

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ([1 John 3:1 ESV](#))

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Most Precious Blood Church
8:30 a.m. Sunday

WEEKDAY MASS
Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

Sunday Offerings

St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2024	\$ 4,850.00
Envelopes	\$ 4,080.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 480.00

Care Fund	\$ 1,580.00
Memorial Fund Donations	\$ 210.00

Attendance: Sat. 146 Sun. 353

Sunday, Apr. 7, 2024	\$ 6,146.34
Envelopes	\$ 2,819.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 2,688.34
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 349.00

Care Fund Cash & Cards	\$ 170.00
Lent Mission & Develop. to-date	\$ 7,760.00
Easter to-date	\$ 6,325.00

Attendance: Sat. 129 Sun. 140

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 15	
	Mass at OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Apr. 16	
8:00am	Michael Rouble by Divine Mercy Centre
Wed. Apr. 17	
8:00am	Margaret Burns by Roy & Jan Leitch
Thur. Apr. 18	
8:00am	Jack Kelly by Annie Yeager & Family Repose of Soul for Marcella Cybulski by Carmel & Dennis Madigan
10:30 Bonnechere Manor	Repose of Soul of Brady McNamara & Deceased Family Members by The Estate
Fri. Apr. 19	
8:00am	Deceased Members of the Parker Family by P & J Spilchen
Sat. Apr. 20	
4:30pm	Ambrose & Bernice Valliquette by Leona & Family Greg Mantil by Dianna & Family
Sun. Apr. 21	
Calabogie 8:30am	Anthony Senack by Thelma Senack & Family
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, Mar. 31, 2024	\$ 1,114.00
Envelopes	\$ 744.00
Loose	\$ 370.00

Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 50.00
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Attendance: 104

Sunday, Apr. 7, 2024	\$ 609.00
Envelopes	\$ 509.00
Loose	\$ 100.00

Lent Mission & Develop. to-date	\$ 429.85
Easter to-date	\$ 920.00

Attendance: 64

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 22	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Apr. 23	
8:00am	Laura & Lionel Ouellet by Joan, Marcia & André
Wed. Apr. 24	
8:00am	Muriel & Mike Maloney by Their Family
Thur. Apr. 25	
8:00am	Deceased Craig & Gray Family Members by Gerry & Jack Craig
Fri. Apr. 26	
8:00am	Linda Mahusky Hull by her Siblings Our Lady of Good Counsel by SFX CWL
Sat. Apr. 27	
4:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Hector Chugg by Barbara Chugg & Family Anne Dregas by Mona Mahusky
Sun. Apr. 28	
Calabogie 8:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
SFX 10:30am	Weldon McEachen by Ruth & Family Glenn Carr by The Family

3rd Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 14, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 21, 2024

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially John Brydges & Peter Cox.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll), Susan Hanniman, Noreene Adam, Olivia Curry, Mary Visutskie, Father Steve Ballard, Yvonne Kohl, Marie Budden, Annlea O'Rourke, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth and Georges & Jeannette Blanchette.

If you have a family member in the hospital or at home and wish a priest to visit, please call the office to arrange.

CALABOGIE APRIL SANCTUARY LAMP: . Deceased Family Members by Ann Stubinsky.

Prayer for the Future Bishop of our Diocese: Heavenly Father, we ask in the name of your Son, that you bless our future bishop. Provide him with the gifts he will need to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese. Grant him the heart of your Son, the heart of the Good Shepherd. Bestow upon him the zeal of St. Paul in preaching the Good News; the humility of St. John Vianney in ministering the sacraments; the compassion of St. Vincent-de-Paul in serving those most in need; the wisdom of St. Augustine in teaching the doctrine of our Church; and the missionary fervour of St. Columbkille, our patron. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Community Friendship Luncheon: at Our Lady Fatima Parish, May 8th & June 12th in the parish hall from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Come and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal prepared by the students from St. Joseph's High School.

SFX Monthly Potluck: Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, April 20th**. We will have the kitchen open before the Saturday Mass and the potluck will be directly afterwards. Come one, come all and bring a friend.

SPRING CONCERT 7 PM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 21 – PEMBROKE COMMUNITY CHOIR: The Pembroke Community Choir invites you to their spring concert of the beautiful and moving *Brahms' Requiem* (sung in English). This is one of the most frequently performed choral works sung by both professional and regional choirs. The 60-voice choir and two soloists will be accompanied by an eight-piece chamber ensemble of strings, woodwinds, and piano. One performance only on Sunday, April 21 at 7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 357 Miller Street, (corner of Miller and Doran), Pembroke. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; students 13 and under are free. They may be purchased until Thursday, April 18 from choir members, at the Pembroke Mall's Customer Care Centre, and at Fleurish Floral Designs in Petawawa. For more information, visit the choir's website at www.pembrokecommunitychoir.org

Retreat/Potluck: will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall on **Saturday, April 20th from 1:30 – 6:30**. Guest speakers are Peggy & Keith Doucette from the John Paul II for Divine Mercy. The afternoon will consist of praise & worship, prayer, fellowship, testimony, veneration of relics and dinner. There is no cost. We encourage people to bring something for the potluck. Dinner will be around 4:30. Everyone Welcome! **RSVP** to Anna or John Paul 613-587-4145.

Community Friendship Meal: You are invited to the monthly community friendship meal on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Next one is on **Tues. April 23rd from 11:30 – 12:30** at Trinity St. Andrew's United Church in Renfrew. Quiche & Salad is being served. All are welcome!

[2024 – S.F.X. CWL Rummage Sale](#)

Our S.F.X. CWL Council has scheduled our annual Rummage Sale for **Saturday, April 27th 2024, from 8:00am – 3:00pm** at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

Donations from parishioners, friends and relatives would be greatly appreciated in the following areas: Furniture, Small Kitchen Appliances, Kitchenware, Jewellery, **Gently used** clothing for Men, Women & children of all ages, Women's accessories, Children's Toys, Adult & Children's books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, Seasonal Decorations, Linens & Bedding. Please **NO large furniture or TV's and no children's car seats or cribs.**

Male & female workers are needed for receiving, sorting, hall set-up, table area leaders, Sales Reps, and clean-up. It would be a great way for students to get some High School Volunteer Community Hours! Our CWL Council would appreciate if you would promote attendance with family, friends, relatives and colleagues.

To volunteer in any area, contact Carol at (613-432-5060) or email st.francixaviercwl@gmail.com. Proceeds of the sale will go towards the needs of our Parish and local community.

Drop off dates at Large Hall Entrance: Thursday, April 25th from 8:30am – 7:00pm, and Friday, April 26th from 8:30am – 7:00pm. If Donation Pick up is required email st.francixaviercwl@gmail.com.

May 1, 2024 is the 75th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. To celebrate this milestone event, Mass will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday May 5th followed by supper catered by Schmidt's of Pembroke. The meal will be roast pork loin with scalloped potatoes and hot vegetables, 6 salads, cheese, pickles, veggies & dip, tea, coffee, and dessert. The cost of supper tickets is \$25. Tickets will be available after masses on April 13th & 14th, April 20th & 21st or at the Parish Office or by calling Pauline at 613-432-8313. ***Tickets must be purchased before April 29th. There will be no morning mass that Sunday.***

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery Spring Cleanup: is cancelled for this year!! Spring burials will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

National March for Life - Parliament Hill, Ottawa on Thursday May 9, 2024. All are invited to participate in this important event to show support for life at all ages and stages. The march through downtown begins at 1:30 PM; there are masses and prayer services in the morning, a rally on the Hill at 12:30, and testimonies after the march.

Renfrew County Right to Life has chartered a coach that leaves Moncton Metro in Pembroke at 8 AM and stops in Cobden and Renfrew. To reserve a seat please contact Barb at (613) 735-6265 or email RCRTLlife@gmail.com.

For more details see marchforlife.ca and www.facebook.com/RCRTL.

103rd Annual Pembroke Diocesan Convention – CWL is being held on **Saturday, May 25th, 2024** at the Chalk River and Area Lion's Club Hall and St. Anthony Church. Registration opens at 9:00 am. Registration required. For more information, please contact Jane O'Gorman at jogorman1970@gmail.com or by calling 613-401-7346.

Spiritual Direction: "Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along? They stood still, looking sad.'"

With a Spiritual Director you will uncover the tools to hear and see how God is working in your life. A spiritual director is a person who helps you pay attention to how God is acting moving and speaking in your ordinary life experiences and prayer. The guidance occurs in confidential, non-judgmental, one-to-one relationship aimed at fostering growth in relationship with God, self, and others. Spiritual Directions is not a form of confession nor counselling. A spiritual director helps you to notice God's presence and activity in your life. The goal of spiritual direction is to help a person develop a deeper relationship with God and better discern the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Please contact Clarissa Boyce Accredited Chaplain/Spiritual Director to discuss your spiritual needs clarissaboyce@hotmail.com.

Pilgrimage to Quebec Shrines: St. James the Less Parish in Eganville is organizing a pilgrimage accompanied by Father Réal Ouellette, from Monday, June 10, 2024, to Wednesday, June 12, 2024, with departures and returns in Pembroke and Renfrew. Shrines to be visited are : St. Kateri's Shrine, Divine Mercy Shrine, Our Lady of the Cap Shrine, Ste-Anne de Beauré Shrine, and Oratory St. Joseph. We need a minimum of 40 pilgrims by May 9th to make this pilgrimage viable. For more information, please visit stjameseganville.com, or call Fr. Réal during office hours at 613-628-2020, or by email at padrereal2002@yahoo.ca.

A REMINDER: Before any literature, medals etc. are placed at the doors of the church, please see Fr. Brennan to get permission.

Special Congratulations: to Beau & Darcie Blunden & Ivy & Lux Kobzik who celebrated their Baptism and Profession of Faith on Easter Sunday at Most Precious Blood Parish in Calabogie. Also special thank you to Debbie McSheffrey who helped them prepare for their sacraments.

Special Thank You: going out to Gord & Sharon Harper & Brian & LeeAnn Shepherd for beautifully decorating St. Francis Xavier Parish for Easter. Also, grateful thanks going out to Annette Charboneau who donates the Easter Lillies to Most Precious Blood Parish in Calabogie for their Easter Celebration.

Postage Stamps: Thank you to all the parishioners and friends who have supported the collection of used postage stamps. The collections will continue through 2024 and I ask for your ongoing support. Maureen Brennan

Happy Anniversary: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary in April. **May God Bless You All.** Among those who are celebrating:

Ivan & Freida Beauregard (63)

Brian & Shirley Proulx (42)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: ***We are called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.*** April 21, 2024 marks the 61st Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "Rise up!" "Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live." Pope Francis