

Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
MONDAY, November 19 Revelation 1.1-4; 2.1-5a Luke 18.35-43	7:30 am	† Joseph Jaksa	Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas
TUESDAY, November 20 Revelation 3.1-6, 14-22 Luke 19.1-10	7:30 am	† Emile Komac	Rev. Paul Jamroz
WEDNESDAY, November 21 Revelation 4.1-11 Luke 19.11-28 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Memorial)	7:30 am	† Niceno Macabuag	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
	6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation today † Living & Deceased Members of the CWL † Maria Kontic † Fabio Pettorossi † Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus † Umberto Spadafora † Remo Rossini † Joe Molinaro † Mario & Natalina Del Vecchio † Remo Rossini † Holy Souls in Purgatory † Clementina D'Andrea † Cecilia Ford † Amy Murphy † Margarete Rubanetz † Luigi & Giovanna Cavallaro † Grace Grabar † Bruno Giro † Sebastiano, Rosina & Giovanni Dell'Armi † Alfredo, Ubertina & Benito Ferritto † Special Intentions of Barbara & Gary Connell † Frank Bozzo	
THURSDAY, November 22 Revelation 5.1-10 Luke 19.41-44 St. Cecilia (M)	7:30 am 10:30 am	† Mile Murkovic Mass at Season Retirement Home - † Antoniette D'Imperio	Rev. Lawrence Parent
FRIDAY, November 23 Revelation 10.8-11 Luke 19.45-48 Sts. Clement & Columban, OM)	7:30 am 8 – 9 am 5 – 7 pm	† Umberto Spadafora 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. Francisco Cruz
SATURDAY, November 24 Revelation 11.4-12 Luke 20.27-40 St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions, (Memorial)	8:30 am 4 - 5 pm 5:30 pm	† Tadeusz Perz Sacrament of Reconciliation † Alfredo Varrasso † Elisa Di Simone † Giulio Biagetti † Achille Luison † Fabio Pettorossi † Camilla, Luigi & Alfonso Cino † Mary Schiavo † Dandrea Gregorio † Anna & Alex Massicci † Stefano Fortunato † Toni Lacentra † Mark & Frank Stachurski † Ciardelli & De Masi Families † Alfonso Chiarelli † Lino Troietto † Isolina Fidanza † Grazia Rizzo † Lino Guerrieri † Marrtin Thien Phu Nguyen † John, Gino & Raymond Gueli	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
SUNDAY, November 25 Daniel 7.13-14 Revelation 1.5-8 John 18.33b-37 Feast of Christ the King	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	† Frank & Ann Aquino † Angelo Giglia † Miłislaw Joun & Vaclav Peterka	

"Do not be satisfied with little things, when God wants great things."
St. Catherine of Sienna

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

Jesse Tree

In our parish we are sponsoring families and individuals for Christmas. We received wish lists from Catholic Children's Aid Society for teenagers in care but living on their own, Good Shepherd Emmaus Place for adults with multiple mental health issues facing homelessness, Good Shepherd seniors and families in need and families at one of our parish schools who are also in need. Again this year a "Jesse Tree" will be set up at both entrances of the church. They will be adorned with cards that will have gift suggestions, age and gender of the person that you can buy for. If you decide to buy for our people in need, take the card with you and purchase the gift listed on it. **Please attach the card to the (unwrapped) gift and return it to the Parish Office by Monday, December 3, 2018.** If you have any questions, please call 905-664-8605.
"Thank you for helping us serve in hope."

Questions of the Week
Theme: Jesus will come again.
Question for Children: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would say? How would you act?
Question for Youth: If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?
Question for Adults: If today was your last, what would you do with it?

World Day of the Poor

Pope Francis has designated this **Sunday, Nov. 18th** as **"World Day of the Poor"**. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be making a short presentation after all Masses to highlight what we are doing for the poor in our community. Deacon John will also preach on this topic. In order to get our parishioners to become more involved in this important ministry, we will be giving everyone an opportunity to sign Christmas cards after all the Masses which will be given to our people on our Christmas visits. Thank you for your support, SSVP.

"The Word Among Us"

The Word Among Us is a Catholic devotional magazine based on the Daily Mass Readings. **The Word Among Us** is intended to assist people in reading, meditating on and understanding scripture and to provide sound, practical advice for Catholics on the living out of the Christian life. For anyone who would like to read and reflect on daily Scripture readings, Advent edition of **The Word Among Us** is available for you in the vestibule of our Church. **Free will offering** is accepted to cover the cost of the magazine.

Upcoming Wedding
There is a promise of Marriage between:
Anthony Joseph Tarsitano & Sandy Anne Desovic



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 is the Diocese of Hamilton?
The Diocese is an area of southeastern Ontario and a collection of 118 Parishes and 28 mission churches with 160 active priests. The Diocese aims to shepherd, support and serve Catholics in those Parishes and this region.

Why does the Diocese need a campaign? Isn't it already financially sound? Yes, the Diocese is financially sound, and that stability is allowing the Diocese to conduct a campaign that focuses on the needs of Parishes, while also enhancing some Diocesan ministries. The campaign is part of the long-term vision for the Diocese, a vision of a thriving Diocese supporting thriving Parishes working to draw more people closer to Christ. The campaign has the potential to renew struggling Parishes and to make strong Parishes stronger.

What are the Diocese's specific goals for the portion of funds it receives? Fifteen percent of the funds raised will go toward shared Diocesan ministries. These include campus ministry to college and university students as well as several ministries focused on those in need: hospital ministry, prison ministry and ministry to migrant workers.

Why did the Diocese choose the Steier Group as a consultant for this campaign? The Diocese of Hamilton searched for a firm that best fit the Diocese's needs and interviewed some of the leading Catholic fundraising companies in North America. The Steier Group's tremendous experience with Catholic Diocesan and Parish campaigns, the quality of their on-site campaign managers, and – perhaps most of all – their love of the Church and commitment to living and encouraging Christian stewardship played big roles in the decision.

Those Mourning the Loss of a Child

Losing a child is a painful and life-altering experience for parents, grandparents and other family members. The feeling of loss, regardless of the amount of time that has passed, is more profound during the Christmas season. A Diocesan Healing Mass, is planned at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King for Sunday, December 2nd, at 4 pm.**, celebrated by **Bishop Douglas Crosby**. Anyone who has lost a child of any age from any cause, including those that have lost a child prior to birth, or from still birth are invited. **God is close to those who mourn, come and experience His healing presence.** Registration is preferred, but not necessary for both seating & to ensure we have enough of the small mementoes each family will receive. Please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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*

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.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 20 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study – Chapel Hall
- Nov. 20 – 7:00 pm – Financial Meeting – RCR
- Nov. 20 – 7:00 pm – SSVP Meeting – Great Hall
- Nov. 21 – 6:45 pm – Baptismal Preparation Mtg. - GH
- Nov. 21 – 7:30 pm – CWL Executive Mtg. – RCR
- Nov. 21 – 7:30 pm – K of C Executive Mtg. - Chambers
- Nov. 22 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – Rectory Conference Room
- Nov. 22 – 7:30 pm – Bereavement Program - SMR
- Nov. 23 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – Great Hall
- Nov. 24 – 6:30 pm – St. Francis Xavier Gala Dinner– 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.

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. 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 others are available in the Lighthouse Media kiosk that is located in the Narthex (lobby) of our Church by the library.

Last Call - Gala St. Francis Xavier Dinner

In honour of our Patron Saint, **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. **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 tickets.



The Christmas Pageant

a beautiful telling of the story of Jesus' birth according to the Gospels, is presented by students **Grades 3– 7** each year at the 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass! Sign-up forms are in the letter trays in the Narthex. 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**.