

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



*Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Luke 6:20*

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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

Sunday Offerings

St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, February 2, 2025	\$ 4,801.45
Envelopes	\$ 4,501.00
Loose	\$ 300.45
Gift Cards	\$ 200.00

Attendance: Sat. 125 Sun. 150

Sunday, February 9, 2025	\$ 3,504.35
Envelopes	\$ 3,029.00
Loose	\$ 475.35
Care Fund	\$ 120.00
Initial Offering	\$ 2,132.00
New Year's	\$ 2,898.50

Attendance: Sat. 129 Sun. 161

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, February 2, 2025	\$ 630.00
Envelopes	\$ 490.00
Loose	\$ 140.00
Attendance:	40

Sunday, February 9, 2025	\$ 814.00
Envelopes	\$ 771.00
Loose	\$ 43.00
Heating to date	\$ 625.00
Attendance:	42

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 17	
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Eileen C. Vice & Deceased Relatives by The Estate
Tues. Feb. 18	
8:00am	Gary Cybulski by Linda & Family
Wed. Feb. 19	
8:00am	Barbara White by The Parish of St. John Chrysostom
Thur. Feb. 20	
8:00am	Anne Dregas by Steve & Family
Fri. Feb. 21	
8:00am	Terry Mosco by Jim & Linda Freemark
Sat. Feb. 22	
4:30pm	Chris Warren by Mom, Donna, Jim & Families Jane Sansom by John & Martha Scott
Sun. Feb. 23	
Calabogie 8:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
SFX 10:30am	Margaret Burns by Roy & Jan Leitch Ray Wojcik by Judy & Richard Bissonnette

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 24	
8:00am	Marielle Elisan by Terry Godin
Tues. Feb. 25	
8:00am	Barbara White by Irene & Paul Kumli
Wed. Feb. 26	
8:00am	William McLaren by The Late Mackie McLaren & Joanne
Thur. Feb. 27	
8:00am	Special Intentions by Georges & Jeannette Blanchette
Fri. Feb. 28	
8:00am	Albert Kubiseski by Jack & Lorraine MacDonald
Sat. Mar. 1	
4:30pm	Florence Hisko by Francis Muselak Ann & Terry Godin by Chubby & Darlene Meleskie
Sun. Mar. 2	
Calabogie 8:30am	M. Joanne (McDevitt) Sassos by The Bowersox Family
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 16, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2025

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Allan Hickey, Gary Enright, Kelly Reitz, Renee McCarroll (sister of Joan Ouellet & Gloria Carr), Alex Wright (son of Dorothy Wright-McIntyre) & Beverley Lunney.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Arnold Wren, Jeanne Rossi & son Adam, Lawrence Mahusky, Jacques Payette, Lois Desjardine, Elaine Turner, Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll), Susan Hanniman, Mary Visutskie, 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 FEBRUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: Strong Family by Marcel & Jane Benoit

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2025: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

2024 Income Tax Receipts: Receipts have been printed and are placed at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustain the ministries and facilities at both Parishes.

At St. Francis Xavier Parish we encourage young people to be involved in our parish liturgies: Over the years, many of you will have noted student leadership at the 10:30 a.m. mass on the first Sunday of each month. This year we would like to once again form a Children's Liturgical Ministry, whereby students will be involved in this ministry, when scheduled, on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Children from grades 3 to grade 7 interested in being part of this ministry this year as a reader or hospitality minister on the first Sunday of the month, are invited to sign up on at the link below. A schedule will be developed so that students will know well in advance when they are scheduled to minister. Kathleen Carroll, the parish liaison coordinating this project, will practice prior to the date.

If your child is interested in this valuable ministry, we are asking Parent's to sign up at the following [link](#) . If you have additional questions, you can email Kathleen at st.francisstudentliturgy@gmail.com or call her at (613) 433 6271.

Once you sign up, you will be asked via email to confirm your child's availability for a specific date prior to them being scheduled to help at Sunday liturgy.

We are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible involved in this ministry. It is one way that Sunday liturgy can be a more meaningful experience not just for children, but for all individuals in attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish (432-5825) should you require more information on the matter. Fr. Brennan

Baptism: on **February 16th**, during the 10:30 mass, Jeremiah Sullivan, son of Jacob and Elizabeth will be welcomed into our community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism.

SFX First Communion: Reminder there will be a meeting after 10:30 mass on **Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Commissioning weekend is on February 22nd and 23rd. We ask that you keep the children who are preparing for First Communion in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament on May 4, 2025.

Eucharistic Adoration: The Second Vatican Council told us that the "Eucharist is the summit and source of our faith." Currently we have Adoration on First Friday's from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Not everyone can attend this precious prayer time and so February 5th, 12th 19th and 26th we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Chalice is coming to St. Francis Xavier Parish on February 22-23 & Most Precious Blood Parish on March 2nd Masses: Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit <https://chalice.ca/> for more information about Chalice and its Mission.

Development and Peace: Interested in learning about Development and Peace, Share Lent Campaign Turn Debt into Hope will be on **February 20th at 7 pm**? You can contact Keigan Irish at kirish@devp.org to receive information, link to register and attend this online session or contact Margaret at legriism03@gmail.com for more information.

Drama Production and Dinner: Queen of the Angels Co-op presents a Pancake Dinner followed by a performance of The Real Princess – A Princess and the Pea Story, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Killaloe on **Saturday, March 1st starting at 6 p.m.** Cost: \$20 for adults – \$5 for children/students. For more information, or to reserve your tickets, please email coopdrama@proton.me.



SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER St Francis Xavier parish will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday March 4th in the parish hall between 4:00 – 6:00 pm.** Freewill offerings will be accepted. Come and bring a friend. If you are able to help, please contact Louise Neville @ 613-401-7698

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **March 5th.** Masses will be at **9:00 am with St. Thomas the Apostle School present and at 7:00 pm.** The celebration of Easter, of being reborn in the Risen Lord to a new life, will only have meaning to the degree that we 'die to the old self'. Thus, the Church asks us to live this period of Lent, with Christ in the desert, as a period of forty days devoted to inward renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us prayerfully consider before Lent how we might make best use of this time to imitate the Lord in His dedication to the Father so that His resurrection may take deep root in our thoughts, words and actions throughout Lent and forever.

During Lent we will have Mass at **7 p.m. on Mondays** and at **8 a.m. on Tuesday to Friday.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning Monday, March 10th.

CONFESSIONS: During Lent a priest will be available for confession one half hour before the Friday Masses and $\frac{3}{4}$ hour before weekend Masses.

The Sacraments: Six Week Study with Bishop Robert Barron

Bishop Barron looks at the great sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise. The Sacraments will help you understand these signs and channels of grace and discover the secret behind their persistence down the ages: the presence and power of the Savior himself.

Join Father Lukas in the SFX Small Hall from 7:00-8:00pm Thursday evenings during Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10).

Knights of Columbus Renfrew



will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday during Lent from **March 7th to April 11th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. The meals will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and are \$16.00 each. Tickets available at the door and take out is also available. Proceeds to charity. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact Kelly Hunt at 613-432-2145.

World Day of Prayer in Renfrew 2025: Everyone is invited to Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church for the 2025 World Day of Prayer worship service on Friday, March 7 at 2:00 pm. The 2025 worship service was prepared by women from the Cook Islands, an island country which consists of 15 islands in Polynesia, a part of Oceania in the South Pacific Ocean.

Representatives from St. Andrew's Presbyterian, St James Lutheran, St. Francis Xavier, St. Paul's Anglican, and Our Lady of Fatima and TSA will participate. The guest speaker is Rev. Christine Johnson and music is by Danah-Lee. Fellowship and refreshment time will follow. All are welcome.

The freewill offering funds future international World Day of Prayer planning and grants for projects in Canada and other countries that restore hope to women touched by injustice.

Community Friendship Luncheon: All are welcome to enjoy a friendship luncheon on **Wednesday, March 12 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.** The meals are prepared by the students of St. Joseph's High School and hosted by the Catholic Women's League at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

Women's Retreats Combermere: We warmly invite all women to a weekend women's retreat....

"The Eucharist: Christ our Hope" – two retreats offered:

1. **March 14-16** at the Elim Lodge 696 Elim Lodge Road, Lakehurst, ON, led by Christina Milan and Fr. Brian Christie, Madonna House – [Register Here.](#)
2. **April 4-6** at the Graphite Bible Camp, 702 Graphite Road, Maynooth, ON, led by Christina Milan and Fr. David Linder, Madonna House – [Register here.](#)

For questions or more information please call Astrid (Elim Retreat) at 905 377-0688 or Kristan (Graphite Retreat) at 613 585-0579.

Faith Formation: Mark Your Calendars for two upcoming events: A Lenten Retreat with Bishop Brehl on **April 5, 2025** and Divine Mercy Sunday with Bishop Brehl on **April 27, 2025.** More information to follow as we approach these dates. Stay tuned!

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery: website is now live. Please visit <https://sfxrenfrew.com/st-francis-xavier-cemetery/>