hours. We are looking for greeters and assistants to the priest or deacon. The volunteers work in pairs, and the frequency of service would be about once every 2 – 2.5 months.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the nursing homes: Volunteers in this ministry travel in pairs to bring the Eucharist to residents of our local retirement and nursing homes (Pine Villa/New Village and Clarion) after the 9AM Mass on Sundays. The frequency of service would likely be every .

Funerals: Volunteers are needed to assist the priest as altar servers during funeral Masses. We are usually most in need of help during the winter months when some members of the volunteer team are out of town on vacation.

Questions of the Week
Theme: Faith helps us set Godly priorities.
Question for Children: What is the most important thing in your life?
Question for Youth: It is easy to get self-centered and greedy. What do you have in your life that is unnecessary? In your life, what keeps you close to God? What distracts you from your relationship with God?
Question for Adults: What wisdom do you pull out of this reading to help you set priorities in your life?

Online Donations
It is possible to make Sunday donations to our Parish through our website. To access that option, please visit our website and click on the "Donate" tab found at the top right of the homepage and then click on the button reading "St. Francis Xavier Parish, Registered Canadian Charity - Click to Donate". You will be redirected to CanadaHelps, which provides a secure and safe way to make online donations to our parish. You can make one-time donations, or monthly ones, by credit card or PayPal. You can also dedicate your donation "in memory of" or "in honour of" an individual/individuals. CanadaHelps will automatically issue an official tax receipt for every donation made to our parish. They will instantaneously send you an electronic receipt by email for any amount. We hope that many of our parishioners will find this a more convenient way to support the parish, particularly during the summer months when you may be away.

Fostering & Adoption Opportunities
Catholic Children's Aid Society, learn more about Fostering and Adoption by registering to attend a Fostering and Adoption Online Information Session (Webinar) Choose **one** date to attend:

- * Monday, August 12th from 6:30 pm - 8 pm
- * Tuesday, August 27th, from 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Contact the Foster and Adoption Recruitment Coordinator, Niamh O'Flaherty (905) 525-2273 or email niamh.oflaherty@hamiltonccas.on.ca
The Hamilton CCAS is committed to inclusion & equality, & welcome fostering applications from ALL families who want to provide a safe & happy home to a child in care. Visit hamiltonccas.on.ca

"Keys to Loving Relationships"
"Keys" is a ten week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking to develop the skills needed to have the most meaningful relationship you can with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs in **Hamilton** on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9 pm. September 19th – November 28th, at the Chancery Office, 700 King W. Cost: **\$45**. For more information or to register, call (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249 or register at www.hamiltondiocese.com (Upcoming Events.)

"Evangelization by Way of Beauty"
An evening with Brother Mickey McGrath, **Friday, September 6**, at 7pm. at Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph. Brother Mickey loves giving talks and retreats because it is where he gets to share more fully the deep connections between art and faith and more importantly, hope and joy! To him, life is all about seeing familiar, ordinary things with new eyes, the eyes of the heart. Come and see this gifted artist and story teller as he helps us to identify the beauty that abounds in our lives. *Faith resources will be available for purchase.*

Perpetual Enrolments
Give the Gift of Prayer for **Special Occasions, Birthdays, Graduations, or Wedding Anniversaries.** Mass cards for Living and Deceased persons are available at the Parish Office. Your offerings help support **Sisters of the Precious Blood** in Hamilton. The plainer/smaller Mass cards are **\$10** each and the fancier/larger Mass cards are **\$20** each.

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

Parish Office
Our Parish Office hours for the month of August are from **9 am till 4 pm**, Monday to Friday. Come and see us.

Parish Office Closed
Please note that the parish office will be closed for the Civic Holiday, **Monday, August 5**
Mass on this day is celebrated at **8:30 am**

Prayers for the Deceased
In your charity, please remember in your prayers those who passed away from our parish community: † **Filippo Luzi**. Also remember his family in your prayers. *"May God support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Amen.*

Welcome to the Newly Baptized
We welcome the following children to the household of faith through the waters of Baptism: **Skye Thurston, Isabella Pasadyn, William Minigan, Chloe Lynch, Isabella Hromek, Alexandria Hromek, Liliana Harris, Ellie Madeleine, Daniel Askett, Serenity Lynch, Massimo Zante, Gabriella Arcari & Romero Raposo**. Let us pray that they will continue to grow in faith, bearing witness to Christ by a life of faith, holiness and service. **Congratulations!**

