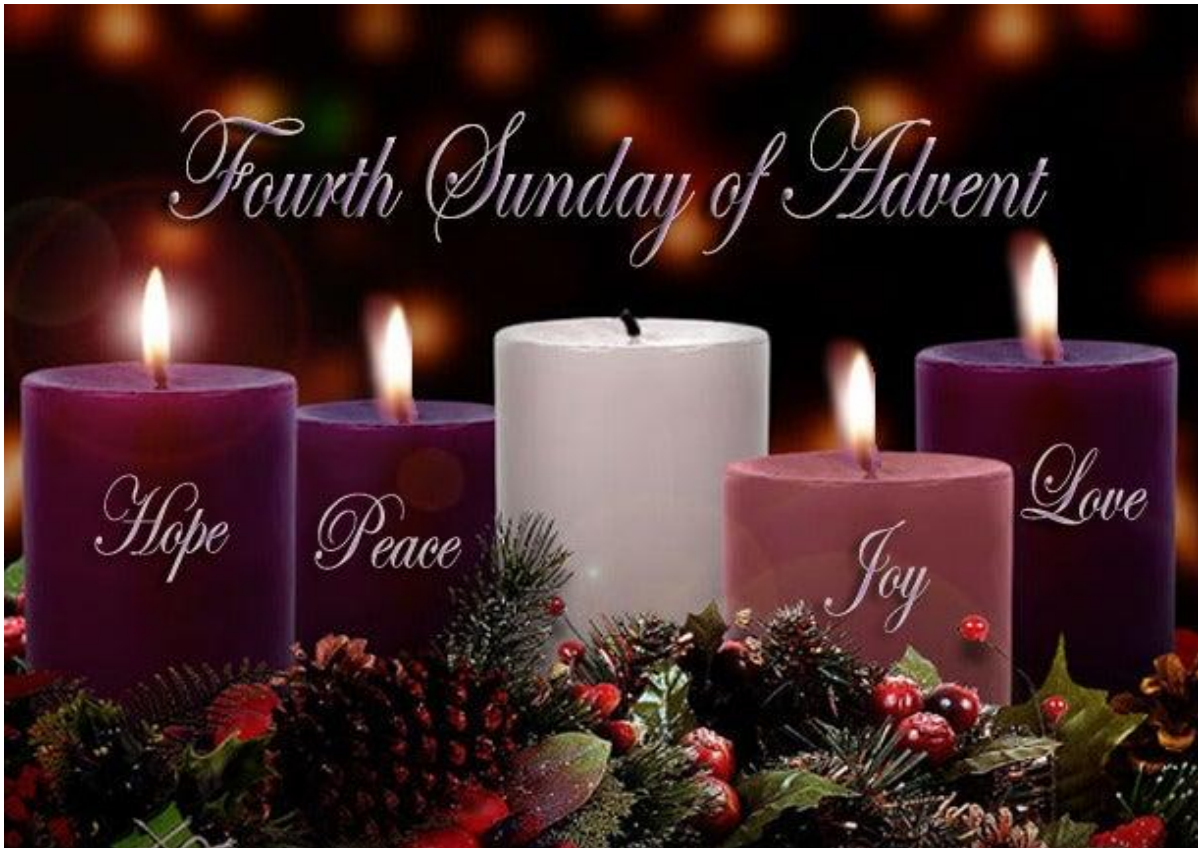


**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH**



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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, Nov. 26, 2023	\$ 4,038.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,394.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 354.00

Care Fund \$ 1,300.00

Attendance: Sat. 137 Sun. 175

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023	\$ 6,776.24
Envelopes	\$ 3,535.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 2,623.34
Loose	\$ 327.90

Donation \$ 3,000.00
 Care Fund \$ 850.00
 SFX Cemetery Fund to date \$ 4,030.00

Attendance: Sat. 112 Sun. 180

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023	\$ 641.00
Envelopes	\$ 546.00
Loose	\$ 95.00

Attendance: 51

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023	\$ 598.00
Envelopes	\$ 489.00
Loose	\$ 109.00
Heating to-date	\$ 665.00
Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 50.00

Attendance: 49

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Dec. 11	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Dec. 12	
8:00am	June Lumchick by Doris Long
Wed. Dec. 13	
8:00am	Deceased Loved Ones by Leona Barr
Thur. Dec. 14	
8:00am	Glenn Carter by Doreen Kapuscinski & Family
Fri. Dec. 15	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Barry & Jane Eileen Vice by the Family
Sat. Dec. 16	
4:30pm	Walter, Agnes, Christine Narezny by The Family Hector Chugg Bob & Evelyn
Sun. Dec. 17	
3rd Sunday of Advent Calabogie 8:30am	Kay Killoran by Joe Brennan
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Dec. 18	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Dec. 19	
8:00am	Keith & Elaine Brazeau by Son Tim
Wed. Dec. 20	
8:00am	Rachel Godsmark by Al Donohue
Thur. Dec. 21	
8:00am	Marcel Ouellet by Joan, Marcia & André
10:30 Bonnechere Manor	Repose of the Soul of Brady McNamara & Deceased Family Members
Fri. Dec. 22	
8:00am	Gordon Wren by Melanie & Steve Henry
Sat. Dec. 23	
4:30pm	James & Teresa Hanniman, Dave & Anne-Marie Hanniman & Donna Riopelle by Marlene Hunt & Chrissy Ferguson & Ab Hanniman Brian Long by wife Doris
Sun. Dec. 24	
4th Sunday of Advent Calabogie 8:30am	Bob Gorra by Gordon & Christena Mulvihill
Calabogie 7:30pm Christmas Mass	
SFX 10:30am Christmas Mass 5:00pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Anna Chenier (sister of Barb Albert), Agnes Mask, Gail Caillier and Patrick St. Michael.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in:

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Ken Lauzon, Claude & 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 DECEMBER SANCTUARY LAMP: For deceased members of the McSheffrey/Bradley families by Brian & Debbie McSheffrey.

Side Door Locked at SFX Parish: Due to the snow and ice falling off the roof, we ask that you don't use the side door until further notice. Thank you.

Mass Times Change: During the school year, Mass on the first Tuesday of each month will be at 9:00 a.m. to allow classes from St. Thomas the Apostle school to attend. Holidays excepted.

Office Closure over holidays: Please note the office will be closed the week after Christmas from December 26th - 29th. Regular office hours will resume on January 2, 2024.

2023 Envelopes are Ready: At the front of the church. Please make sure to use your new envelopes starting in January. If you are interested in the Pre-authorized Offering Program or if your box is missing, please contact Theresa.

Food Bank Weekend December 9th & 10th: You can help by donating food items (both non-perishable and perishable), personal hygiene products and baby items like food & diapers. Baskets are provided at both entrances.

Care Fund: The need is greater than ever. We've had many requests for help, mainly with groceries. If you could remember them in your giving for this Christmas season and in your prayers that would be wonderful. You are welcome to drop off gift cards or cash/cheque in the collection basket or to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

Monthly SFX Potluck: Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, December 9th**. As per previous years, 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.

Waiting for Bethlehem's Light: The Eganville Community Choir invites you to their 2023 concert and Christmas carol sing-along **on Saturday, December 9th at 2 p.m.** at the Grace Lutheran Church, 14 Bonnechere St. E., Eganville. Guest performance by Steve Agnew and Missy O'Connor. Reception to follow. Freewill offering. Everyone welcome!

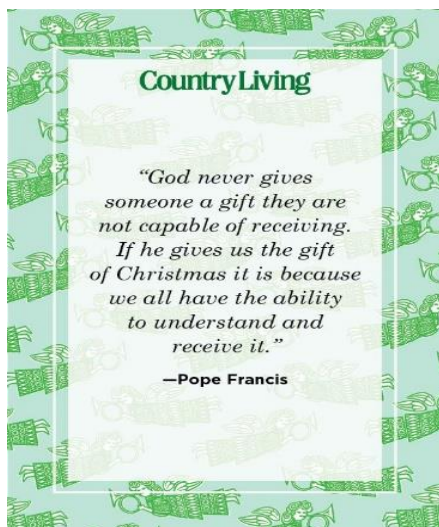
Blue Christmas Community Service: Renfrew Presbyterian Church is hosting a Blue Christmas Service on **December 10th, 2023 at 2:30pm.** At Christmas, some will be grieving the loss of a loved one; some will be alone, while others are simply trying to cope with the difficult emotions the season will bring. This Blue Christmas Service is a chance for us to turn our tears, fears, anxieties and worries over to God amid a time when everyone expects others to be "Joyful and Triumphant." All are welcome to attend and lean on each other for support.

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, December 11th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall followed by a Christmas Social with cards, pizza, wings and prizes. They will also be selling **Christmas Cards**. For more information, please contact Kelly Hunt at 613-432-2145.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 31st Free Christmas Community Friendship Dinner: on Christmas Day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the K of C Hall. Free transportation and meal delivery available for the Shut-ins and Seniors – Please call in advance to order a meal. Kelly Hunt at 613-432-2145, M.J. Blimkie at 432-5334 Bob Kingsbury at 613-432-5544 and call order on Christmas Day ONLY 613-432-6121. Donations Gratefully Accepted.

Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration: At Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 33110 Hwy 17 E., Deep River **on Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.** Guest speaker: Patrick Sullivan. All are welcome!

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.**



ADVENT CCCB – Journey Through Advent 2023: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2023.

A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. On this First Sunday, Bishop Hansen provides a reflection on waiting and waking up to the presence of God. Watch the videos [here](https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/) or <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Diocesan Action Circle Survey: To better help us serve the needs of parishioners, the Diocesan Action Circle has prepared a short anonymous survey. The answers to the survey questions will direct the work around Reconciliation with Indigenous People in the Diocese. To access the survey, please check the website: <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/diocesan-action-circle-survey-2023/>, or click the following link: <https://forms.gle/LRfMwNTBEmgKQV7w5>. Thank you for your participation.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023: For persons with disabilities – We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

Happy Anniversary: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during the month of December. We remember you and your intentions at Mass this weekend. **May God Bless You All.** Among those celebrating are:

Brian & Suzanne Moseley (49)

Michael & Anna Deslaurier (5)

Newly Baptized, we pray for Jonathan George Organ-Cruzado, child of Travis Organ and Kosasi Labonte-Cruzado and Paisley Nancy & Aubree Samantha, children of Dustin Dougall & Kyra Leger. Congratulations and we welcome them to our parish family.

Please note there are changes this year to our Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule for all Parishes.

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2023 – 2024

	Our Lady of Fatima	St Patrick	St Francis Xavier	Most Precious Blood
Fourth Sunday of Advent				
Saturday, December 23	7:00 p.m.	----	4:30 p.m.	----
Sunday, December 24	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Christmas				
Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	----	5:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Christmas Day	----	10:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Holy Family Sunday				
Saturday, December 30	7:00 p.m.	----	4:30 p.m.	----
Sunday, December 31	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Mary, Mother of God				
New Year's Eve	----	----	4:30 p.m.	----
New Year's Day	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	----	8:30 a.m.

Confessions will be offered on Saturday, December 23 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St Francis Xavier Church.