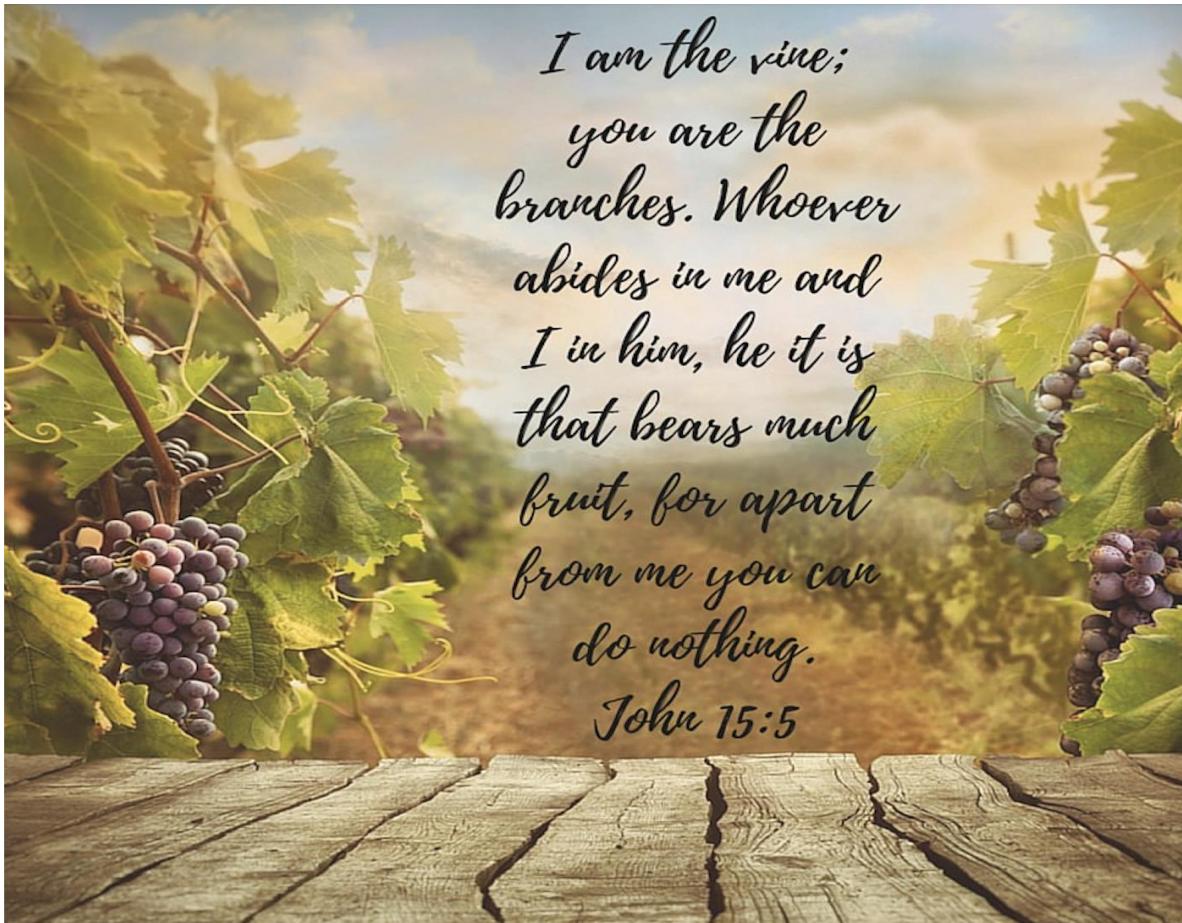


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



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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, Apr. 14, 2024	\$ 3,997.65
Envelopes	\$ 3,428.50
Weekly EFT	\$ 240.00
Loose	\$ 329.15
Care Fund	\$ 100.00

Attendance: Sat. 126 Sun. 180

Sunday, Apr. 21, 2024	\$ 3,171.20
Envelopes	\$ 2,635.10
Weekly EFT	\$ 240.00
Loose	\$ 296.10

Attendance: Sat. 121 Sun. 129

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 29	
	Mass at OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Apr. 30	
8:00am	Mary McNeely by Loretta Rice & Family
Wed. May 1	
8:00am	Pat O'Brien by Trudy Keller
Thur. May 2	
8:00am	Gordon Wren by Mike & Anne Marie Merchand
Fri. May 3	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Art & Marilyn Campbell
Sat. May 4	
4:30pm	Carl Warren by Leona, Donna, Jim & Families Jerry, Rita & Ellard Enright & Marie & Allan Bowers by Glenn Enright
Sun. May 5	
Calabogie 8:30am	Kay Killoran by Clarke, Colleen Eady & Family
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

Sunday, Apr. 14, 2024	\$ 672.00
Envelopes	\$ 567.00
Loose	\$ 105.00
<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>57</u>

Sunday, Apr. 21, 2024	\$ 828.05
Envelopes	\$ 594.00
Loose	\$ 134.05
EFT	\$ 100.00

Attendance: 69

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. May 6	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. May 7	
9:00am	Terry Merrilees by Maxine Stopa
Wed. May 8	
8:00am	Kevin Moriarity by Tom & Bonnie McIntyre
Thur. May 9	
8:00am	Michael (Maji) Kim by Thomas Bluger
Fri. May 10	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Mike & Anne Marie Merchand
Sat. May 11	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes <i>Food Bank drive weekend</i>
Sun. May 12	
Calabogie 8:30am	Isaiah & Elizabeth Reddy & Family by Clarke, Colleen & Family
SFX 10:30am	Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra Lita Ballard by Judy & Family
	<i>Happy Mother's Day</i>
	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>

We're called to express love in actions and truth, not just words. A clear conscience gives us confidence before God. Obeying His commandments to believe in Jesus and love one another assures us of God's indwelling Spirit. 1 John 3:18-24

5th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, April 28, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter, Sunday, May 5, 2024

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Barbara Smith (sister of Dianne Dedo).

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Elaine Turner, 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 MAY SANCTUARY LAMP: . Charles & Doreen Murphy by Christena & Gordon Mulvihill.

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.**

2024 – S.F.X. CWL Rummage Sale This Weekend

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.francisxaviercwl@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.francisxaviercwl@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.**

VOCATIONS: **1st Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations:** **May 2nd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Hermit Parish, Sheenboro.** The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Music, a reflection by Fr. Murray, a Rosary for vocations, and time for silent prayer. These Holy Hours are open to everyone, not just those considering a priestly vocation. For more information and details please visit [Pembroke Vocations](#).

FSO Free Parenting Workshop: First Step Options presents a free parenting workshop at Wesley Community Church Hall, 210 Renfrew St., Pembroke **on Thursday, May 2nd from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Learn 3 achievable strategies for addressing challenging behaviors, featuring Kelsey Parker, Registered Psychotherapist. Pre-register today at 613 635-7440 or fsocentre@gmail.com, or visit <https://www.firststepoptions.com/> for more information.

Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration: At Paroisse Ste-Thérèse, 67 rue Boucher, Témiscaming, **on Wednesday, May 8th from 7-8:15 p.m.** Guest speaker: Father Réal Ouellette. All are welcome!

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 Moncion 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 RCRTLif@gmail.com.

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

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery: Spring burials will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser: With Spring coming, we look forward to the annual Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This event helps Columbus House to continue to provide services in the Young Parent Support Program in Pembroke, Renfrew and throughout the County with Outreach Services. The fundraiser fittingly begins on **Mother's Day, May 12th** and concludes on Father's Day, June 16th. You will find the bottles at the entrances of the church. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Crystal Schroeder at 613-639-2267 or ypsppembroke@gmail.com. They are now available at the church entrances. Thank you for your consideration.

Knights of Columbus: will have Pro-Life Roses available at All 4 Parishes on Mother's Day weekend, **May 11th & May 12th**. Donations accepted.

KOC General Meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

SFX Monthly Potluck: Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, May 25th**. 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.

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.

Diocesan Youth Night: The Diocese of Pembroke's Office of Family Life and Youth Ministry is starting a new event for youth in **grade 7 to 12** at **St. James the Less Parish, Eganville**. Upcoming date: **June 7th** from 7 – 9 p.m. The events will offer fun games (outdoor whenever possible), social time to build friendships, Eucharistic adoration, music, confession, and talks from a team of clergy and others to encourage spiritual growth and personal reflection. **Please bring indoor shoes! The waiver form and information can be found [here](#)!** A dedicated room will be available for parents who wish to stay for the duration of the event. All are invited and welcome! Questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.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 Beaupré 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.

Newly Baptized, we pray for James John Timothy Wright, child of Adam & Hailey Wright (nee Welsh). Congratulations and we welcome him to our parish family.

Word Among Us: Available in the Church and in the mailbox just outside the office door. Payment of \$4.00 may be placed in the containers provided, in our secure mailbox or in the collection basket duly noted.

First Communion: Next Sunday at 10:30 am Mass, ten of our young people will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time. As a parish family, we welcome them for this most special event in their faith lives. The communicants and their families will have reserved seating in the front pews of the centre aisles.

The CWL will host a luncheon for the First Communicants and their families following the celebration.

Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

The Ascension of the Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BURSARY

The annual recipient of the SFX Parish Bursary of \$500 will be chosen by the Parish Pastoral Council

- applications are available online through the two local high schools.
- applications will be reviewed by the Pastoral Council;
- students from *either* Renfrew High School who are seeking higher education may apply.

The criteria for recognition of an appropriate recipient will be based on:

- the involvement of the applicant in our parish community;
- their witness to our Faith in their school and/or the Renfrew community;

Deadline for submission is Friday, May 26th. We wish God's Blessings on all of the graduating students at this challenging time in their lives.