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Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 to 5 pm, Closed 12 noon to 1 pm

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## Mass Schedule:

St. James Chapel: Mon.-Sat. 7:45 am Cathedral: Mon.-Fri. 12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am,

Opportunities for Confession "The Light is On!"

One half hour before each Mass held in the Cathedral

Additionally: Wednesdays 1 pm – 5pm & Saturdays 4 pm – 4:50 pm

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

(The Christmas Season ends this year with the  
celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord on Monday,  
January 8<sup>th</sup>)

## Coming Events

**Coat Drive** resumes Jan. 2nd, 1-4 pm, Parish Centre.

**Relic of St. Francis Xavier** visits St. Mary's this Wednesday, see ad  
**Latin Mass**, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, St. James Chapel, 3 pm.

**Knights of Columbus** meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Take down of Christmas decorations in Cathedral:** January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30  
am. Again many hands make light work. Please come out and give us a  
hand to take down the decorations.

**CWL** meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm, Parish Centre.

**Moms & Tots** resumes, Tues. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30 am, Parish Centre.

**Men's Ministry** resumes, Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 9 am in the Parish  
Centre.

Father Killian Eke has returned to Nigeria for the next six weeks and  
will return to Canada mid-February.

**WARM UP YOUR JANUARY: JANUARY 13, 2018--"CHILI FEAST"**  
**6:30 PM:** BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH HALL, Amherstview, On.  
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Available) Adults: \$10/Family Pack of 4: \$30./Additional: \$5. Call Marie  
613-384-8238 to Purchase Tickets before January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Cursillo Weekend for Men to be held in Kingston** - Pope Francis  
encourages us to encounter Jesus. The Cursillo Weekend offers a short and  
profound opportunity to encounter Jesus Thurs. evening, March 8th to Sun.  
March 11th at Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston. For more info.  
contact Lionel Ryan at 613.634.9588 [RyanLionel07@gmail.com](mailto:RyanLionel07@gmail.com) or Friar Ed  
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**Week Long Catholic Summer Camps for Girls 9-14: Register  
soon!** Chilawee Trails has overnight week long camps for girls in August  
for girls ages 9-14. Located in Barry's Bay it offers sports, daily Mass,  
swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions, canoe, and drama - a week of fun,  
friendship and faith awaits! Registration opens in March. Consider helping  
campers from low-income families. For more info: [chilaweetrails.ca](http://chilaweetrails.ca).

**Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference:** On February 24<sup>th</sup>  
join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along  
with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Band of Christian  
Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The  
theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting  
of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer.  
Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets:  
<https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>,  
[info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

### Masses:

#### Monday Jan. 8th

7:45 am Irma Hogan  
12:10 pm Doreen and Kevin  
Northcott's intentions, 60<sup>th</sup> anni.

#### Tuesday Jan. 9th

7:45 am Catherine Edwards  
12:10 pm Robert George Molloy

#### Wednesday Jan. 10th

7:45 am Thanksgiving for all  
benefactors

12:10 pm Irma Hogan

#### Thursday Jan. 11th

7:45 am Marian Meagher's intentions  
12:10 pm Irma Hogan

#### Friday Jan. 12th

7:45 am Francis Gillespie Sr.,  
Brenden McLaughlin  
12:10 pm Teresa Sison, Anna Ebbay,  
deceased members of Sison family

#### Saturday Jan. 13th

7:45 am Intentions of Fr. Shawn  
5 pm Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday Jan. 14th

8 am Elizabeth Ghetskowa  
(Geckova)  
10:30 am For all parishioners  
7:30 pm For all parishioners

### **Please pray for our Sick:**

Carmen Davies, Patrick  
Gambin, Lidwien Gräfe, Lois  
Hopkinson, Ethel Kane,  
Matthew McDonald, Marian  
Meagher and Jim Wakelin.

### **Ministries: Sat. Jan. 13th, 5 pm**

Altar Servers	Barry M.	Dianne I.
Lectors	Janice L.	Mark M.
EM of the Eucharist	Ann L.	Anne H.

### **Sunday Jan. 14th, 8 am**

Altar Servers	Marcel R.	Emily R.
	Betty R.	
Lectors	Cathy S.	Elizabeth N.
EM of the Eucharist	Betty R.	Emily R.

### **Sunday, Jan. 14th, 10:30 am**

Altar Servers	Nick B.	Jude T.
	Bohdan Y.	Marietta M.
Lectors	Valerie N.	Evelyn T.
EM of the Eucharist	Domenica B.	Janet W.
	Bob C.	Marietta M.
	Betty G.	Grace G.
	Dianne I.	

### **Sunday, Jan. 14th, 7:30 pm**

Altar Servers	Students	
Lector	Sara B.	Taylor C.
EM of the Eucharist	Marlene M.	Doug S.

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### **COST**

**No charge to register;  
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# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

**Wednesday January 10, 2018**

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

**12:10pm:** Mass with His Grace, Archbishop O'Brien

**12:45pm - 6:30pm:** Public veneration of the relic

**7:00pm:** Talk and testimony by missionaries of Catholic Christian Outreach

**7:30pm - 10:00pm:** Public veneration of the relic

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available continuously from 1pm - 10pm

FOR INFORMATION VISIT [CCO.CA/RELIC](http://CCO.CA/RELIC)

## **The Relic of the Forearm of Saint Francis Xavier will come to St. Mary's Cathedral this Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon to 10 pm.**

The relic of the forearm of the missionary saint, St. Francis Xavier, will visit St. Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as part of a 14-city Canadian visit Jan. 3 to Feb. 2 organized by the Archdiocese of Ottawa, and the Canadian Province of the Jesuits and Catholic Christian Outreach.

“Saint Francis Xavier is one of the most revered saints of all time,” Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa said in a news release.

Permanently displayed at the Church of the Gesù in Rome, organizers say this is the first time the relic has been on Canadian soil. His body, which is buried in Goa, India, as well as the relic of his arm, are incorrupt—they have not experienced natural decay since his death in 1552 AD.

Organizers say close to 100,000 people will visit the various events across the country—the same number of people it is believed St. Francis baptized with his right arm and hand.

Born April 7, 1506, in the Kingdom of Navarre in present-day Spain, Xavier is considered one of the co-founders of the Society of Jesus together with St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Society of Jesus is the religious order better known as the Jesuits.

The relic is scheduled to travel to: Ottawa, Québec City, St. John's, Halifax, Antigonish, Kingston, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and Montréal.

### **The Following is taken from Catholic Christian Outreach's website cco.org and from their Pilgrimage Guidebook**

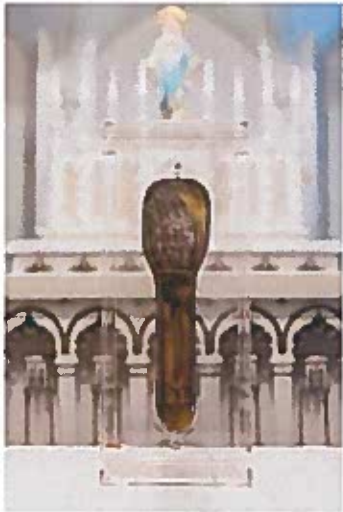
The relic pilgrimage is a gift for the Church in Canada at the close of our 150th anniversary year, bringing the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle.

We anticipate three particular extraordinary graces in this pilgrimage, all related to the charisms of St. Francis Xavier: (1) *conversion of souls*; (2) *the raising up of missionary disciples who are abandoned to God's will*; and (3) *healing*. Our prayer is that—through this relic pilgrimage—you will have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus.

St. Francis Xavier was born in 1506 into Spanish nobility. In 1525, he went to study at the University of Paris where he excelled as an athlete and was very popular among his peers. His roommate was the older St. Ignatius Loyola, whom he initially despised but who eventually became his mentor in faith. St. Ignatius facilitated St. Francis Xavier's deeper conversion and his call to the priesthood. They, and a handful of friends, were inspired to found a new religious order: the Society of Jesus.

In 1540, at a moment's notice, St. Francis Xavier was asked to replace another Jesuit on mission to Asia. He did not hesitate to follow God's will. He had a charism for languages and could miraculously converse in the native language of those to whom he went. It was important to him that local disciples were raised up and equipped to continue ministering and evangelizing others in the region.

On December 3, 1552, St. Francis Xavier died in Shangchuan Island, within sight of his next mission, mainland China. He was only 46 years old.



### **What is significant about this relic?**

This relic is the right forearm and hand of St. Francis Xavier. It is estimated he baptized more than 100,000 people with this arm. This relic remains in a reliquary in Rome at the Jesuit mother church, the Church of the Gesù. The remainder of his body is entombed in Goa, India.

His arm, as well as the rest of his body, is incorrupt. Saints are referred to as incorrupt when their body, miraculously, does not experience natural decay. It has been 465 years since his death.

### **Why venerate relics?**

The veneration of relics is a longstanding practice inside and outside the Catholic Church. Within Christianity, the practice rests on the belief that God came to humanity in the flesh, namely in the physical person of Jesus of Nazareth. Important sacraments of the faith also include water, wine and bread—physical elements that take on spiritual, supernatural value and characteristics. Similarly, the relics of saints provide for a tangible experience of God's graces. As well, Catholics believe that saints can intercede for humanity, given their proximity to God in what is commonly referred to as the "Communion of Saints" or the Mystical Body of Christ. There are analogies to this in our human experience. When we have lost a loved one, going to their places and touching their favourite things evoke reverence, affection and connection to them. Relics, in a tangible way, provide an opportunity for a special connection with that saint because their body matters to God and someday will be reunited with their soul.

### **Veneration of relics in Scripture**

There is precedent for the veneration of relics in both the Old and New Testaments of the bible. Veneration results in an encounter with God's healing power. We see it with the healing of a man from touching the prophet Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:20-21). We also see the healing from clothing that touched Jesus; the hemorrhaging woman who touched his cloak, (Mark 5:27-29) and various healings from fabrics that had touched St. Paul. (Acts 19: 11-12)

The relics of saints provide an incarnational experience of God's graces. As Catholics, we believe that, in the Communion of Saints, we can turn to the saints to pray on our behalf. There are various levels of relics:

1. Body/bones of a saint (first class)
2. Objects/clothing that belonged to a saint (second class)
3. Objects that touch a first-class relic (third class)

Relics, in a tangible way, provide an opportunity for a special connection with that saint because their body matters to God and someday will be reunited with their soul.

We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are."

—St. Jerome

### **Indulgence**

You may receive a Plenary (Full) Indulgence with this visit to the relic of St. Francis Xavier. A Plenary Indulgence is the remission before God of all the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. Indulgences come from the ancient Jewish tradition of Jubilee years, when all debts were forgiven. Catholics believe that out of the superabundance of God's grace and mercy, a similar remittance can be had on special occasions. They can be applied to yourself or to the souls in purgatory. You cannot gain an indulgence for anyone else who is living. They must make the pilgrimage and gain the indulgence themselves.

In addition to veneration the relic of St. Francis Xavier, this Plenary Indulgence requires you to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, to pray the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Holy Father within twenty days of venerating St. Francis's relic, and to have an interior disposition of complete detachment from sin.

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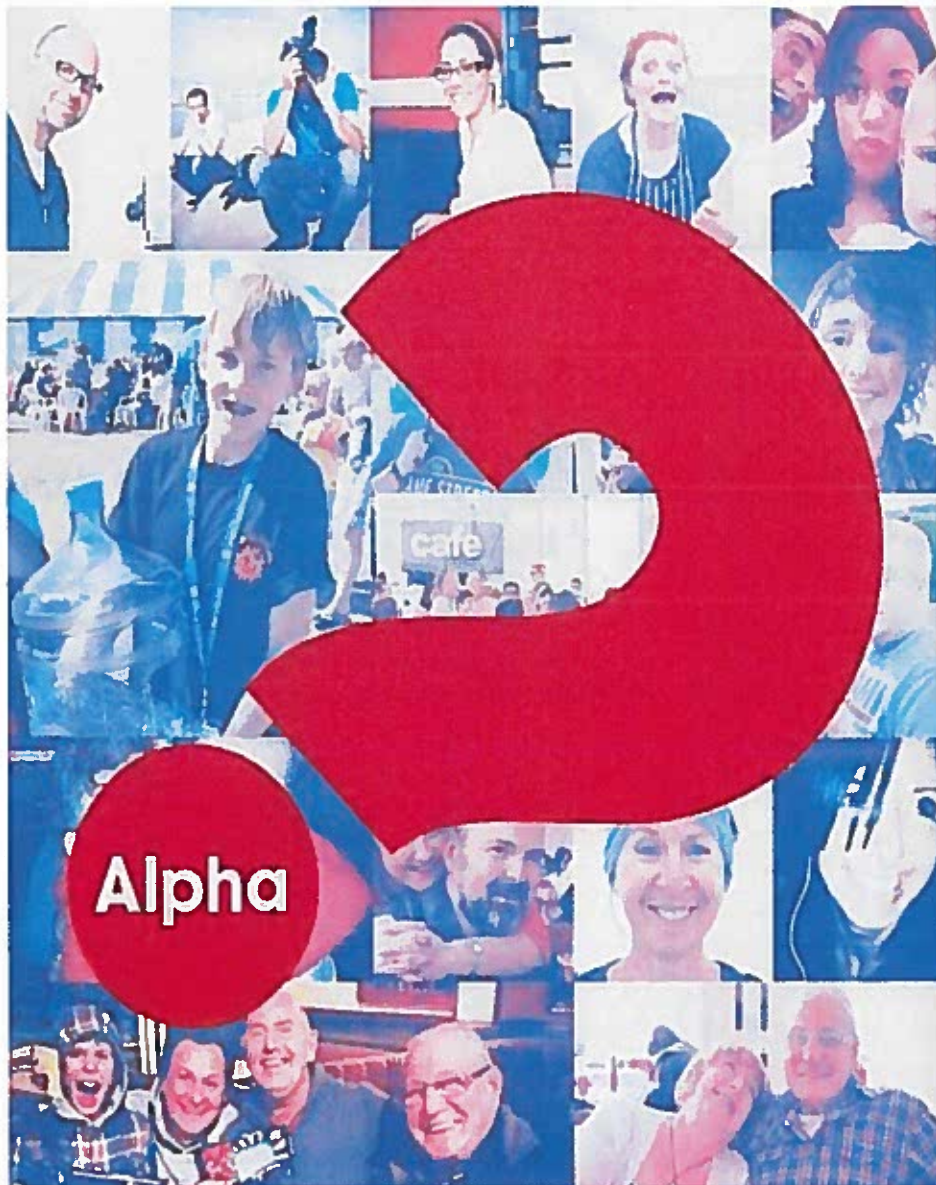
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