



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

SECOND READING:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

GOSPEL:

"Afterwards the other virgins came and said,
'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
But he said in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.'" (Mt 25:11-13)

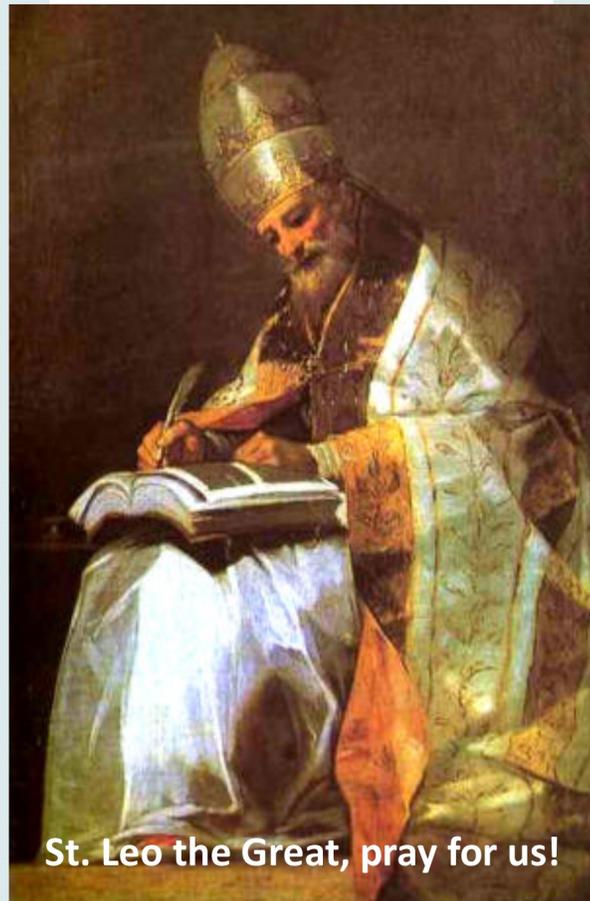
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Remembrance Day
Thursday: St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

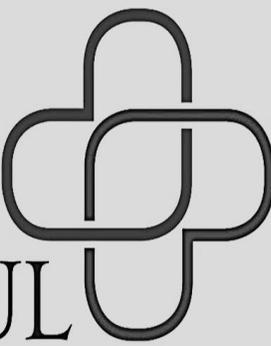
Our Jewish sage personifies wisdom as someone eager to be found by those seeking her. Is the virtue of wisdom something you actively seek?

SECOND READING

Paul teaches the believers in Thessalonica about the sequence of events leading to the end-times. When do you find yourself thinking about the return of Christ and the final judgment?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' parable of the ten virgins is a lesson about being prepared for the Second Coming of Christ. How prepared are you for this event?



ONE
HEART,
ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

October 18, 2020 marked the official launch of our parish's participation in the Diocese of Hamilton's One Heart, One Soul Campaign - a critical effort to help fund projects here at St. Francis Xavier Parish

as well as several diocesan ministries we share with the other parishes and helping to support parishes in need.

A packet of materials about the campaign was sent to every registered household. A case booklet - with an insert describing our specific parish projects and goals - is enclosed, along with a letter from Bishop Crosby and Fr. Mariusz requesting a pledge to the effort. For the past few weeks, our team of volunteers has been reaching out to families to discuss the campaign, answer questions and seek your support. Due to our limited number of volunteers, we may not be able to personally contact every family, but we do hope that all families will choose to participate in this important campaign.

This campaign and the projects we hope to fund shouldn't fall on the shoulders of one family or a few. It is the responsibility of everyone in our parish to hear God's call and to continue to grow His ministry. Thank you in advance for reviewing the materials, considering the request to pledge, and participating at a level that is meaningful to you and your family.



DAILY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Monday	-	Rosary - 7:30AM Mass - 8:00AM
Tuesday	-	Rosary - 7:30AM Mass - 8:00AM
Wednesday	-	Rosary - 7:30AM Mass - 8:00AM
Thursday	-	Rosary - 7:30AM Mass - 8:00AM
Friday	-	Rosary - 7:30AM Mass - 8:00AM (after morning Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 9:30AM concluded with Benediction at that time)
Saturday	-	Rosary - 8:00AM Mass - 8:30AM



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5:30PM

Sunday - 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 4:00PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 4:00PM to 5:00PM, (in the quiet room, at the back of the church)



Fr. Claude is also available daily to hear confessions before daily Masses from 7:40am till 7:55am

Monthly Virtual Prayer Service and Check-in

Hosted by St. Francis Xavier Parish Youth Ministry

Date: Sunday, November 8
Time 7:00—7:30pm on ZOOM
Theme: Peace

Please contact Wes at wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com for log-in information



Each month, our youth ministry community will be hosting a virtual prayer service & check-in for youth and their families using Zoom!

The next one, on the theme of Peace, will be held on Sunday, November 8 from 7:00-7:30pm.

If you would like to participate, please contact Wes at wmoga@hamiltondiocese.com.

Hoping you can join in!

Youth Groups!!

Virtual Youth Groups are starting the week of October 18!!
Check out <https://saintfxstoneycreek.com/youth-ministry/> for more info and registration forms!



QUEST
(Grades 3 – 5)
Mondays bi-weekly
from 7:00-8:00pm



EPIC
(Grades 6 – 7)
Mondays bi-weekly
from 8:15-9:15pm



DIGGING DEEPER
(Grades 8 - 12)
Saturdays bi-weekly
from 7:00-9:00pm

FAITH

FRIENDSHIP

FUN

Our three youth groups, offered for students in Grades 3-12, have started up again and it's never too late to join or try them out!

They will be held online using Zoom for the time being.

Each meeting is an opportunity for students to spend time with the Lord, build community with one another, explore their faith, and have lots of fun doing so!

Each regular meeting will include:

- a screen game
- videos
- a faith-based message
- conversations in small groups
- time for prayer

There will also be several events for the whole family, as well as opportunities for community service, throughout the year!

Schedules and registration forms for each group are available at:

<https://saintfxstoneycreek.com/youth-groups>

IN OUR MIDST

One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, “Hello.” Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was

simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don’t see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn’t if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT SUICIDE?

Unfortunately, despite the Church’s clear teachings in resources like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *Catholic Catechism for Adults* reflects, “Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons



who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can “diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide” (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the Canada Suicide Prevention Service 1(833-456-4566) Hours: Available 24 hours;

Remembrance Day

Thank You!

All Powerful God,
we honor today those men and women -
our sons and daughters,
husbands and wives,
fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers -
who have laid down their life for their country.
Whether weary or emboldened, quiet or defiant,
vulnerable or ready when You called them home,
their sacrifice is too humbling for words
except these uttered in prayer.

Loving God, bless them forever in Your eternal peace,
cherish their spirit, honor their commitment,
send them our love,
and will never forget the service that they gave.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!

Lest We Forget

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do you consider yourself spiritually mature and awake? We can become a little presumptuous in the Christian life and even put a little too much stock in God's mercy. We foolishly believe that in the end, God is going to give everyone a passing grade and all will be well. Therefore, until that time comes, I can remain mediocre in my faith disciplines and put aside the effort needed to go from okay to excellent. We can be accomplished procrastinators! The meeting of God face-to-face either when we die or when Christ comes again, whichever comes first, is not going to be as casual as we may think. There is no earthly meeting in our experience that can even compare to what it will be like to meet God. To say that we are going to be caught up in awe is an understatement. But, there is something even more significant than that to consider: If we haven't learned how to be attentive, recognize, and long for the holy of holies in this life, what make us think we are going to recognize and desire it in the next? Pray for the wisdom to act prudently.

WHEN LIFE
GIVES YOU
MORE THAN
YOU CAN
STAND,
KNEEL.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

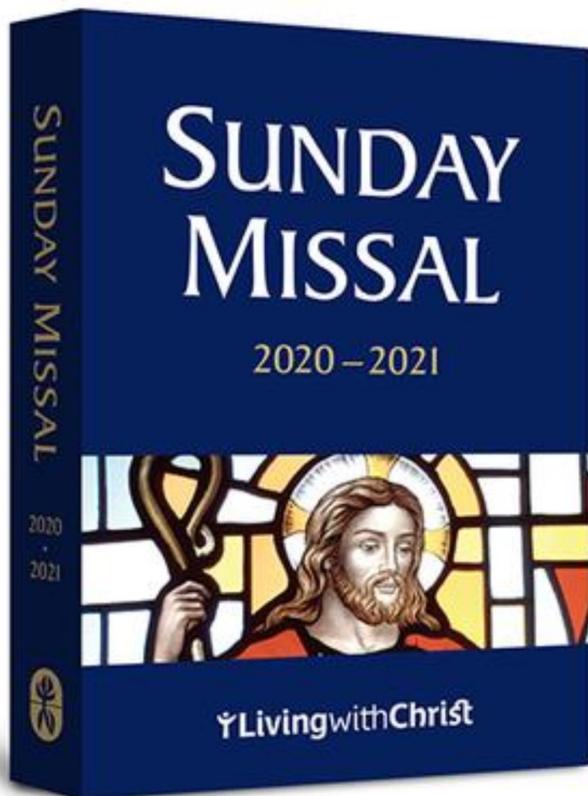
Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



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LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSAL 2020-2021



Sunday Missal is the resource that helps Catholics prepare for and celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation of the year.

- New English translation of the Roman Missal
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 - Living with Christ is completely edited and produced in Canada.

The Sunday Missal is available in the lobby of the church upon request. Please know that during the time of pandemic to keep everyone safe the Sunday Missal will be handed over to you by our ushers only.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants.



Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them.

We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

"Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'" - Mt 25:7-9

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The Jesse Tree

"A shoot will spring forth from
the stump of Jesse, and a
branch out of his roots."

Isaiah 11:1



Society of St. Vincent De Paul Jesse Tree – COVID Style

Beginning November 7th, we will be helping families and individuals for Christmas. We receive 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,

families at one of our parish schools who are also in need, a day care with children in need and children from a local food bank. This year due to COVID-19, we will have 2 clothes lines set up at the entrance of the church. The tags that are hanging will have gift suggestions, age and gender of the person that you can buy for. If you decide to buy for our neighbours in need, take the tag as you enter the church and purchase the gift listed on it. It is very important that you look with your eyes and then take only the tag that you choose, being careful not to touch the other tags. If you are not attending Mass in person, please go to the parish website - **Ministries tab/St. Vincent de Paul** to access a list of gifts available to purchase. Please attach the tag to the unwrapped gift and place it in the collection (if it is a gift card) or return gifts or gift cards to the parish office by December 2, 2020. If you have any questions, please call 905-664-8605. "Thank you for helping us serve in hope"

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.



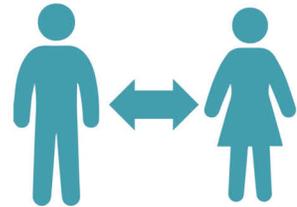
WASH YOUR HANDS

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.





Wedding Congratulations:

Julia Taylor + Brendan McNulty

November 7, 2020

*May God the eternal Father
keep you of one heart in love for one another,
that the peace of Christ may dwell in you
and abide always in your home.*

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Kids Corner

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Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

PRAYER

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.



DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 2020

Coping with the Holidays - Christmas is an especially difficult season for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this will be complicated even further when the loss occurred during the COVID-19 shut down. Have you lost a love one and find yourself struggling with the thought of the upcoming Christmas season? Are you trying to figure out how you can cope? We can help: join us on Monday, November 30th at 7 P.M. for a one-hour evening session on Zoom offering reflection and practical strategies for coping at Christmas. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or register on [line](https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays) at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays>. We will send a zoom invite by e-mail to all those who have registered the day before the session so you can join by video or phone.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 124 - November is the month in which we both pray for and

remember our dead. We also celebrate Remembrance Day, a day we give thanks to all those who have died for our protection and freedom. It is a wonderful month to speak to your children about others who have gone before you. Share the legacy and traditions your ancestors have left for your family and the influence they have had on your lives. Talk to them about how we honour them by our daily actions and remind them to pray for them, not just in the month of November, but all year long. November is a month to discuss our own history, but also the history and traditions of our Catholic faith: All Saints Day, All Souls Day, attending Mass, the prayers we say at Mass, prayers before meals and bedtime, to name a few. Those that have gone before us have influenced us; let us help our children know and reflect on all they have left us.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 104 - As winter approaches, we move into maintenance mode: we clear the gutters on the roof so water can flow freely, we change to winter tires to prepare for the coming cold and snow and we gather and store outdoor summer items from the yard to keep safe for next year. Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most

important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we pray together for patience, love, kindness and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary.

Anniversary Mass 2021 - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to

work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. **Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.**

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.

Mass Intentions for November 9 to November 15, 2020

DATE	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
MONDAY, November 9:	Gaetano Candeloro Paula Smith	Mrs. Candeloro Dan & Anne Smith
TUESDAY, November 10:	Giuseppe Giacoboni In reparation for acts committed against the Holy Eucharist	Bruna Giacoboni Ewa Nimch
WEDNESDAY, November 11:	MULTI-INTENTIONAL 95 th Birthday intention for Olivia Andrego Mario Calcagni Adam Wyzkiewicz Monsignor Harvey Roach (5 th anniversary) Intentions of Joseph Joun and Marie Joun Special Intentions	Andrego Family Maria Calcagni Lidia Wyzkiewicz and Family The Joun Family
THURSDAY, November 12:	Holy Souls in Purgatory Franklin Ribeiro	Stan Szewc Mrs. Ribeiro
FRIDAY, November 13:	Giovanni & Lucia Petrella Ramon Salise	Agatha Petrella Joy Salise
SATURDAY, November 14:	Deceased members of the Ventresca & Valeri Families Deceased members of the Kuti Family	The Family Agnes Voros
SATURDAY, November 14: 5:30PM Mass	MULTI-INTENTIONAL Martin Thien Phu Nguyen Cecylia Kulak Giuseppina Fuca Maria & Carmine Fortino Giovanni & Francesca DiGennaro Sebastiano Stramenga Frank Vitucci DeMasi & Ciardelli Families Francesco & Crocetta DiBartolomeo Redenta Massignani & Maddalena Graudis Krista Pauly Giovanna Varrasso Sebastiano Dell'Armi Giovanni & Rosina Dell'Armi Alfredo & Bettina Ferritto Benito & Elda Ferritto Carmine Marzilli Vincenza Cesarini Marino Morettin Gino Carniello	Le-Butler Family Marek Kulak Anonymous Assunta Fortino Rosa Mascia Luigia Paradisi Alfred & Frances Longo Dina Ciardelli Carmen DiBartolomeo Annamaria Reginato Prestige Dr. Neighbours Lidia & Angelo Profetto Candida Dell'Armi Candida Dell'Armi Candida Dell'Armi Candida Dell'Armi Candida Dell'Armi Amelia Cesarini Louie & Miranda Beraldo Louie & Miranda Beraldo
SUNDAY, November 15: 9:00 AM Mass	Vincenzo & Genuima Bevilacqua Alvise, Rosa & Beraldo Family	Renato & Cledice Antonelli Louie & Miranda Beraldo
11:00AM Mass	Guido Fortino Ralph Mascia	Assunta Caruso Pierina DiPaolo
4:00PM Mass	For the People of the Parish - (Missa Pro Populo)	