

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



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May God grant you peace and serenity this holiday season. Good will, good health, and good tidings for the new year to come.
from Fr. Brennan, Fr. Kenney, Deacon Don & Parish Staff

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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, Dec. 10, 2023	\$ 4,038.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,394.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 354.00

Care Fund	\$ 110.00
Care Fund Gift Cards	\$ 950.00

Attendance: Sat. 154 Sun. 159

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023	\$ 4,476.50
Envelopes	\$ 3,782.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 404.50

Donation	\$ 250.00
Care Fund	\$ 200.00
Care Fund gift cards	\$ 650.00
Christmas to date	\$ 355.00

Attendance: Sat. 112 Sun. 180

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023	\$ 612.00
Envelopes	\$ 537.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 200.00

Attendance: 40

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023	\$ 469.00
Envelopes	\$ 401.00
Loose	\$ 68.00

Donation	\$ 60.00
Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 50.00

Attendance: 58

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Dec. 25	
	10:30am Mass SFX MERRY CHRISTMAS
Tues. Dec. 26	
BOXING DAY	No Holy Mass
Wed. Dec. 27	
10:00am	Groves Park Lodge
Thur. Dec. 28	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Fri. Dec. 29	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Mike, Hayden, Nolan & Emma Bush
Sat. Dec. 30	
4:30pm	Harvey, Janet & Mel McLaughlin by Mike & Betty Coulas Keith Zavitski by Sister; Betty Ross
Sun. Dec. 31	
Calabogie 8:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
SFX 10:30am Holy Family Sunday	Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra Stacia Prince by Mom & Dad
SFX 4:30pm New Year's Eve	Lawrence & Rita Mahusky Son Lawrence

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Jan. 1	
Mary the Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation	Mass at OLF 9:00am
Calabogie 8:30am	Elaine Gorra by Ron & Marilyn Leclaire
Tues. Jan. 2	
8:00am	Intentions of Father Steve Ballard by The Parishioners
Wed. Jan. 3	
8:00am	Marcella Cybulski by Irene & Paul Kumli
Thur. Jan. 4	
8:00am	Joan Leskie by Carol Hanniman
Fri. Jan. 5	
8:00am	Gary Cybulski by Linda & Family
Sat. Jan. 6	
4:30pm	Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra David Taylor by John & Martha Scott
Sun. Jan. 7	
Calabogie 8:30am	Allan Solar by Marg Solar
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2023

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, December 31, 2023

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Jim Panton (husband of Carole Ann Cuff), Claude Adam and Doug Miller.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in:

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Ken Lauzon, 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 JANUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: For deceased family members by Theresa Brydges.

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.

Did you Know?? The Sisters of St. Joseph are praying for St. Francis Xavier and Most Precious Blood, Father Brennan and Father Kenney on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

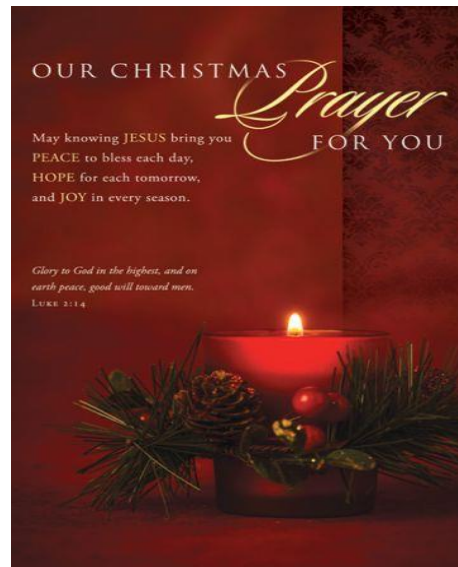
Prayer for the Future Bishop of our Diocese: Heavenly Father, we ask in the name of your Son, that you bless our future bishop. Provide him with the gifts he will need to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese. Grant him the heart of your Son, the heart of the Good Shepherd. Bestow upon him the 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.**

The Holy See: Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024: **For the gift of diversity in the Church** – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

2023 Envelopes: There are a few boxes left to pick up. 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.

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.

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.



Vocations: 1st Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations: On January 4th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Mission, Cobden. 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](#).

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, January 8th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Monthly SFX Potluck: Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, January 13th**. 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.

Friendship Meal: Trinity St. Andrew's Church is holding a free Community Friendship meal on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024** from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Stewart Hall. All are welcome.

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.



Special Thank You to Annette from Charbonneau's Grocery for donating the Poinsettia's again this year.

