

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
MONDAY, November 12 Titus 1.1-9 Luke 17.1-6 St. Josaphat, (M)	7:30 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Junghyuk Choi
TUESDAY, November 13 Titus 2.1-8, 11-14 Luke 17.7-10	7:30 am	† Katica & Josip Benjak	Rev. James Malone
WEDNESDAY, November 14 Titus 3.1-7 Luke 17.11-19	7:30 am	† Aguinaldo Elias	Deceased Priests of the Hamilton Diocese
	6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation today † Vincenza Cesarini † Martin Thien Phu Nguyen † Virginia Allega-DiSanza † Carmine & Maria Fortino & Figlie † Rinaldo D'Amico † Branko Dragojlovich † Piotr Paszynski † Francesco Alongi † Achille Luison † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Fabio Pettorossi † Romualdo & Luigi DiLoreto † John, Gino & Raymond Gueli † Gina & Gaspero Diadamo † Isolina Fidanza † Domenico, Liberato & Rosina Pace † Francesco Sepe † Clementina D'Andrea † Antonio D'Amico † Antonio DiStefano	
THURSDAY, November 15 Philemon 7-20 Luke 17.20-25 St. Albert the Great, (OM)	7:30 am	† Giovanni & Lucia Petrella	Rev. Allen Varlaki
	11:00 am	Mass at New Village Retirement Home - † Bernard Walsh	
FRIDAY, November 16 2 John 4-9 Luke 17.26-37 St. Gertrude, (OM) St. Margaret of Scotland, (OM)	7:30 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Stephen Csiszar
	8 – 9 am 5 – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , in the Church (Benediction at 9 am) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , in the Church (Benediction at 7 pm)	
SATURDAY, November 17 3 John 5-8 Luke 18.1-8 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, (Memorial)	8:30 am	† Achille Luison	Rev. Roshan D'Souza
	4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation † Msgr. Harvey Roach † Giuseppina Fuca † Carmela Centritto † Carmela Tomaro † Giovanni & Gina Valeri † Emilio Ventresca † Fabio Pettorossi † Achille Luison † Giovanni Pelizzari † Lino Fattore † Jose Chora † Anna Scudieri † Mary Schiavo † Sam Gatto † Ferdinando Troiani † Maria Solda † Rosa Zanon † Emidio Alfonsi † Rosa & Salvatore Lucido † Grazia Rizzo	
SUNDAY, November 18 Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14, 18 Mark 13.24-32	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Ricardo & Giovanni Bassani † Piero & Carole Corradetti † Missa Pro Populo	



“Book of Life”

Since **November 1st**, All Saints Day, and continuing throughout the month of November, **The Book of Life** has been placed in the sanctuary, by the statue of the Holy Family. A candle, representing the new and eternal life we have in Christ, burns beside it. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of deceased family and friends so they may be remembered, as a group, at each Mass and in the daily Rosary prayer throughout the month of November. These sheets are available in the lobby of the church and by the side entrance.

Operation Christmas Child

Remember to return the shoeboxes to the church by today, November 11th so they can be shipped and received on time. Give hope, cheer and good news to poor children in other lands this Christmas through this enormously successful program, operated by Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for your generosity!

Coping with the Holidays

When you have lost a loved one. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman at Chancery Office, 700 King W., Hamilton, Sunday, December 2nd, 1:30 – 3 pm. **This is a FREE event.** Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Frequently Asked Questions on



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

Where will donors send their gifts, and where will the money be kept?

Donors' gifts and pledges will be held in trust for the Parish and initially kept in a dedicated Diocesan account. The Diocese will disburse the Parishes' funds to them after the payments have been received and the Parish is ready to undertake their projects. The campaign's Clergy Committee has worked with the Diocese to outline when the funds will be distributed to the Parishes.

Why can't I just support my parish directly?

Frankly, we hope you continue to support your Parish directly through your regular Sunday giving. This campaign is not intended to divert funds that go toward normal operating needs. The campaign is a special effort to meet needs that go beyond the routine and that can help to set up Parishes (and the Diocese) to thrive for years to come. In short, supporting this campaign is supporting your Parish directly – as well as other Parishes in need and various Diocesan ministries.

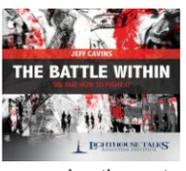
Rhythm and Grace

Celtic Gospel Tour Saturday, Nov. 17th. Join us for a dynamic, musical, Faith-filled experience with Rhythm and Grace – the Duketow family from Lakefield, Ont. Miriam and Alex, with their 6 oldest children ages 7 to 16, will help us get our feet tapping and our hands clapping through harmonious song, energetic step-dancing, vibrant fiddling, and more. This event will take place at **6:45 p.m.** after the 5:30 p.m. Mass and promises to be a life-giving experience for all ages. Free-will offering.

Concerns over new Netflix Series,

If you're a Netflix watcher, you may be aware of the newly-added series entitled "The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina". This show is based on a comic, rather than the sitcom "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch" from the 1990s. Please take the opportunity to warn young people and parents about this series. Not only is this production a real look into the life of the occult but idolizes dark magic and the worship of Satan. It was the show's hope to introduce young people to the dark arts. You can find a helpful article about the show created by LifeTeen at <https://lifeteen.com/blog/netflix-series-thats-not-worth-watching/>

Lighthouse Media CD of the Month



“The Battle Within” Jeff Cavins, an internationally-recognized authority on Scripture, provides an ultra-practical guide on how to battle sin in the areas of our lives where we tend to fall, and he helps us examine the root causes of our sin in order to understand the “why” behind our actions. In this presentation, Jeff explains four major wounds that exist as part of our human nature, and he equips his listeners with three “secret weapons” we can use to help us effectively overcome sin and serve the Lord from a place of freedom and love. 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

After 19 years of dedicated work for the parish community, our secretary Mrs. Louise Kunkel is retiring. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to her for her service in the Parish Office. She has been a cherished part of our staff and she will be greatly missed. Louise will retire December 31, 2018. I wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Therefore St. Francis Xavier Parish is looking for a Part-time Secretary. Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position offers a competitive rate of pay and requires a commitment to work flexible hours. **Primary responsibilities:** • Greeting visitors, handling phone calls, directing inquiries to appropriate individuals. • Completion of Bulletin Board and updating it as needed. • Recording Mass intentions, Sacramental registration information and issuing Sacramental certificates (Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage). • Completion of Schedules for Parish Priest as required. • Maintaining and updating Parish calendar of events including school Masses. • Order supplies for the office and Parish as needed. • Other duties as assigned by the Pastor when required.

Requirements: • Post Secondary education in a relevant field preferred. • Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office. • A good understanding of and respect for Catholic Doctrine, Liturgy and practice, as determined at • 2-3 years of prior secretarial/office experience preferred. • Strong attention to detail, and ability to organize and prioritize efficiently. • Strong Communication and interpersonal skills. • Ability to work independently and follow instructions.

Please send your resumes to: ggrewal@hamiltondiocese.com Please include “part-time secretary – St. Francis Xavier Parish” in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until **November 30, 2018.** We thank all candidates for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Fr. Mariusz

A Time When We Remember

November, a Time When We Remember and Pray for our deceased family and friends. Please also remember to pray for the deceased Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Religious men and women, and lay Pastoral Ministers who have served in our Diocese, especially those who have died during the past year. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 12 – 6:30 pm – Parent Meeting for First Communicants
- Nov. 12 – 7:00 pm – Quest & Epic Youth Groups – GH, CH
- Nov. 13 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study – Chapel Hall
- Nov. 14 – 7:00 pm – HarmonKnights Practice – SMR
- Nov. 14 – 7:00 pm – Parish Council Meeting - RCR
- Nov. 15 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – Rectory Conference Room
- Nov. 15 – 7:00 pm – SSVP Meeting - RCR
- Nov. 15 – 7:30 pm – Bereavement Course - SMR
- Nov. 16 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – Great Hall
- Nov. 17 – 6:45 pm – Rhythm & Grace Concert – Great Hall
- Nov. 17 – 6:30 pm – Digging Deeper – ROR

Prayers for the Deceased

In your charity, please remember in your prayers those who passed away from our parish community: † **Rosario Paolini, Donata Raniero & Giuseppe Morrone.** 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.**

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 information or tickets.

2019 Living with Christ Sunday Missal



The 2018-2019 Living with Christ Sunday Missal is the resource that helps Catholics prepare for and celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation of the year. This inspirational Sunday Missal includes all Sunday readings for Year C, complete Order of Mass and Sunday prayers and blessings, and spiritual reflections on the readings. These are now available for sale for \$4 starting this weekend. The Advent season starts the weekend of December 1st/2nd.

The Christmas Pageant

A beautiful telling of the story of Jesus' birth according to the Gospels, is presented by students in Grades 3 – 7 each year at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass! Sign-up forms are now available at the letter trays in the Narthex for this year's pageant. Students are invited to sign up as actors, singers, or readers. The forms include rehearsal information, and must be returned to the parish office by **Friday, December 7th.**

The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the One Heart, One Soul Campaign to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca.

What are the parishes' responsibilities in the campaign?

Every Parish will first assess its needs and determine the projects to which the funds raised for the Parish will be directed. Each pastor will appoint key volunteers who will work with the Diocese and the Steier Group to form a campaign team. That Parish team will help with campaign events and make personal visits to other parishioners to solicit gifts. Priests also will be asked to help with solicitations of some prospective donors.

How will the funds that are raised be split up?

This is a Parish-focused campaign, and 75 percent of the funds raised by each Parish will stay with that Parish for the goals and projects of its choosing. An additional 10 percent will be directed toward assisting parishes most in need of support. The remaining 15 percent will be dedicated to shared Diocesan ministries.



Bells of Peace

November 11, 2018 marks a very important day in the history of Canada and the history of the world – the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the First World War. The war was devastating in its consequences for Canadian

families and did not distinguish between the battlefield and home, young and old, Catholic and non-Catholic. To mark this important occasion and to encourage all Canadians to reflect on the loss of life and sacrifices made by soldiers and their families, the Royal Canadian Legion has invited churches across the country to participate in the ringing of church bells at sunset on November 11, 2018. Here at St. Francis Xavier Parish we will toll the church bells 100 times with 5 seconds between tolls starting at 4:59PM to remember and honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Students from our 5 elementary schools are preparing for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation this week through the hands of Bishop Douglas Crosby, bishop of our Diocese. Confirmation celebrations are as follows:



Sunday, November 18, 1pm - St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, November 18, 4pm - St. Agnes and Our Lady of Peace.

Monday, November 19, 7pm - St. Martin of Tours and St. Clare.

Please remember to keep all Confirmation candidates in your prayers. Thank you to the school staff and parish volunteers who have helped to prepare our students for the reception of the Sacrament.

Questions of the Week

Theme: We must give to God until we have given enough.

Question for Children: What part of your own possessions are you called on to share?

Question for Youth: When you think of your own life, do you consider yourself to be rich or poor? How do you spend your money? Is there anything you should be doing differently? **Question for Adults:** When do you know that you have given away enough?

A prayer for Remembrance Day



Let Us Forget

those who have died as a result of war. Comfort those who have suffered their loss. Watch over all who are serving in uniform today.

Show all of us how to work together to build a world where war is no more, and forgive us when we fall short. Guide the leaders of nations to make decisions based on justice and compassion rather than greed or lust for power. Help us learn to be peacemakers in our words and our actions. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Krystyna Higgins, Inviting God: Simple, Creative Prayers for Meetings (Toronto: Novalis, 2018)

Today we remember with gratitude the men and women who have served their country in the armed forces. We commemorate those who have died as a result of armed conflict, and we pray for those who are currently serving.

O God, our help and our shield, thank you for the courageous service of all

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: Canada welcomes too many refugees.

Fact: In 2016, Canada welcomed the equivalent of 1.7% (i.e. 58, 435 people) of the 3.4 million new refugees in the world

Real Life Story: On April 4, 2008, members of the Bue-Leh community, an Ogoni community of the Niger Delta, had to flee their homes following an oil spill a few metres from their island. Oil snaked down waterways, destroying their livelihoods such as fishing and agriculture, and severely affecting their health.

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. The Action Cards and other campaign resources are available at the display table in the Narthex. Please return the Action Cards by **November 17/18** to the container on the table, or place them in the collection baskets during Mass.

Share the Journey #sharejourney

Diocesan Newsletter



The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton offer a wide range of workshops and educational opportunities during the course of the year. These activities and events are open to all interested parishioners throughout the Diocese. If you would

like to keep informed regarding these opportunities for growing in your faith, you are invited to subscribe to a weekly online newsletter by going to the Diocesan Website (www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click the “Subscribe to our Newsletter” button on the right side of the homepage. Your email address will be used solely to provide you with Diocesan Newsletter and will never be shared with any third party.

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Thank you

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.