

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
MONDAY, October 22 Ephesians 2.1-10 Luke 12.13-21 St. John Paul II, (OM)	7:30 am	† Assunta Masotti	Rev. Bradley Markus
TUESDAY, October 23 Ephesians 2.12-22 Luke 12.35-38 St. John of Capistrano, (OM)	7:30 am	† John Fedorik	Rev. Paul Boucher
WEDNESDAY, October 24 Ephesians 3.1-12++ Luke 12.39-48 St. Anthony Mary Claret, (OM)	7:30 am	† Jose Chora	Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny
	6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	No Sacrament of Reconciliation today No Evening Mass today – Clergy Seminar	
THURSDAY, October 25 Ephesians 3.13-21++ Luke 12.49-53	7:30 am 11:00 am	No morning Mass today – Clergy Seminar No Nursing Home Mass – Clergy Seminar	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
FRIDAY, October 26 Ephesians 4.1-6 Luke 12.54-59	7:30 am 8 – 9 am 5 – 7 pm	† Raffaele Mascia Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , in the Church (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , in the Church (Benediction at 7 pm)	Rev. Mark Gatto
SATURDAY, October 27 Ephesians 4.7-16 Gospel: Luke 13.1-9 Our Lady's Saturday, (OM)	8:30 am 4 – 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Giovanni, Giuseppina & Angelo Coscarella Sacrament of Reconciliation † Carmelo Giudice † Antonio Mauro † Achille Luison † Bagnoli & Elia Families † Carmela Centritto † Fabio Pettorossi † Giovanna Ciotti † Angelantonio Lolli † Isolina Fidanza † Francesco Villella † Teodoro Licursi † Stefano Fortunato † Frank Bozzo † Jean Gamble † Suor Concetta & Maria Agro † Emilio DeMarco In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family & St. Anthony † Lorenzo Cherubini	Rev. David Reitzel
	SUNDAY, October 28 Jeremiah 31.7-9 Hebrews 5.1-6 Mark 10.46-52	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Marianna, Pietro & Ernesto Caruso † Maria & Franco Ali † Spinella DiStefano

"To acknowledge one's sin, indeed... to recognize oneself as being a sinner, capable of sin and inclined to commit sin, is the essential first step in returning to God."
St. John Paul II, Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, 13

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



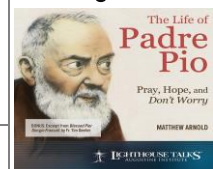
White Ribbon Campaign

Catholic Women's League Members will be distributing white ribbons before and after all Masses this weekend. Please take a white ribbon and wear it in order to heighten the awareness of the rampant spread of pornography, especially where children are concerned. Donations for the fight against pornography gladly accepted. These donations will be used for billboards in our Pornography Hurts Campaign. Thank you for your participation.

Questions of the Week

Theme: Never stop praying. Have faith and never give up!
Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?
Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray?
Question for Adults: When you pray, what do you ask for most often? How do you know God gives you this request?

Lighthouse Media CD of the Month



Matthew Arnold recounts the life story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio. This presentation includes fascinating details about St. Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to "pray, hope, and don't worry". This CD and many others are available in the Lighthouse Catholic Media kiosk that is located in the Narthex (lobby) of our Church by the library.

Compassionate Outreach

Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of a person's presence in your life? Our compassionate outreach program can help. St. Francis Xavier and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishes are hosting a Grief Support Program Thursday evening's from **October 25th, to November 29th, from 7:30 – 9 pm**. This program will be at **St Francis Xavier Parish** in the Small meeting room. If you or someone you know feel you can be helped by such a program we urge you to attend. To register or information, call 905 662-8593.

All Souls Day Mass

Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton, will celebrate the annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington, on Sunday, November 4th at 2 pm. All are welcome. For more information, please call (800) 661-5985, or visit www.thecatholiccemetaries.ca.

All Souls Day – November 2nd

All Souls Day is a time traditionally for many Christians to remember deceased family members and friends. Mass that commemorates our deceased loved ones will be celebrated on that day at **7:30AM, 12 noon and 6:30PM. Requiescat in pace.**

Did You Know...(Fall Fair)

Update for the Fall Fair: just a reminder we will be offering the fall fair over 2 days, the morning of November 3rd will have the food court, book nook, penny sale tables, vendors and baked goods. Following the Sat. evening Mass and morning Masses, there will be a book nook, penny sale tables, and baked goods only. The draw will be held at 12:45 pm for the penny sale tables. As in past years, we are looking for donations for our book nook and penny/raffle tables. If you have anything you wish to donate, please bring to the parish office or leave in the Narthex marked "Fall Fair" Thank you for your support! We hope to see you all on Nov 3rd. Drop off your items to the Parish Office no later than Friday, October 26th. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday, November 2nd. Contact **Luisa Conti at 905-379-9830**. Money raised from the fall fair will support the needs of our parish.

Seniors Information Evening

Do you have questions about probate, wills or estate planning? Are you curious about CPP Benefits and proposed changes? Do you know about the many helpful seniors' programs and services offered by Catholic Family Services? Smith's Funeral Home and Catholic Family Services invite you to come to our informative presentation here at St. Francis Parish in the Great Hall on **Tuesday, October 23rd at 6 pm**. Light refreshments will be served. Register at 905-664-4222 or preplanning@smithsfh.com

Update on the Marian Prayer Garden

Thank you to all who have ordered a brick paver this year, unfortunately we had a slight setback with our original engraver. We have located a new engraver closer to home and will be sending in orders as soon as possible. Also if you donated \$250 or more to our Parish Renovation Debt fund, your brick will be ordered as well. Thank you for your patience and contributions.

Marriage Tip

The fall harvest is a result of work undertaken throughout the spring and summer. Watering, nourishing, protecting from insects and the weather all contribute to a healthy yield. Why then do we sometimes forget that relationships too need to be cared for? Do we nourish, protect and nurture our spouses? Care for them gently and speak softly? As St. Francis de Sales said, **"The worst way of speaking is to speak too much. Therefore, speak little and well, speak little and gently, speak little and charitably, speak little and amiably."** A harvest of love can fill every relationship, but it takes commitment and purposeful work to keep our love strong. (From Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Afternoon in Roma

Join us for our OWN **Afternoon in Roma** - a wonderful catered 5-course Italian luncheon and special presentation taking place on **Sunday, October 28th, at 12:30 p.m.** Tickets are **\$25 p.p.** at Parish Office on a first come, first served basis. **No reservations.** Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the participants about their experience in Rome. All proceeds will go towards the parish renovation debt. Beginning at the luncheon, we will be selling imported and hand designed Pope Francis bells, directly from Italy. Father Francesco created these bells when Pope Francis was elected. The material used is bronze and zama and is only sold in Vatican City. This will be the one and only time you will have the opportunity to purchase an official product from the Vatican. Each bell costs only **\$15** and is gift boxed with a different image. After the luncheon the bells will be sold at the Fall Fair and through the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!

Development & Peace Fall Action Campaign: "Share the Journey"

This year, Development & Peace is inviting Canadians to share the journey with those living the tragedy of forced migration. **Myth:** Refugees flee a temporary situation. **Fact:** 2/3 of refugees will spend more than 5 years in exile. **Real Life Story:** Since August 25, 2017, more than 687,000 children, women, and men belonging to the Muslim Rohingya minority have fled Burma, to escape violence and persecution against them. Forced to flee atrocities committed by the Burmese army, they have found refuge in camps located in the region of Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. Starting next weekend, a display table will be in the Narthex with campaign resources and information. On November 3/4, please consider signing an Action Card to send to the Canadian government, asking them to do more to address the root causes of forced migration and to continue to provide humanitarian aid for refugees and their host countries.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 23 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study – Chapel Hall
- Oct. 23 – 5:00 pm – Smith's Pre-Planning – Chapel Hall
- Oct. 24 – 6:45 pm – Baptism Preparation Mtg. – SMR
- Oct. 24 – 7:00 pm – K of C Executive Mtg. – Chambers
- Oct. 25 – 9:30 am – Confirmation Retreat – Great Hall
- Oct. 25 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – Rectory Conference Room
- Oct. 25 – 7:00 pm – SSVP Mtg. – RCR back office
- Oct. 25 – 7:30 pm – Bereavement Program - SMR
- Oct. 26 – 9:30 am – Confirmation Retreat – Great Hall
- Oct. 26 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – Great Hall
- Oct. 27 – 5:00pm – Faithful Navigators Dinner – Great Hall

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: † **Mary Schiavo and Francesco DePelino**. Also remember their families in your prayers. **"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."** Amen.

Operation Christmas Child

Yes, it's that time again! Leaflets and unassembled shoeboxes are now available to take home. Take as many as you need. Give hope, cheer and good news to poor children in other lands this Christmas through this enormously successful program, operated by Samaritan's Purse. Fill the boxes according to instructions. Return them by **November 11th** so they can be shipped. Thank you for your kind generosity and compassion!

Gala St. Francis Xavier Dinner

In honour of our Patron Saint held on **Saturday, November 24th**, St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. Cocktails at 6:30 pm., Dinner at 7 pm. Adults - **\$45**; Children - (Ages 4-12) **\$25**. Includes wine with dinner. Adult tickets include \$2 (from each ticket sold) towards the First Door Prize). **Limited seating available.** No ticket sales after Monday, November 19th. Contact the Parish Office, Ugo Pin, 905-643-3532 or Edy D'Alessandro, 905-662-5767 for more information or tickets.

November 1st - Our Book of Life

Beginning **November 1st**, All Saints Day, and continuing throughout the month of November, **The Book of Life** will be placed in the sanctuary, by the statue of the Holy Family. A candle, representing the new and eternal life we have in Christ, will burn beside it. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends in our **Book of Life** so that they may be remembered, as a group, at each Mass offered in our parish and in the Holy Rosary prayer throughout the month of November, which is offered daily before morning Mass. The sheets on which the name of deceased can be written are available in the lobby of the church (Narthex) and by the side entrance.

Marriage Congratulations to Michael Laskowski & Antonina Cottone