



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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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.

PARISH PRIEST, Rev. Kerry J. Brennan
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OFFICE HOURS
Mon to Thurs – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fridays - Closed

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR	Nancy Connors
FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR	Steve Dregas
C.W.L. PRESIDENT	Carol Sulpher
K of C GRAND KNIGHT	Dean Black
CEMETERY BOARD CHAIR	Mike Coulas
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Most Precious Blood Catholic Church

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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.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Priest

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan 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

Sunday, January 22, 2023	\$ 3,375.05
Envelopes	\$ 2,872.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 270.00
Loose:	\$ 233.05

Attendance: Sat. 140 Sun. 136

Sunday, January 29, 2023	\$ 3,160.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,643.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 330.00
Loose	\$ 187.00
Carillon Bell to date	\$21,270.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,405.00

Attendance: Sat. 122 Sun. 77

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, January 22, 2023	\$ 613.00
Envelopes	\$ 551.00
Loose	\$ 62.00

Attendance: 51

Sunday, January 29, 2023	\$ 434.00
Envelopes	\$ 409.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
Sister Betty Fund to date	\$2,160.00
Carillon Bell to date	\$9,790.00
New Year's	\$ 350.00

Attendance: 38

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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. Feb. 6		
		No Holy Mass
Tues. Feb. 7		
8:00am	Keith McGuire by the Dombroskie Family	
Wed. Feb. 8		
8:00am	Helen Visinski by Arlane & Muhail Lalonde	
Thur. Feb. 9		
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Jeanette Holmes & Son Brian by Carolyn, Jason, Scott & Gregory Holmes Mary McMaster by Marguerite Power	
Fri. Feb. 10		
8:00am	Deceased Rusheleau Family Members by Garry & Susan O'Neil Intentions of the Bishop, Priests, and Deacons of the Diocese by SFX CWL Council	
Sat. Feb. 11		
4:30pm	Deceased Members of the Gray & Craig Families by Gerry & Jack Craig Jim McAdam by Angela & Family	
Sun. Feb. 12		
Calabogie 8:30 am	Anthony Senack by Thelma Senack	
10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. Feb. 13		
		No Holy Mass
Tues. Feb. 14		
8:00am	All my deceased relatives & deceased friends by Cecil Amikons	
Wed. Feb. 15		
8:00am	Reverend Patrick J. Tait by the Dobec Family	
Thurs. Feb. 16		
8:00am	Gertrude Lepine by Jan & Roy Leitch	
Fri. Feb. 17		
8:00am	CJ, Gladys, Randy, Murray & Mark McNulty Lori, Donna & families	
Sat. Feb. 18		
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan	
Sun. Feb. 19		
Calabogie 8:30 am	Bridget Dedo by Terry & Lori Culhane	
10:30am	Sandra Dobec by Elaine Turner Dave Taylor Jan & Roy Leitch	

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Darwin Price, Dan Chaput & Stacia Prince.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Wendy Ryan, (daughter of Gordon Hawley), Mary Visutskie, Donna Lauzon, David Degas, 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. The money can be left in the collection basket or in our mailbox, duly noted.

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

2022 Income Tax Receipts: **Receipts are now ready.** 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.

Imagine of God Women's Monthly Sessions: Topic: Ready for the World. Session will take place on Wednesday **February 8 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. Guest speaker is Patrick Sullivan, lay Evangelist. Grow in your spiritual health, your spousal relationship and your parenting skills. All are welcome.

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 **February 8, 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.**

MARRIAGE, FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: ***Marriage Preparation Program:*** The Winter Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, February 25th and Saturday, March 11th, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. **Deadline to register is February 11th.** Registration is available online at www.pembrokecatholicdiocese.com, or a form can be obtained from any parish and mailed in. Inquiries can be directed to Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokecatholicdiocese.com.

World Day of the Sick: is celebrated every year on **February 11th** and is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and to find concrete ways to draw nearer to them. :***"Take care of him" – Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing.*** In light of the Church's synodal journey, Pope Francis invites "all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness." Pope Francis tells us in his Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* that "we cannot be indifferent to suffering" (68), and he proposes that we read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The condition of loneliness and abandonment of the sick in today's world only "takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it." In seeking the help of another to care for the sick man, the Samaritan asks the innkeeper to "take care of him." Only with the help, courage, and innovation of others in a "face-to-face encounter" can we organize care for the sick in a spirit of fraternity and resilience. Many healthcare workers, family members, and community volunteers are daily witnesses of this accompaniment and caring compassion.

The World Day of the Sick is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and to find concrete ways to draw nearer to them. Mindful of this call, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops recently published an open-source palliative care toolkit for parishes, families, and communities in order that they may deepen their understandings of illness, suffering, dying and death. Drawing on Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise, and the Compassionate Community model, the palliative care toolkit facilitates conversations and learning, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ. Users of the toolkit are invited to organize group-based engagement according to the toolkit's four-module program so as to sustain and renew pastoral attention on the sick, lonely and abandoned. [Learn more about Horizons of Hope](#), its training videos, facilitator guide, social media images, and take-home resources. Pope Francis reiterates that we are called to learn "how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture."

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, February 13th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

2023 Bible in a Year Online Retreat: This three day online retreat with Jeff Cavins, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio will help attendees embrace their rich inheritance as sons and daughters of God. From **February 11-13, 2023**. Visit <https://ascensionpress.com/products/bible-in-a-year-retreat> for more information.

CWL Members are reminded about their monthly general meeting in the Small Hall on **Tuesday, February 14th** at 7:00 p.m. Wear something "red" to show your love for The League. Special treats for those wearing their CWL pins (new members will receive a temporary pin). Important happenings at the meeting include:

1. Your executive reaffirming its commitment to CWL for the coming year
2. Participation in an instructed vote for a change to our CWL Constitution
3. Membership review, revision and adoption of a budget for the year



Renfrew and Area Seniors' Home Support Inc. Breakfast/Brunch: **Sunday, February 19th** at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 Adults and \$5 for children. Payment at the door. For more information, please call the Home Support office at 613-432-7691.



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.

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**

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 or call/text Caitlin 613 316-0992 or Kristan 613 585-0579.

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