

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
<b>Monday, September 9</b> Colossians 1.24-2.3 Luke 6.6-11 <b>St. Peter Claver, (OM)</b>	7:30 am	† Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
<b>Tuesday, September 10</b> Colossians 2.6-15 Luke 6.12-19	7:30 am	† Guadalupe Linares	Rev. Jerry Punnassery
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 11</b> Colossians 3.1-11 Luke 6.20-26	7:30 am 6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	† Angelo & Mary Evangelisto <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Luigi Barca & Silvestri Family † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Fortunato Spasaro † Karol Kwasniewski † Special Intention	Lay Parish Ministries
<b>Thursday, September 12</b> Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 6.27-38 <b>Holy Name of Mary, (OM)</b>	7:30 am 9:45 am 10:30 am	† Theresa Daly Opening of the year Mass with Our Lady of Peace School <b>Mass at Clarion Nursing Home</b> - † Giuseppe Minicucci	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
<b>Friday, September 13</b> 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-14 Luke 6.39-42 <b>St. John Chrysostom, (M)</b>	7:30 am 8-9 am 5-7 pm	† Nicholas Macaluso <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 9 am) <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> , (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Heitor Antunes
<b>Saturday, September 14</b> Numbers 21.4-9 or Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17  <b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross, (Feast)</b>	8:30 am 4-5 pm 5:30 pm	† Grazia & Antonino Italiano <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> † Virginia Allega-DiSanza † Vincenza Cesarini † Walter Matesa † Martin Thien Phu Nguyen † Mathew Ayyamkana † Carmine Colalillo † Donna Pettorossi † Luciano Quarin † Cathy Anne Skibinski † Mario Granata † Angelo Borregine † Antonio Gravina † Angelo Clappa † Giuseppina Fuca † Mildred Van Sickle † Giornino D'Andrea † Lorenzo Curto	Rev. Young Hoon Kim
<b>Sunday, September 15</b> Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-32	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Alberto & Marie Capretta † Maria Giusti † Antonio Sgro	

*"Remain humble, remain simple. The more you are so, the more good you will do."*  
St. John Vianney

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

**Youth Groups are starting up!**



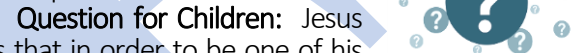
Our three youth groups for students in Grades 3 and up will be resuming again at the end of September! These fun and interactive gatherings strive to guide and support students in:

- Developing and nurturing their personal relationship with God
- Exploring and deepening their knowledge of the Catholic faith
- Building Christ-centred friendships with other students as well as with older student and adult mentors from the parish community

Meeting nights will include activities such as: praise & worship music, sharing and discussion time in small groups, games, crafts, drama, videos, and interactive prayer experiences. The youth group year will also feature several events for the whole family and opportunities for community service. Schedules and registration forms for the 3 groups can be found at the letter trays in the Narthex. If you are in Grade 8 or older and are interested in being a leader for one of the groups, please feel free to contact Wes at the parish office by Friday, September 6.

**Questions of the Week**

**Theme:** Commitment is required to follow Jesus.



**Question for Children:** Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?  
**Question for Youth:** Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?  
**Question for Adults:** Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

**Retrouaille**

**Stress in Your Marriage?** – Retrouaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouaille can help. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **October 25**, please call 905-664-5212 or email: Teamrecine@gmail.com or visit [retrouaille.org](http://retrouaille.org).

**Christopher Leadership Course**

Whether you are afraid of public speaking or would you like to take on a leadership role within the parish, the Christopher Leadership Course in Effective Speaking can help. The next course begins **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, 7 pm, at McMaster University. To register or for information, visit [clchamilton.com](http://clchamilton.com) or call Frank at 905-662-4076.



**"A Journey Through Church History** fills an urgent need for adult Catholics to recover their history as a believing community, debunk false criticisms of their Church, and understand the Christian underpinnings of the modern world. This is a vivid, thorough, and engaging program. I heartily recommend it." *Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.* **This Study Begins September 17**, and continues Tuesdays, 7 pm to 9 pm. in the Chapel Hall. After ten weekly sessions we will take a break for Advent/Christmas (November 19) and resume again January 7, for ten more sessions concluding March 10. Workbook is **\$42** (tax incl.) To register contact the parish office (905) 662-8593 or Vera (905) 561-9099 [vfedorik@skyline.net](mailto:vfedorik@skyline.net) (please put EPIC in the subject line).

**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.

**Baptism Preparation Meetings:** These 1 hour sessions take place monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:45 in the Small Meeting Room in the parish center. This also is a team effort to ensure the parents have attended and know the Baptismal process. The team of 2 would be on duty 3 times per year.

**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 9 am Mass on Sundays. The frequency of service would likely be every 3 – 4 weeks.

**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.

**World Youth Day 2022, in Portugal**

In the summer of 2016, a group from our parish travelled to Poland to join with Pope Francis and millions of Catholics from all around the world for the incredible experience of World Youth Day. Over the course of two weeks, the group spent time in a small Polish town and saw the culture up close, visited important religious and historical sites, heard empowering and inspiring Catholic speakers, explored the city of Krakow, and took part in large gatherings with Pope Francis including a Way of the Cross and Papal Mass. The next World Youth Day is planned for the summer of 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal. If you will be 18 years of age or older by that time and would be interested in attending with a group from our parish, you're invited to an initial information meeting Sunday, **October 20** at 7 pm in the Chapel Hall.

**Confirmation Preparation Meeting**

Parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish are invited to a meeting **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the church.** An overview of the Sacrament will be given by our pastor, teachers, catechists and through a video presentation. Handouts will include information about the retreat, Sacramental requirements and the celebration of Confirmation itself. At least one parent is expected to attend this important meeting. Any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Parish Office: 905-662-8593.

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Last Sunday on numerous occasions I was asked, "When is our new associate coming"? To answer the question, I would like to remind everyone that in the month of June I had posted some information about the new associate in the parish bulletin, and since then nothing has changed. We are expecting Fr. Claude to arrive at the end of September of this year, God willing. I would also like to thank the generous parishioner who brought several baskets of peaches to the office last weekend. Myself and the parish staff enjoyed them very much. They were extra juicy and delicious! Whomever you are, thank you so much! And, as always, something informative to watch from Fr. Mike Schmitz: **"Catholic Teaching on IVF and Contraception Explained."** "For many people, the Catholic Church's teaching on in vitro fertilization and contraception is a hard one, but it is in concordance with the nature of things. The nature of a thing, as Fr. Mike puts it, is its "what-it's-for-ness". Sex is for procreation and the unity of the couple. Equally important is the fact that sex, not in vitro fertilization, is the natural way to bring forth a new life. Contraception and in vitro fertilization violate the nature of not only sex, but also the nature of the person and life itself." Please follow the link or just copy and paste it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0mWQKCoLd4>  
Fr. Mariusz



**Annual Vocations Mass**

Every year Catholics from around the Diocese of Hamilton gather to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is an opportunity to meet different priests and religious working within our diocese, pray together, learn vocational opportunities in our community, and to enjoy each other's company. Upcoming Vocations Mass: **2 pm, Sunday, September 22, at Immaculate Conception Church, 212 Concession 12, Formosa, ON.**

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 9 - 7:00 pm – Youth Group Leaders Mtg. - GH
- Sept. 12 - 7:00 pm – Mtg. for Confirmation - Church
- Sept. 12 - 7:30 pm – HarmonKnights Practice – SMR
- Sept. 13 - 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – Great Hall
- Sept. 14 - 6:00 pm – Festitalia Dinner Dance - GH

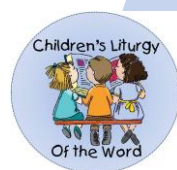
**Thank you to all who support our Parish with their financial offerings your contributions assist in the spiritual, pastoral and practical work of the Parish and the upkeep of St. Francis Xavier Church**

**Prayers for the Deceased**

In your charity, please remember in your prayers those who passed away from our parish community: **† Rinaldo Storti.** Also remember his family in your prayers. ***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*** Amen.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

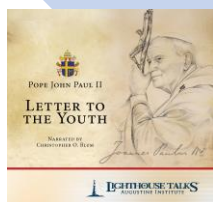
Children's Liturgy is resuming this Sunday at the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. It is geared towards children in Junior Kindergarten - Grade 2, and is an opportunity for them to hear the readings of the Mass in language they are better able to understand, and to discuss their meaning. The children also do fun activities and worksheets relating to the readings and get a pamphlet with more activities to bring home to share with their families after each session.



**Lighthouse CD of the Month**

**Letter to the Youth by Pope John Paul.**

Pope John Paul II's papacy is marked by the ways he engaged with and was loved by the youth. Scores of young people were drawn to him from around the world by a magnetism that continues even today, in his sainthood. In his letter to the youth of the world, John Paul offers young people his encouragement to respond to Jesus' call to follow Him during this unique and critically important time of life. To them he writes: "In you there is hope, for you belong to the future, just as the future belongs to you." This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk in the Narthex.



**Wedding Congratulations**

Jordan Lenjosek & Amanda Garzo

**Parish Pictorial Directory**

It is our hope to update our Parish Directory and feel that a photo directory of all our church families would be an invaluable reference in creating a sense of community. We are looking for volunteers willing to co-ordinate and assist in this endeavor. If you feel that you can contribute your time and talents toward this project, call the parish office at: **905-662-8593.**

