



Dates	Time	Mass Intentions and Celebrations	Prayer Calendar
MONDAY, November 26 Revelation 14.1-3, 4b-5 Luke 21.1-4	7:30 am	† Raffaele Mascia	Rev. Meskel Abib
TUESDAY, November 27 Revelation 14.14-19 Luke 21.5-11	7:30 am	† Federico, Giovanni & Francesca Di Paolo	Rev. Shane Degblor
WEDNESDAY, November 28 Revelation 15.1-4 Luke 21.12-19	7:30 am	† Cecilia Ford	Lay Parish Ministers
	6-6:45pm 7:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation today † Ann Aquino † Maria & Bogdan Wrobel † Giuseppe Morrone † Antonio Rispoli † Maria & Leonardo Mercaldi † Franco & Florinda Cavallaro † Salvatore Cicero † Donata Raniero † Gaetano Marini † Sam, Filomena, Gennaro & Antonietta D'Angelo † Francesco & Crocetta DiBartolomeo † Rosina Domanico † Francesco Di Pelino † Paul Baldwin † Armando & Agnes Valeri	
THURSDAY, November 29 Revelation 18.1-2, 21-23, 19.1-3 Luke 21.20-28	7:30 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory	Rev. Brian Quigley
FRIDAY, November 30 Romans 10.9-18 Matthew 4.18-22 St. Andrew, (Feast)	7:30 am	† Mile Murkovic	Rev. Thomas Flynn
	8 – 9 am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , in the Church (Benediction at 9 am)	
	5 – 7 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament , in the Church (Benediction at 7 pm)	
SATURDAY, December 1 Revelation 22.1-7 Luke 21.34-36 Our Lady's Saturday, (Optional Memorial)	8:30 am	† Gemma & Calcagni Families	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
	4 - 5 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:30 pm	† Luciano Quarin † Raffaele Fortino & Joanne Cocchiara † Guerino Volpacchio † Marinko Dragusica † Carmine Colalillo † Mary Schiavo † Isolina Fidanza † Matteo & Mario Manzella † John, Gino & Raymond Gueli † Giuseppe Morrone † Christopher Jez † Trombetta & Ferrelli Families † Clementina D'Andrea † Olga DiDiodato † Vito Saputo & Grazia Cottone † Rosario Paolini † Grazia Rizzo † Fabio Pettorossi † Carmelo Octavio Font † Arthur Power	
SUNDAY, December 2 Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.12 – 4.2 Luke 21.25-28, 34-36 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:00 am	Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio & St. Christopher	
	11:00 am	† Carmela Centritto	
	4:00 pm	† Robert Joseph Hooper	

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

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.

Christmas Fruit Cakes will be Back!

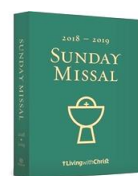
Knights of Columbus Council 7969, will be selling Christmas Fruit Cakes after all Sunday Masses, **December 8/9th and December 15/16th only**. Proceeds go to Campaign Life Coalition in support of Pro Life issues. To pre-order, please call **905-662-5304**. Cost will be **Small (2 lbs.) - \$20 Large (3 lbs.) - \$27**. Thank you for your support!!

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**.



2019 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.

Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus reigns over us in truth.

Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Question for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

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 our parish schools need. Again this year will be set up at both church. They will be cards that will have 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."*

families at one of who are also in a "Jesse Tree" entrances of the adorned with gift suggestions,

Marriage Congratulations

Anthony Joseph Tarsitano & Sandy Anne Desovic

Advent Retreat Weekend

Bethany Retreat House, a brand new retreat centre in Hamilton, is offering an Advent retreat from November 30 - December 2. The cost is **\$180/person**, which includes a 2-night stay and meals. Contact Sister Maria to reserve a spot or for more information at 905-575-8058 or smaria@sehsh.org.

World Youth Day retreat

World Youth Day is an event that takes place every 2 - 3 years in a different country and brings together mainly Catholic young adults from all over the world for 1 - 2 weeks of faith-formation events and cultural experiences. A group from our parish had the blessing of taking part in World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland. The next World Youth Day is taking place in Panama in late January 2019. Our parish is not sending a group this time, but is starting to think about plans to attend the following World Youth Day (the date and location of which will be announced at the conclusion of the events in Panama on Sunday, January 27).

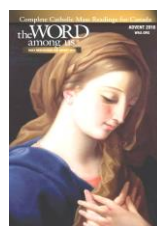
Do you think you might be interested in attending World Youth Day in the future, or experiencing a little bit of the events in Panama? **We will be having a retreat at the parish from the afternoon of Saturday, January 26 to the afternoon of Sunday, January 27.** The retreat will include the opportunity to watch coverage of the final World Youth Day events, as well as other activities on this World Youth Day's theme: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) The retreat will be geared to ages 16 and up. Teens, young adults, and adults are all invited to attend. A registration form with finalized details will be available on the youth ministry page of the parish website and in the letter trays in the Narthex starting in early December. Stay tuned!

Prayers for the Deceased

In your charity, please remember in your prayers those who passed away from our parish community: † **Pierina Pin, Delano Thomas & Serafina Rettura**. 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.*

"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.



Mother Load

will be held on **Monday, November 26th**, in the Great Hall, 9:30 am to 11 am and in the evening 7:30 pm to 9 pm. formerly known as the Catholic Mother's Group. Mothers with school aged children, both elementary and secondary are invited to join with like-minded women who will help, support and encourage your vocation as a mother. Children are welcome!

SSVP: Call to Action

As we heard in Deacon John's homily last Sunday, the World Day of the Poor, it is our responsibility as Catholic Christians to do something to help the needy people in our community. This weekend, you can: take a card from the Jesse Tree, sign a Christmas card for the families/individuals that we visit, get information about joining the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Talk to a member of the SSVP in the narthex or at the side entrance after all Masses. Thank you for your support!

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton
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. **How will the Parishes benefit from the campaign?** This campaign is first and foremost about the renewal and transformation of Parishes. That's why 75 percent of the funds raised will go toward Parish projects (of the Parishes' choosing). In addition, a matching pool of campaign funds (10 percent of all funds raised) will be used to benefit the Parishes most in need of additional support. In many cases, a Parish in need will end up receiving more money than it raised, once the "pool" fund matches a portion of what the Parish raises.

What types of projects could the Parishes choose for the use of campaign funds? Overall, the Parish projects should aim to bring vitality to the Parish, promote participation in Parish life, and evangelize and serve the faithful and the surrounding community. Some obvious options include building projects, renovations of existing buildings, overdue maintenance needs, debt reduction or the building up of a contingency fund. Other options might take more of a direct ministry approach, such as adding an employee to develop a new ministry or providing materials for an existing ministry.

What if we don't need a campaign at our Parish? The success of the overall Diocesan campaign relies on the participation of every Parish community. Although some Parishes may not have a glaring "need" to be dealt with, they're encouraged to dream and plan for how they could assist more people on their faith journey. Parishes that may not have needs now will almost certainly face needs in the future - which is why some Parishes are considering using their campaign funds to create an endowment. Also, a Parish with fewer needs would be welcome to direct some of its funds to other Diocesan Parishes in greater need. **What if we're in the middle of a fundraising effort already?** The Diocesan campaign will happen in "waves" of Parishes, so a Parish finishing up a project now could be placed in the final wave of the Diocesan campaign, which will take place in late 2020 and early 2021. The campaign's clergy committee also could take that into account when fundraising goals are set for Parishes.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 26 – 9:30 am – Mother Load Group – Small Mtg. Room
- Nov. 26 – 7:00 PM – Advent Family Night – Great Hall
- Nov. 26 – 7:30 pm – Mother Load Group – SMR
- Nov. 27 – 7:00 pm – Bible Study – Chapel Hall
- Nov. 28 – 7:30 pm – New Evangelization Meeting – RCR
- Nov. 29 – 7:00 pm – RCIA – Rectory Conference Room
- Nov. 29 – 7:30 pm – Bereavement Course - SMR
- Nov. 30 – 7:00 pm – SFX Card Club – Great Hall
- Dec. 01 – 6:30 pm – Digging Deeper – ROR

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe, is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, bringing to an end the liturgical year. It is also the patronal feast of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. "There with the whole of creation, freed from the corruption of sin and death, may we glorify you through Christ our Lord." (Eucharistic Prayer IV) *Taken from: Heart to Heart.*

Upcoming Wedding

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Natalie Vittoria Di Gregorio & Christopher Luigi Assettino

Catholic Traditions for Advent

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as **Advent**, a time to prepare the way of the Lord for His coming as our King and Saviour. The Catechism stresses the two-fold meaning of this "coming": When the Church celebrates the liturgy of **Advent** each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (CCC 524). Therefore, on one hand, the faithful reflect back on Our Lord's first coming when He humbled Himself, becoming incarnate and entered our time and space to free us from sin. On the other hand, we recall in the Creed that Our Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead and that we must be ready to meet Him. **Advent begins on Sunday, December 2.** Here are some ways you can take advantage of the **Advent Season** to prepare for the coming of our Saviour:

1. Prepare an **Advent Wreath**: The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or



end: God is eternal, and His love for us is everlasting. The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new, everlasting life through His passion, death and resurrection. Three candles are

purple, symbolizing penance, preparation and sacrifice; the rose candle symbolizes the same but highlights the third Sunday of **Advent**, Gaudete Sunday, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished and Christ will soon come. The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progression of lighting candles shows our increasing readiness to meet Our Lord. Make the **Advent** wreath the centerpiece of the dinner table and light it at dinner time.

2. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

3. Set time aside to pray and reflect on the readings of each day. "**The Word Among Us**" daily Mass readings magazine is available in the lobby of the church.

4. Make the time to attend some weekday Masses as well as on the Lord's Day.

5. Children love to read and be read to. Read with them the stories of St. Francis and the first Christmas creche, St. Boniface and the first Christmas tree or St. Nicholas who is Santa Claus.

6. Give of yourself by doing good works. St. Francis said, "It is in giving that we receive," and through our charitable works we will receive the love of Christ Himself.

7. Ponder the calendar of saints during **Advent** and read and reflect on their stories - some of whom include St. Nicholas, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Lucy, and St. John of the Cross.

Taken from <http://catholicstraightanswers.com/prepare-christmas/>

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. • Ordering 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. • 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



Pierogi-Kielbasa Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 7969 will be hosting a Pierogi-Kielbasa Dinner on Thursday, **December 6th** from 3 – 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Dine in or Take Out. Skip the dishes and come and enjoy a delicious meal. Adults \$10 Children \$6. Adult meal includes 8 pierogis, link of kielbasa, fried onions, sauerkraut, bread and dessert. All proceeds will go to support Knights of Columbus charities.

Thank You from Our Fall Fair Committee!

On behalf of the Family Life and Social Activities committee, we want to publicly thank the following for their contributions towards our fall fair:

Donations made by the Knights of Columbus Council 7969(\$50), Jabora Family (chili), Connect Hearing (Coffee/tea and Penny Sale Prize), but most especially to ALL parishioners who donated the many prizes for our Penny Sale and Raffle Prize tables. With the generosity and support from everyone, our 8th Annual Fall Fair was a success. We raised \$2800 to go towards the renovation debt of the parish.

Thank you to the Knights for helping with setup and clean up, for cooking food at the fall fair and to the countless ladies who helped wrap gifts, assisted with the event and especially our youth volunteers who helped that day. Without parish community support, this would not be possible. **THANK YOU!!!**

Congratulations to Our Penny Sale, Raffle And Passport Winners

Passport Winners: Rosa, Cathy, Carolyne, Thomas, Fred, Assunta

Winning Raffle Tickets: 7092737, 7092671, 7092781, 7092714, 7092720, 7092722, 7092751, 7092682, 7092760, 7092799, 7092596, 7092612, 7092650

Winning Penny Sale Tickets: 3871, 3631, 3650, 3834, 7323, 3782, 3932, 7159, 7468, 7417, 3892, 7109, 3559, 7200, 3993, 3892, 7197, 7256, 7260, 3749, 3836, 3973, 3796, 3975, 3994, 7217, 7274, 3871, 3957, 7390, 3658, 3652, 7435, 3704, 3794, 7198, 3652, 7175, 3759, 3755, 3796, 7407, 7163, 7261, 7463, 3879, 3819, 7256, 7403, 3739, 7342, 7400, 3632, 7200, 3902, 7202, 3727, 7406, 3589, 3699, 7434, 3615, 3633, 3882, 3573, 7229, 7294, 3939, 7227, 7165, 3937, 3728, 7112, 7427, 3936, 7366, 3845, 7314, 7298, 3882, 7381, 3815, 3787, 3608, 3603, 3976, 3903, 7369, 7169, 3778, 3595, 7249, 3662, 3552, 7239

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

THANK YOU!