

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



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## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

St. Francis Xavier	Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Most Precious Blood	Sunday	8:30 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier	Sunday	10:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.  
9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

First Friday before and after 8:00 a.m. mass @ St. Francis Xavier Parish Or by appointment. Contact one of the Priests.

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon to Thurs – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Fridays - Closed

<b>PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR</b>	Nancy Connors
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<b>C.W.L. PRESIDENT</b>	Carol Sulpher
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**BAPTISM**  
Please contact one of the Priests

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
Please contact a priest at least six months before proposed celebration as a preparation program is required

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
Suspended until further notice

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK / SHUT-INS**  
Contact the parish office to arrange this ministry

**CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
St. Thomas the Apostle, Renfrew - 613-432-3137  
<https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/our-schools/st-thomas-the-apostle/>

St. Joseph's, Calabogie – 613- 752-2808  
<https://rccdsb.edu.on.ca/our-schools/st-josephs-calabogie/>

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
St. Joseph's Catholic High School - 613-432-5846  
<https://sites.google.com/rccdsb.ca/jagpride/home>

# Sunday Offerings

## St. Francis Xavier

<b>Sunday, February 5, 2023</b>	\$ 5,550.34
Envelopes	\$ 2,897.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 2,363.34
Loose:	\$ 262.00

**Attendance:** Sat. 120 Sun. 120

<b>Sunday, February 12, 2023</b>	\$ 3,160.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,643.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 330.00
Loose	\$ 187.00

Carillon Bell to date	\$21,270.00
Care Fund	\$ 10.00
Initial Offerin	\$ 20.00

**Attendance:** Sat. 124 Sun. 118

## Most Precious Blood

<b>Sunday, February 5, 2023</b>	\$ 457.00
Envelopes	\$ 416.00
Loose	\$ 41.00
Sanctuary Lamp	\$ 60.00
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Sunday, February 12, 2023</b>	\$ 527.85
Envelopes	\$ 441.00
Loose	\$ 86.85
Heating	\$ 485.00

**Attendance:** 49

Thank you for your continued and generous support of our parishes.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
<b>Mon. Feb. 20</b>	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
<b>Tues. Feb. 21</b>	
8:00am	Marie Bowers by Bill & Genevieve Roach
<b>Wed. Feb. 22</b>	
8:00am	For the Children of Ken & Leona Barr by Leona & Family
7:00 pm	Danny & Shon Johnston by Mom & Family
Ash Wednesday	
Calabogie 7:00 pm	Steve Serenko by Ted & Maggie
<b>Thur. Feb. 23</b>	
8:00 am	Rene Proulx by John & Martha Scott
<b>Fri. Feb. 24</b>	
8:00 am	Dalton Enright by Mr. & Mrs. Pat Rowan
<b>Sat. Feb. 25</b>	
4:30pm	Chris Warren by Mom, Donna, Jim & Families Intentions of Olivia by Bob & Tim
<b>Sun. Feb. 26</b>	
Calabogie 8:30 am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
10:30am	Father D. Morris by A Parishioner Raymond Turner by Elaine Turner

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
<b>Mon. Feb. 27</b>	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
7:00pm	Parish Mission Topic: Your Life is Worth Saving
<b>Tues. Feb. 28</b>	
8:00am	Intentions of the Comeau Family by The Holmes Family
<b>Wed. Mar. 1</b>	
8:00am	Bill Ringrose by Elaine Turner
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Parish Mission Topic: Your Life is Worth Living
<b>Thurs. Mar. 2</b>	
8:00am	Amanda Elmlinger by Jason Dedo
7:00 pm	Parish Mission Topic: Your Life is Worth Sharing
<b>Fri. Mar. 3</b>	
8:00am	Margaret Burns by Jan & Roy Leitch
	World Day of Prayer
<b>Sat. Mar. 4</b>	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
<b>Sun. Mar. 5</b>	
Calabogie 8:30 am	Garry Reddy by Clarke, Colleen & Family
10:30am	Glen Carr by The Family Ann & Phil Williams by The Family

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023

## First Sunday of Lent February 26, 2023

**Prayers for the Deceased:** We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Donna Lauzon.

### **Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in**

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Olivia Curry, Wendy Ryan, (daughter of Gordon Hawley), Mary Visutskie, David Dregas, Father Steve Ballard, Diane Burns, Yvonne Kohl, Marie Budden, Marcella Cybulski, Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, 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.*

**Mass Bookings:** A friendly reminder that mass times fill up quickly and are usually booked a month ahead of time. If you would like to reserve a date, please don't hesitate to call me with the dates. I can book up to a year ahead of time. The money can be left in the collection basket or in our mailbox, duly noted.

**Purification Candles:** Were blessed on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and are available at the church doors for \$4.00 a box.

**2022 Income Tax Receipts:** *Still quite a few receipts left to be picked up or mailed.* If you'd like to drop a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket, I'd be happy to mail it to you. If you would like it e-mailed to you, kindly just send me an email and I'd be happy to send it to you. And of course, you can always drop by the office and pick it up. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023: For Parishes** – We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



**SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER** St Francis Xavier parish will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday February 21st in the parish hall between 4:30-7:00.** Freewill offerings will be accepted with the donations going towards Hospice Renfrew. Come and bring a friend.

### **MASSES AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

**THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>** **Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 8 a.m. Ash Wednesday and 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday.** Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. 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 6.**

**CONFESSIONS:** During Lent a priest will be available for confession one half hour before the weekday Masses and ¾ hour before weekend Masses.

**EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA:** People are wondering how they can help victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here are links to two Catholic aid organizations:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: <https://www.devp.org/en/>

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/ca/>

**World Day of Prayer Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**: The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and prayer together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. **This year's service will be held at 2:00 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church.**

**Monthly "Community Friendship Meal":** Free luncheons will be offered at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided by the students from St. Joseph's Catholic High School and served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on **March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.** No meals will be served during July & August. **Come and enjoy a warm meal among friends.**

**Parish Mission Exciting News!** The Mission will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church and led by Mr. Patrick Sullivan. It will be held at **7:00 p.m. in the Church on Monday, February 27, Wednesday, March 1 and Thursday, March 2.**

- Monday, February 27. Topic: **Your Life is Worth Saving:** As a general rule we do not see ourselves clearly and because we do not, far too often too many spiritual ills afflict us. Join as we examine our lives in light of the seven deadly sins, and work hard at seeing ourselves through the eyes of the God of mercy.
- Wednesday, March 1. Confessions will be heard from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the church. Topic: **Your Life is Worth Living:** Far too many of us are confused about spiritual growth and what it could mean for our lives. This evening, we discuss some virtues and how we work at attaining them so that we can become the very people that we hope to be.
- Thursday, March 2. Topic: **Your Life is Worth Sharing:** The world needs you, and it cannot wait for you to become perfect before that happens. In this final talk, we discuss some practical ways that you can live so that your light gives light to many others. Each evening there will be time for questions. All are welcome to this special time of reflection and prayer.

### **Prayer for the Parish Mission**

*Holy Father, great God of love and mercy, You have surrendered everything for love of us. May we learn to surrender everything for love of You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may do Your will and not our own. Help us to love you above all things and to love Your people the way You have commanded us. Quiet our minds and hearts that we may be open to the gift of your truth, and grant that our Parish Mission may be:*

*a time of Grace for all, a time of growth for the young, a time of refreshment for the old, a time of renewal for families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner, a time of strength for the holy, a time of homecoming for all who have been away.  
We beg you these things, Holy Father, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Six Week Study on the Mass:** Follow along with Bishop Robert Barron as he leads us through a series of presentations on the Mass. He will guide us to a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Mass and lead us into a more personal encounter with Jesus, who gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Sessions will take place on **Wednesday evenings** in the **Parish Hall at 7pm** on the following dates:

- **March 15, 22, 29**
- **April 12, 19, 26**

**IMAGE OF GOD MONTHLY WOMEN'S SESSIONS:** Next session – **Wednesday, March 15 from 7-8 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. Topic: A Powerful Culture – Your family is unique – it is time to own that.** Join us for IMAGE OF GOD monthly evening sessions for women. This event is being hosted by the Family Life and Youth Ministry Office, with guest speaker Patrick Sullivan, Lay Evangelist, and is open to all. Each evening has a different topic and will include time for discussion. The purpose is to grow in your spiritual health, your spousal relationship and parenting skills. No matter what age you are, you will surely find this very helpful. Please enter through the small Parish Hall doors. For more information contact Yvette Bourque at [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com). **Please note that there will be NO men's group for now.**

**Annual Women's Retreat: March 24 to 26, 2023** at the Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Zachary Romanowsky and Cheryl Ann Smith from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. The cost is \$175.00. For more information contact us at [womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com](mailto:womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com) or call/text Caitlin 613 316-0992 or Kristan 613 585-0579.

**LIVE TRUTH: LIVE CATHOLIC** - The Church will commemorate Ash Wednesday - and begin the holy season of Lent - on Feb 22. Fr John Paul Mary, a Missionary of the Eternal Word, has this to say. Ask the Holy Spirit, "What is it in my life that I need to be doing better". He states while many people go to Confession toward the end of Lent, Fr John Paul believes that Catholics should try visiting the Confessional close to Ash Wednesday. He says, "We need to start well if we're to finish well": There's something about the preparation for celebration that is just powerful in the Church".

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**FEBRUARY 22 - ASH WEDNESDAY:** Mass with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7 pm.

**FEBRUARY SANCTUARY LAMP:** for Hughes & Hale Families by Skippy Hale.