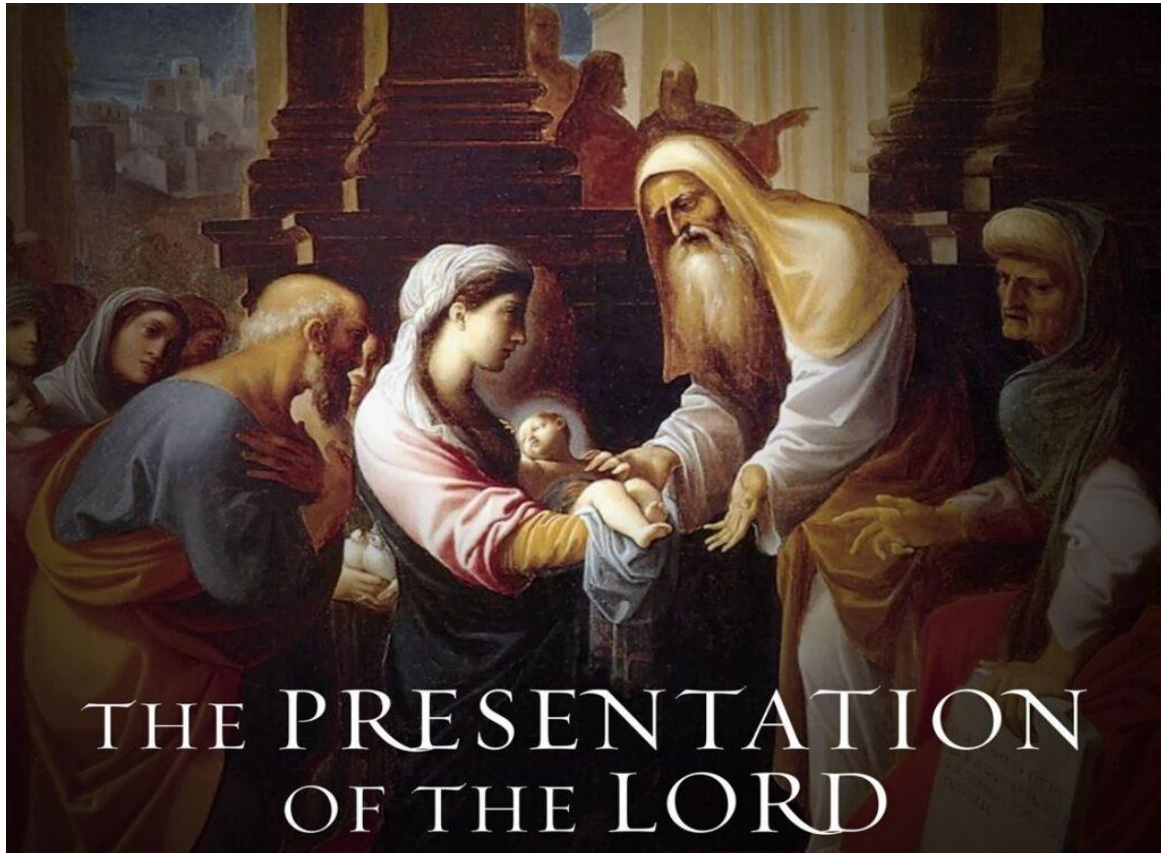


**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH**



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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, January 19, 2025	\$ 3,176.75
Envelopes	\$ 2,944.00
Loose	\$ 232.75

Attendance: Sat. 120 Sun. 170

Sunday, January 26, 2025	\$ 2,940.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,654.00
Loose	\$ 286.00
Care Fund	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,632.00
New Year's	\$ 2,878.50

Attendance: Sat. 133 Sun. 157

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, January 19, 2025	\$ 525.00
Envelopes	\$ 475.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Donation	\$ 3,000.00
Care Fund	\$ 50.00

Attendance: 48

Sunday, January 26, 2025	\$ 578.00
Envelopes	\$ 423.00
Loose	\$ 55.00
EFT	\$ 100.00

Attendance: 50

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 3	
9:00am	The ongoing Conversion and Spiritual Growth of the Staff and Students of St. Joseph's High School
Tues. Feb. 4	
8:00am	Florence Hisko by Helen Caldwell
Wed. Feb. 5	
8:00am	Pete Spilchen by Jean & Family
Thur. Feb. 6	
8:00am	Helen McIntyre by Agnes Lorbetskie & Family
Fri. Feb. 7	
8:00am	May Windle by Ray & Gale Clement & Family
Sat. Feb. 8	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Foodbank Drive Weekend	
Sun. Feb. 9	
Calabogie 8:30am	Ambrose Murphy by The Bowersox Family
SFX 10:30am	Don & Chris Goulet by The Family
Foodbank Drive Weekend	Deceased Members of James & Theresa Hanniman by Mervin & Elaine Varrin

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 10	
8:00am	Peter English by The Holmes Family
Tues. Feb. 11	
8:00am	Wilfred Jolicoeur by Children Laura, Brian & Willy
Wed. Feb. 12	
8:00am	Nancy Bailey by Agnes Walker
Thur. Feb. 13	
8:00am	Chuck Ross by Doris Long
Fri. Feb. 14	
8:00am	CJ, Gladys, Mark, Murray & Randy McNulty by Lori, Donna & Families
Sat. Feb. 15	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Feb. 16	
Calabogie 8:30am	Matilda Murphy by The Bowersox Family
SFX 10:30am	Ruth McEachen by Anne English & Larry LaPage
	Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra

Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2025

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Glen Warren, Tim Dooling (brother of Joan Skebo).

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Carmel Pickerton, 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.

February's Word Among Us: Available in the Church and in the mailbox just outside the office door. Payment of \$5.00 may be placed in the containers provided, in our secure mailbox or in the collection basket duly noted.

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.

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on Sunday February 2, 2025: All are welcome to join Bishop Brehl and the women and men religious of the diocese in the celebration of Vespers on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, **Sunday, February 2 at 4:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Pembroke to mark the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

Diocesan Pastoral Planning – Letter from the Bishop – January 14, 2025: The letter and PDF version from Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. can be found here: [Diocesan Pastoral Planning – Diocese of Pembroke](#)

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.

Sincerely,
Father Kerry Brennan
Pastor, St. Francis Xavier Parish

Baptism: 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.

Potluck & Euchre night: was a great turnout. Potluck supper had a wonderful assortment of delicious dishes and after supper we had 5 tables playing euchre. The Final table battling it out for bragging rights were Fr. Kenney, Theresa Brydges, Georges Comeau, Brian Proulx. Fr. Kenney & Theresa were the successful winners after a close game. I think it's safe to say a great night was had by all. Special thank you goes out to Nancy Saumure for organizing the euchre and keeping us all on track and the Russ & Nancy Connors who so graciously volunteer their time to help organize and clean up after the potluck. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating a couple prizes.

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.

1st Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations: February 6th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Paroisse St-Pierre, Fort-Coulonge, QC. 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](#).

Attention Lectors: We have a new resource to help you Proclaim the Word of God at Mass. It’s a workbook for Lectors Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word. It gives good suggestion about phrases to emphasize and pronunciations of difficult words along with good explanations of the readings. I would suggest that you try to arrive 10 minutes before Mass to avail yourself of the excellent resource.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Drama Production: Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College's Don Bosco Drama Club presents Robert Bolt's award-winning play *A Man For All Seasons*, which dramatizes the sixteenth century conflict between the King of England, Henry VIII and St. Thomas More, ending in Thomas's martyrdom. More, a loyal Roman Catholic, lawyer and statesman, believed that any law worthy of obedience must be imbued with moral legitimacy and defended by one's conscience. **February 7-8, 7 pm. February 9, 1 pm.** Royal Canadian Legion, 250 John St., Barry's Bay. TICKETS at the door: ADULT: \$25, SENIORS: \$20, STUDENTS: \$10 (cash, cheque only). Children under 6: Free; Family rate: \$50. For reservations, email: drama@seatofwisdom.ca.

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

SFX CWL Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 pm in the small hall.

OLF Monthly Community Friendship Luncheon: prepared by the students at St. Joseph High School and hosted by the Catholic Women's League. The luncheons will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 12th**. All are welcome for a meal among friends.

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.

Happy Anniversary: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during the month of February. We remember you and your intentions at Mass this weekend. **May God Bless You All.** Among those celebrating are: **Donald & Janet Goulet (53) Brian & Lee Ann Shepherd (48) Michael & Jennifer Cuff (20)**

Newly Baptized: we pray for the newly baptized children, Everly Leeanne daughter of Joseph Couvieu and Myranda Ayotte and Rosaline Maria daughter of Troy & Emily Mahusky (nee Troutman). Congratulations and we welcome them to our parish family.

From the CCCB: To mark the one-year anniversary of the publication of the Pastoral Letter on the use of social media, “*Let Your Speech Always be Gracious*,” authored by the Episcopal Commission of Justice and Peace and published with the permission of the Permanent Council on the feast of Saint Francis de Sales, 24 January 2024, the CCCB has launched **a new video series and other resources** to help readers – individually or in group settings – to unpack the rich pastoral and moral insights of the Pastoral Letter more fully.

The video series responds to numerous requests by Catholic parishes, schools, and groups for a representative of the CCCB to deliver a presentation on the Pastoral Letter. With the approval of the Permanent Council, the video series was developed by the CCCB Communications Service in cooperation with the Senior Advisor for Theology and Social Doctrine, as well as the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis, and with videography services provided by Salt+Light Media. The presenters in the video series are Bishop Scott McCaig, C.C., (in English) and Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, O.M.I. (in French).

The video series and resources are located on a new webpage dedicated to the Pastoral Letter: <https://www.cccb.ca/justice-and-peace/pastoral-letter-on-the-use-of-social-media/>

A press release announcing the video series and resources can be found on the CCCB website:

In English: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/launch-of-video-series-and-resources-for-the-pastoral-letter-on-social-media>

As I mentioned last Sunday in my Homily, I commend people who come early to Mass and read the Scriptures for that Sunday prayerfully. The time before Mass should be a time of silent prayer not a time for carrying on conversations. This can be done after Mass.
Fr. Brennan