

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



Thank you that in spite of our many sins, you still loved us and came to save us. You came and showed us how to love. Teach us what it is to love, and how to practice it each day. Remind us that love is paradoxical, sacrificial, and only found in you.

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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
Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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. Lukas, Deacon Don & Parish Staff.

Sunday Offerings

St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, December 8, 2024	\$ 3,637.40
Envelopes	\$ 3,061.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 230.00
Loose	\$ 346.40

Attendance: Sat. 128 Sun. 166

Sunday, December 15, 2024	\$ 4,473.70
Envelopes	\$ 3,860.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 230.00
Loose	\$ 383.70
Donations	\$ 3,500.00
Care Fund Gift Cards & Cash Donations	\$ 1,175.00
Cemetery Donations to-date	\$ 5,090.00
Christmas to-date	\$ 590.00

Attendance: Sat. 136 Sun. 186

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, December 8, 2024	\$ 658.00
Envelopes	\$ 603.00
Loose	\$ 55.00

Sister Betty Fund \$ 200.00

Attendance: 51

Sunday, December 15, 2024	\$ 482.00
Envelopes	\$ 407.00
Loose	\$ 75.00

Attendance: 42

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Dec. 23	
8:00am	Barbara Anne White by Helen Vincent
Tues. Dec. 24	
SFX 5:00pm Christmas Eve	The ongoing Conversion and Spiritual Growth of the Staff and Students of St. Joseph's High School
Calabogie 7:30 pm	Deceased Family Members by The Brydges Family
SFX 8:00pm	Brian Long by wife Doris
Wed. Dec. 25	
10:30am Merry Christmas	Florence Hisko by Bob Kusluski & Tim Brazeau Angela McAdam by The Family
Thur. Dec. 26	
Boxing Day	No Holy Mass
Fri. Dec. 27	
8:00am	Mackie McLaren by Richard & Maureen Brennan
Sat. Dec. 28	
4:30pm	John, Clarence, Patsy & Margaret by Dorothy & Family John Brydges by Don Mitchell
Sun. Dec. 29	
Calabogie 8:30am	J.L. & Freda Gervais by John & Bernice Gervais
SFX 10:30am Holy Family Sunday	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Dec. 30	
8:00am	Janet, Harvey & Mel McLaughlin by Mike & Betty Coulas
Tues. Dec. 31	
4:30pm	Mary Mother of God Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra
Wed. Jan. 1	
Calabogie 8:30am	Happy New Year Rita & Lawrence Mahusky by Son Lawrence
Thur. Jan. 2	
8:00am	Mackie McLaren by Roy & Jan Leitch
Fri. Jan. 3	
8:00am	Lois Agnel by Dan & Lyn Tighe
Sat. Jan. 4	
4:30pm	John Brydges by Claudine & Edric Keighan Helen McIntyre by Brian Haley
Sun. Jan. 5	
Calabogie 8:30am	Ambrose Murphy by The Bowersox Family
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan Epiphany of the Lord

4th Sunday in Advent, Sunday, December 22, 2024

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, December 29, 2024

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Peter Spilchen, Keith Wesbrook, Emelda Reid (mother of Nancy Smith), Leo Kiley and Dawn Farnel (Gail Irving's sister).

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Jeanne Rossi & son Adam, Lawrence Mahusky, Jacques Payette, Lois Desjardine, Elaine Turner, Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll), Susan Hanniman, 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: Leo Murphy by the Murphy Family

Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2025: For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Bishop's Advent 2024 Message: Watch the Advent 2024 Message from Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxmEFAOUL2Y>.

Special Thank You: to our very own **SFX CWL** for their generous donations to our Parish and to the Care Funds of Most Precious Blood and St. Francis Xavier. God sees everything you do. Your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus.

ADVENT CCCB – Journey Through Advent 2024: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2024. A joint initiative of the National Liturgy Office, the Office national de liturgie and the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis. **Watch the YouTube video “Journey through Advent – Third Sunday of Advent 2024”:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1iTIK1ZURrw>.

Calabogie Food Bank: There will be boxes placed by the entrances of Most Precious Blood Parish for the month of December. Kindly bring your non-perishable items.

Word Among Us: Please be advised that they could be late due to the postal strike.

2025 Envelopes are Ready: There are a few boxes left to pick up at the front doors of the church. Please make sure to use your new envelopes starting in January. And due to the numbers changing, if you wouldn't mind writing your name on them for the first couple weeks that would be helpful. If you are interested in the Pre-authorized Offering Program or if your box is missing, please contact Theresa. Also, if you've changed your address and phone number, please contact Theresa with your updated information.

Care Fund Donations: A special thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the Parish Care Fund either monetarily or with gift cards. Many in our community struggle to make ends meet and especially this year the demand for financial assistance has been substantial. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity.

Also, special thanks being sent out to our **Knight of Columbus Council 1916** for their generous donation to Most Precious Blood Sister Betty Care Fund and our St. Francis Xavier Care Fund. We appreciate how you share with us your gifts unto him.

Office Closure over holidays: Please note the office will be closed from December 24th to January 1, 2025.

Preparing for the Lord: Last of the Advent short talk is on December 19th at 7 p.m. with Father Lukas.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 32nd 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.

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 (50)** **Michael & Anna Deslaurier (6)**

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2024 - 2025

	<u>Our Lady of Fatima</u>	<u>St Patrick</u>	<u>St Francis Xavier</u>	<u>Most Precious Blood</u>
Fourth Sunday of Advent				
Saturday, December 21	7:00 P.M.	---	4:30 P.M.	---
Sunday, December 22	9:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
Christmas				
Christmas Eve	5:00 & 7:15 P.M.	---	5:00 & 8:00 P.M.	7:30 P.M.
Christmas Day	9:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	---
Holy Family Sunday				
Saturday, December 28	7:00 P.M.	---	4:30 P.M.	---
Sunday, December 29	9:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
Mary, Mother of God				
New Year's Eve, December 31	5:15 P.M.	---	4:30 P.M.	---
New Year's Day, January 1	9:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	---	8:30 A.M.

Confessions will be offered on Sunday, December 22nd beginning after mass and continuing until 1:00 p.m. at St Francis Xavier Church and from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Also, on Tuesday, December 24th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, January 6th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Do You Like to Sing? The Pembroke Community Choir invites you to join us in January as we begin rehearsals for our Spring Concert. Online registration begins on December 15. Practices are from 7-9 pm every Monday, starting January 6, at Wesley Community Church, 210 Renfrew Street, Pembroke. Our concert will take place on April 27. There are no auditions, but the ability to read music is helpful and you can expect some homework. Register between December 15 and 31, to get the early bird discount: \$40 for adults and \$25 for students. After December 31, the fee will be \$50 for adults and \$30 for students. Online registration and more info at the PCC website: www.pembrokecommunitychoir.org

Are you looking for that special gift this Season? Look no further! You won't need to exchange because of wrong colour or size! Join us for the Christian Unity Event, an evening of laughter and praise at the Pembroke Pentecostal Tabernacle **on January 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** All proceeds go towards the St. Vincent de Paul St. Columbkille Conference. Featuring live Gate 47, comedian Joey I.L.O., and last but not least, the great skit by the Pembroke and Area Clergy Association! Contact Deacon Adrien Chaput to get your ticket or special ticket packages today at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or email at dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com. Let's make someone's Christmas special while helping others right here in our community!

SFX Euchre Party/Potluck: Our next Parish Potluck is **Saturday January 18th** after the 4:30 Mass. Kitchen will be open before Mass to drop off food. This week we would like to entice those of you who would like to enjoy a few games of Euchre. You need not have a partner as partners will change throughout the evening. Attending the potluck is not a requirement as euchre will commence after the meal. Please join us for an evening of fun.

