



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Weekly Schedule

Date	Celebration - Time	Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar
<p>Monday, January 18:</p> <p>1st Reading: Hebrews 5.1-10 Gospel: Mark 2.18-22</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 9:00 AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 19:</p> <p>1st Reading: Hebrews 6.10-20 Gospel: Mark 2.23-28</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 9:00 AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.</p>
<p>Wednesday, January 20:</p> <p>1st Reading: Hebrews 7.1-3, 15-17 Gospel: Mark 3.1-6</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 9:00 AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Youth Ministers</p>
<p>Thursday, January 21:</p> <p>1st Reading: Hebrews 7.25 – 8.6 Gospel: Mark 3.7-12</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 9:00 AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Rev. David Perrin</p>
<p>Friday, January 22:</p> <p>1st Reading: Hebrews 8.6-13 Gospel: Mark 3.13-19</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 9:00 AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Rev. Robert Bulbrook</p>
<p>Saturday, January 23:</p> <p>1st Reading: Hebrews 9.2-3, 11-14 Gospel: Mark 3.20-21</p>	<p>Rosary – 8:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 9:00 AM (livestreamed) Chaplet – 3:00 PM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Rev. Timothy Higgins</p>
<p>Sunday, January 124:</p> <p>1st Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Gospel: Mark 1.14-20</p>	<p>Rosary – 9:30 AM (livestreamed) Mass – 10:00 AM (livestreamed)</p>	<p>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)

PSALM:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

SECOND READING:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

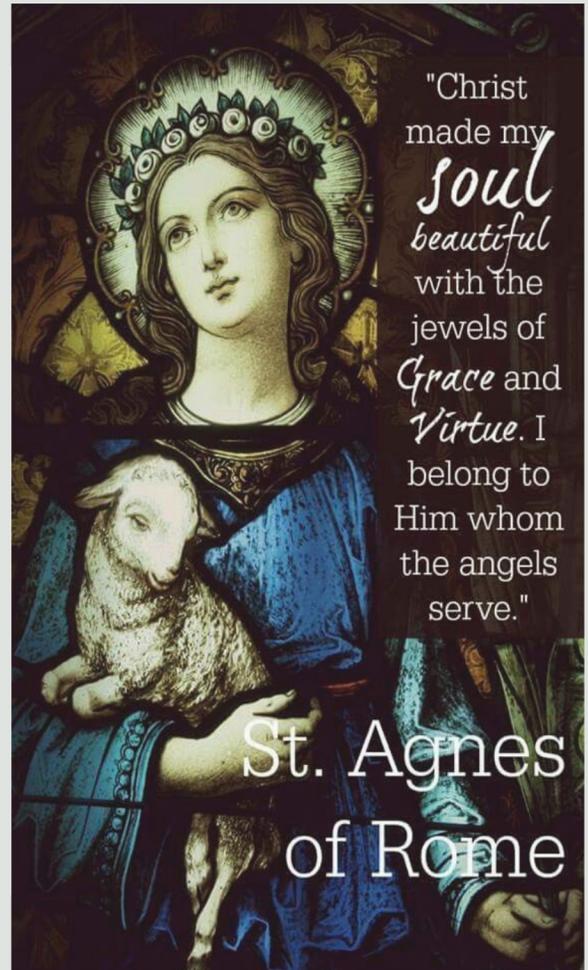
GOSPEL:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2021

- Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Wednesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Thursday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Eli was the priest of the temple in Shiloh. He raised Samuel and helped Samuel to hear God's voice in his life. Who have you taught to hear God's voice?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Corinthians that believers should "glorify God in your body" by avoiding immorality. What do you think is needed to live a good, moral life?

GOSPEL READING

In John's account of the call of the first disciples, Jesus poses the question, "What are you looking for?" In your own spiritual journey, how do you know you have found Jesus?



What's it all about?

Our three youth groups for students in Grades 3-12 are resuming for the new year over Zoom! In this video some of this year's participants and leaders share what youth group is all about:

<https://youtu.be/WP07lcnA-ew>

It's never too late to join, or for students to try out a meeting to see if they would like to join!

Each meeting is an opportunity to spend time with the Lord, build community with one another, explore our faith, and have fun lots of fun! Meetings include screen games, videos, faith-based messages and conversations, and prayer.

You can visit <https://saintfxstoneycreek.com/youth-groups/> for more information, including schedules and registration forms!

Online Rosary

with our Youth Ministry community!



A new tradition for this new year!
Once a month on Zoom our youth ministry community will come together to pray the Rosary. All are welcome to participate.

Grab your Rosary and join in this **Monday evening, January 18, at 7:00pm** as we pray and reflect on the Joyful Mysteries!

Please email Wes at wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com for the Zoom invite if you are not already on the contact list.
If you are interested in helping to lead the prayers and reflections please let her know.
Hope to see you Monday evening!

CHRIST IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing

John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

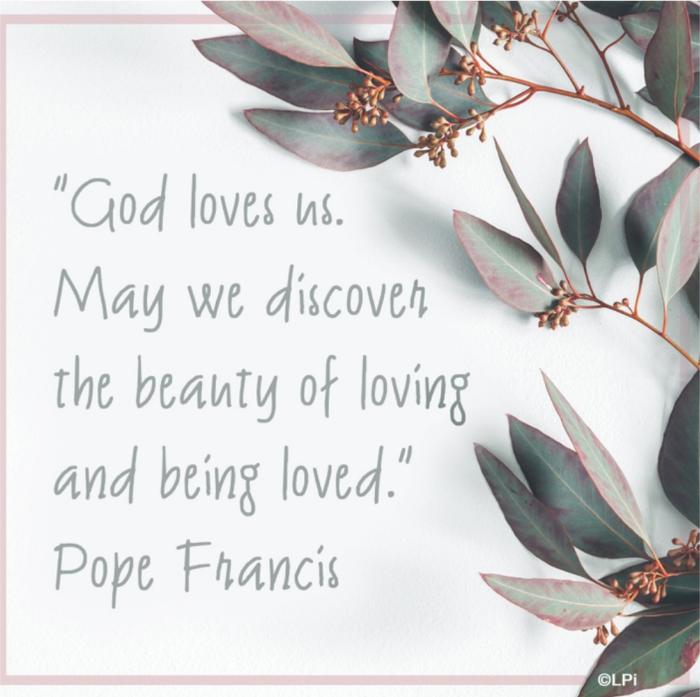
ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

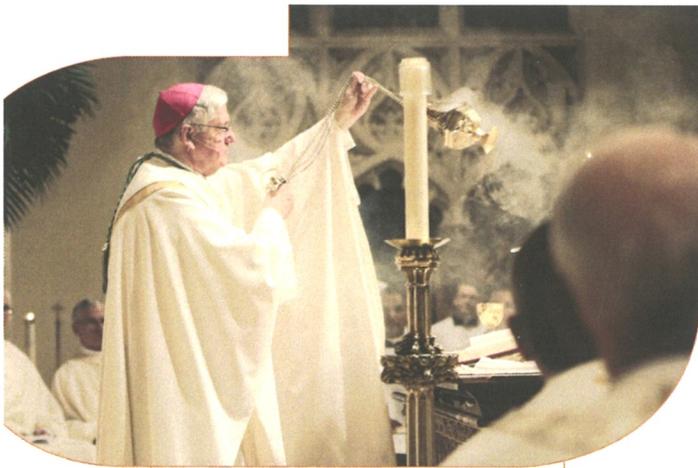
On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this

was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.



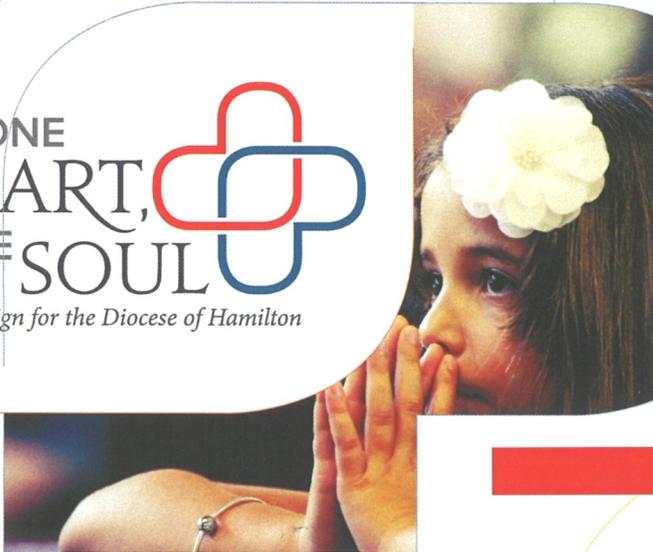
"God loves us.
May we discover
the beauty of loving
and being loved."
Pope Francis



St. Francis Xavier Parish

ONE
HEART,
ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton



You can find our beautiful campaign video and parish-specific campaign information at St. Francis Xavier One Heart One Soul Campaign a webpage designed especially for the parish **here**.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

ALL: Almighty and eternal God,
you alone are the source of every good gift.
We thank you for the blessings you pour out on us,
signs of your infinite goodness, given freely out of love.

Continue to form each of us into faithful stewards
of your abundant blessings.

Help us to cultivate our gifts with care and love,
to share them generously with those in need,
and to return them with increase to you,
our heavenly Father.

LEADER: As you renew all things in Christ,
grant to our parishes and Diocese
a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit.
May this community of faith
be of one heart and soul
as we work together in your name.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Our Lady of the Annunciation,

ALL: Pray for us!

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

PSALM 46:10

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PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Friends,

After all the excitement of Advent and Christmas, we find ourselves entering into the beautiful liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday we read from the Gospel of John about when John the Baptist points to Christ as the one whom we should follow.

“As we begin our journey through Ordinary Time, the gospel begins with looking and gazing and responding to the call to discipleship. John the Baptist stands with two of his disciples, ready to decrease in personal significance so that Jesus may increase (cf. John 3:30). After his testimony there will be no hanging onto or hankering for his former disciples. John watches Jesus pass by; the eyes of John’s heart penetrate to the reality of this man, and he points him out to his disciples as the Lamb of God. The Jewish religious experience of the lamb was as the sacrificial offering that overcame the alienation of sin and created unity between the people and God. In whatever way the Baptist’s disciples understood his words, they were spoken with an urgency that made them leave John and follow Jesus. Jesus himself turns and sees them. The word the evangelist uses for “saw” (theásthai) has the sense of gazing contemplatively and engagingly at these two followers. Jesus then asks them his first question in the fourth gospel: “What are you looking for?” It is a question that will persist throughout this gospel, from this first chapter to the garden of the resurrection morning, but by then the “What” has become “Whom” in the intimate encounter of Jesus and Mary Magdalene (John 20:15).

The two disciples ask Jesus, the Teacher (Rabbi), where he is staying, and he responds by inviting them to “Come, and you will see.” Their question is about a place; their experience is about abiding for the rest of the day in a relationship with a person, about the beginning of a new communion between the people and this Lamb of God. The “where” is not as important as the “with whom.” The pattern of discipleship is established: through witness (of the Baptist), others follow and experience Jesus’s truth for themselves. They in turn bring others to Jesus. One of the first two who followed Jesus remains anonymous, perhaps as a Johannine invitation to future readers to see

a challenge to themselves in the following, seeking pattern of discipleship. The other is later named as Andrew, who announces to his brother, Simon Peter, that he has found the Messiah... This gospel proclaims that all discipleship is an active and involving relationship with Jesus: a following, seeking, staying, finding, and dialoguing with him everyday.” (Living Liturgy 2021)

Over the past few weeks of the Christmas Season I haven’t provided any updates on the ongoing One Heart, One Soul Campaign taking place in the “second wave” of parishes in our Diocese. I would like to let you know that we have received an additional 17 pledges since I last remarked on our progress just before the lockdown. At this time our parish has pledged \$342,152 to the campaign, which is 63% of our 2017 income and 56% of our fundraising goal. Thank you to everyone who has given their support, which will help to address the most urgent needs of our parish (leaking roofs, the freezing lobby of the church and leaking candle rooms) and make our gatherings for fellowship, prayer, and worship more comfortable and pleasant. We still have a long way to go to achieve our goal, and therefore I renew my invitation to parishioners who have not yet made a pledge to join in as you are able in supporting the future of our parish.

Due to the lockdown at the present time, we are prevented from being together in person for the celebration of the Holy Mass, and must have very limited numbers for funerals, weddings and baptisms. In this situation, the best thing we can do is to unite ourselves spiritually by participating in the livestreaming of daily and Sunday Masses, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, as well as the weekly Children’s liturgy videos, on the parish YouTube channel. There is also the continuing opportunity to participate in online gatherings on Zoom for Bible Study (which will soon begin a new program - please see the parish bulletin for more details) and youth groups for students in Grades 3-12 (please see the Youth Ministry page in the parish website). Join us in these celebrations and online gatherings to remain spiritually fit and close to Christ. This way the bond of unity grows between us and Christ.

God bless everyone and see you online.
Fr. Mariusz

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate



intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in

our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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Love is the bond of life, the mother of the poor and the teacher of the rich. It is the nurse of orphans, the attendant of the elderly, the treasure of the indigent and the common port of all the afflicted.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

Catechesis and explanation

Removing the word “one” from the ending of the Collect

Following a request from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments which was sent to the Bishops’ Conferences of all English-speaking countries, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops agreed to adjust the English-language wording to the conclusion of the *Collect* (the opening prayer) in the *Roman Missal* as approved for use in Canada. As of Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021, the word “one” is to be omitted from the conclusion of the Collect, and likewise of similar prayers in the liturgy (for example, the Blessing of Water at the Easter Vigil). Instead of ending “*one God, for ever and ever*”, the Collect will now end “***God, for ever and ever***”.

Until now, the word “one” has been used in the conclusion to the Collect in both the earlier and the current English-language translations of the Roman Missal. However, in consultation with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, the Bishops of English-speaking countries are in the process of deciding when and how each country will implement this change. The reason for it is to avoid possible misunderstandings about the identity of the Son within the Blessed Trinity, or even the misconception that Our Lord Jesus Christ is “one God” among others.

With this change, the English will now also be consistent with the Latin text, as well as conform with translations into other European languages including French. The new wording, which amends the English-language translations of n. 54 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, will be incorporated into all future editions of liturgical books approved for use in Canada.

As a practical note, there should be no need to strike out or attempt to erase the word “one” in each instance it occurs in the current editions of the liturgical books such as the Roman Missal. The celebrant at liturgical celebrations will simply omit the word where needed.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
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3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



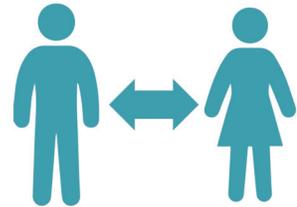
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

“The time is always right
to do what is right.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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FORGIVEN

**A New Bible Study Coming Soon to
St. Francis Xavier Parish**



In this program you will discover the merciful way that God seeks us out when we have sinned and calls us back to himself. You will examine the sacrament from the perspective of both the priest and the penitent, and you will explore the scriptural foundation of the sacrament. This study will help you recognize the beauty of the Rite of Penance and the transformative power of the grace God offers us in this sacrament.

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



Mexican families share a special treat called a Kings' Cake on January 6th. Hidden inside the cake is one tiny little doll shaped like the baby Jesus. If you find Jesus in your piece of cake, you tell everyone. In today's Gospel, Andrew met Jesus for the first time. Andrew was so excited to find the Savior, he ran to tell his brother he had found Jesus.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me tell my family and friends about you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your family if you could include Kings' Cake in your holiday celebrations next year.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 18 TO JANUARY 24, 2021

DATE	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Monday , January 18:	Emil Mazurkiewicz Jan Hymon	Larry & Joyce Webb Barbara Sieruga
Tuesday , January 19:	Special Intentions for Lidia Putigna Jan Hymon	A. Petrella Barbara Sieruga
Wednesday , January 20:	MULTI-INTENTIONAL Stella Kuzyk Adam Wyzkiewicz Jan Hymon Maria Gebska Flora Formosi Doris Goodwin Carmela Oddi Special Intentions For the intentions of Wojtek Grzech For the intentions of Adolf and Zofia	Larry & Joyce Webb Elzbieta and Adam Grobelny Barbara Sieruga Andrzej Pasadyn and Family Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous Halina Kwasniewska Anonymous Grazyna Chomicka
Thursday , January 21:	Aldo Lancia Jan Hymon	Angie & Bob Garside Barbara Sieruga
Friday , January 22:	For the Special Intentions of Ewa Jan Hymon	Ewa Nimcz Barbara Sieruga
Saturday , January 23:	Florrie DeSouza Jan Hymon	Al & Melinda Fernandez Barbara Sieruga
Sunday , January 24: 10:00 am Mass	MULTI-INTENTIONAL Kazimierz Kubicki Baldassare Lupo Aldo Lancia Ottavio Altobelli Angela Molinaro-Vescio Doris Goodwin Alessandro Moli Vincenza Onorati Jan Hymon Maria Gebska Sabatino and Enrichetta Capretta For the souls of the departed in need of prayers For the intentions of Teresa and Karol For the People of the Parish (Missa Pro Populo)	Marek Kulak Giulia DiFazio Antonia DelMonaco & Family Altobelli, Batt & Mancuso Families CWL of St. Francis CWL of St. Francis Anna Marcoccia & Family Anna Marcoccia & Family Barbara Sieruga Marek Pasadyn and Family Carmine Capretta Wojtek Grzech Grazyna Chomicka

Drop in Program

Grief Support

Men's Support Circle

"Each person's grief is as unique as their fingerprint. But what everyone has in common is that no matter how they grieve, they share a need for their grief to be witnessed. That doesn't mean needing someone to try to lessen it or reframe it for them. The need is for someone to be fully present to the magnitude of their loss without trying to point out the silver lining." – David Kessler

Come as you are and join our trained peer volunteers and other men to connect and share about your loved one as well as your unique grief experience.

- Drop-in format – join us for one or any of our monthly meetings!
- The support group has been designed to be offered in person safely or virtually dependent on COVID-19 & Public Health Guidelines.
- New topic each session. Led by trained volunteers.

Our Men's Support Circle is held from 6:30–8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- October 8
- November 12
- December 10
- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8



Safe Space

What's said in- group
stays in group

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