

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



World Day of Prayer affirms our belief and faith in Christ and Humanity. It's a day to remind us that good things happen when people come together for a cause.

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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, Feb. 4, 2024	\$ 7,163.79
Envelopes	\$ 3,788.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 2,688.34
Loose	\$ 397.45

Attendance: Sat. 124 Sun. 147

Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024	\$ 3,485.05
Envelopes	\$ 2,805.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 390.05
Care Fund	\$ 200.00

Attendance: Sat. 152 Sun. 130

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, Feb 4, 2024	\$ 979.00
Envelopes	\$ 954.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Heating	\$ 310.00

Attendance: 41

Sunday, Feb 11, 2024	\$ 539.00
Envelopes	\$ 489.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Heating	\$ 515.00

Attendance: 45

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb 19	
6:30pm 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Gertrude Lepine Roy & Jan Leitch
Family Day	
Tues. Feb 20	
8:00am	Ray Wojcik by Eve Yantha
Wed. Feb. 21	
8:00am	Helen Visinski by Martin & Rose Lesk
Thur. Feb. 22	
8:00am	Marcel Ouellet by Joan, Marica & André
Fri. Feb. 23	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Mr. & Mrs. L. J. Helferty
Sat. Feb. 24	
4:30pm	Chris Warren by Mom, Donna, Jim & Families David Taylor by Rose & Martin Lesk
Sun. Feb. 25	
Calabogie 8:30am	Rita Tunney Antler by Terry Godin
10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 26	
6:30pm 7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross Anne Marie Terris by Susan Ringrose
Tues. Feb. 27	
8:00am	Gordon Wren by Mark & Julie Dumouchel
Wed. Feb. 28	
8:00am	Margaret Stufko by Jason, Tina Dedo & Family
Thur. Feb. 29	
8:00am	My Deceased Relatives by Marguerite Power
Fri. Mar. 1	
8:00am	Ken McQuade by Jim & Linda Freemark
Sat. Mar. 2	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Mar. 3	
Calabogie 8:30am	Sister Betty Berrigan by Fr. Brennan
10:30am	Sharon Middleveen by Mary Steele Marcella Cybulski by Daughter Audrey & Donald Fleury

"Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone, even when they do not love us."
Pope Francis

First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2024

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Theresa Merrillees, daughter of Dorothy Kosowskie.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in:

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll), Susan Hanniman, 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 FEBRUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: For Don Coyne by Lore & Family.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill – We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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.**

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Mr. Jean-Pierre Martel, son of Deacon Frank and Danielle Martel, who passed away suddenly on Monday, January 29th at the age of 54.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Sister Olga Edith Rakai (Sister Mary Olga), G.S.I.C., who passed away on the 3rd day of February in the 74th year of her Religious Life.

CWL General Meeting: February 20th at 7:00pm in the large hall.

Healing Service with Eucharistic Adoration with guest speaker Father Réal Ouellette at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Bancroft, Ontario on February 21, 2024 7:00 pm. – 8:15 pm.

2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference – Where are you going? Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the St. Joseph - Scollard Hall, North Bay, Ontario from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm for **ages 13 – 19**. Overnight accommodations available. Registration Fee \$25 (Includes all Meals). For more information and to register www.northerncatholic.ca

NEW! 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**. The upcoming dates are **Fridays Feb. 9th, April 12th, and June 7th** from 7 – 9 p.m. The goal is to provide an opportunity for youth from all parishes to gather occasionally for a **larger ministry experience**. 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. A signed waiver form is required, which can be filled out the evening of the first event attended. Or you can print it and bring it along with you. The waiver form and details of these events can be found on the front page of the diocesan website, www.pembrokediocese.com. A dedicated room will be available for parents who wish to stay for the duration of the event. Any questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com. ALL are invited and welcome.

Five Week Biblical Walk-through Christ's Passion
St. Francis Xavier Main Parish Hall

Join in a "Pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us".

Using Ascension Press's 30-minute videos and discussions we will:

- + Deepen our faith this Lent and Easter;
- + Deepen our understanding of the passion of Christ;
- + Follow the events of the Passion and Death of Jesus;
- + Learn how to apply the Passion of Christ to our own lives

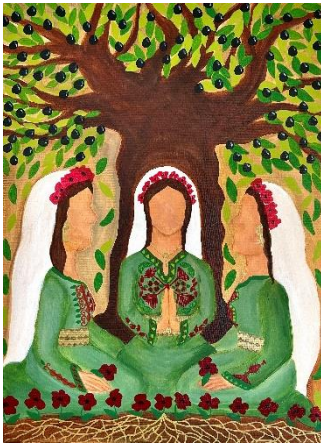
Each one-hour session takes place on Thursdays at 7pm
Dates: February 15, 22, 29: March 07, 14

Knights of Columbus Renfrew



will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday during Lent from February 16th to March 29th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and are \$12.00 each. Tickets available at the door and take out is also available. Proceeds to charity. All are welcome. For additional information please contact Robert Kingsbury at 613-432-5544.

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love." Ephesians 4:1-3



World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service

Friday, March 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in SFX Church

Please join us for this special service prepared by a committee of Christian women from **Palestine**. May it enrich our faith experience by sharing the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures, and may it bring hope to women touched by injustice. Attendees may contribute an offering to support programs in need. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

Alpha for Parents: Feel free to join at any time. Register for an Alpha for Parents session here: <https://rccdsb.ca/alpha-sessions/>. Embark on a meaningful journey to explore the Christian faith, presented by the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board in collaboration with the Diocesan Evangelization Team. These sessions are open to parents from all backgrounds, providing an opportunity to delve into the foundations of the Christian faith. Connect, learn, and deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith in a friendly and welcoming environment.

PRO-LIFE: First Step Options Annual General Meeting: FSO Annual General Meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on **Monday, February 26th** at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Pembroke. For more information, please call 613 635-7440 or email fsocentre@gmail.com.

Seniors Active Living Fair: On Thursday, February 29th from 12pm – 4pm at the Mateway Community Hall. Door prizes, special presentations and refreshments. Poster on bulletin board in church. Hosted by Golden Age Activity Centre. For more information, contact Jenn O'Brien at 613-431-8289 or jenn.obrien@renfrehomesupport.ca

Women's Retreat at Graphite Bible Camp: "Arise, my love... and come away. (Song 2:10)" from **April 5-7th**, led by Fr. Kieran Kilcommons, Victoria Fausto and Mary McGoff of Madonna House. Cost \$225. Please register early, as it filled up quickly last year! For more info email womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com or call Kristan 613 585-0579.

By My Side 2024 Virtual Zoom Program for Separated and Divorced Catholic Women: Classes **begin April 6, 2024**, 2 hours/ week for ladies and run for 6 weeks. The cost is \$40 which covers reimbursement of expenses only. For all class details, dates, times, and registration form, go to www.bymyside.ca.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Thanks to all who worked at and supported our Pancake Supper on Tuesday. A total of \$1,100.00 was raised for the Food Bank!

Lent Resource: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/about-lent.html>

Journey Through Lent: Beginning on Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2024, and for each Sunday in Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday, a video will be uploaded to the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. Geared to individuals, families, and communities, this series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/@CCCBCECC/videos>

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR OTHER LENTEN RESOURCES