

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



His first miracle. Mary's intercession and instruction reminds us to trust and follow Jesus.

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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 5, 2025	\$ 7,340.79
Envelopes	\$ 2,912.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 3,963.34
Loose	\$ 465.45
Care Fund	\$ 200.00
Attendance:	Sat. 101 Sun. 169

Sunday, January 12, 2025	\$ 3,143.10
Envelopes	\$ 2,849.00
Loose	\$ 294.10
Care Fund	\$ 40.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,570.00
New Year's	\$ 2,828.50

Attendance: **Sat. 103 Sun. 194**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Jan. 20	
8:00am	Chris Bond by The Late Mackie McLaren & Joanne
Tues. Jan. 21	
8:00am	David Taylor by Bernie
Wed. Jan. 22	
8:00am	Bob Gervais by SFX Parish & Cemetery Staff
Thur. Jan. 23	
8:00am	John Brydges by Judy & Richard Bissonnette
Fri. Jan. 24	
8:00am	David Sroka by Tom & Cathy Prince
Sat. Jan. 25	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
4:30pm	
Sun. Jan. 26	
Calabogie 8:30am	Blanche Danziel by Marg Sullivan & Family
10:30am	Harry Ballard by Judy & Family Deceased Members of James & Clophia Varrin by Mervin & Elaine Varrin

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, January 5, 2025	\$ 786.00
Envelopes	\$ 631.00
Loose	\$ 155.00

Attendance: **60**

Sunday, January 12, 2025	\$ 928.50
Envelopes	\$ 761.00
Loose	\$ 167.50
New Year's	\$ 344.00
Initial Offering	\$ 140.00

Attendance: **50**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Jan. 27	
8:00am	Steel & Mangan Families by Mary & Family
Tues. Jan. 28	
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Eileen C. Vice & Deceased Relatives by The Estate
Wed. Jan. 29	
8:00am	Paula Johnston by Elaine Turner
Thur. Jan. 30	
8:00am	Janet, Harvey & Mel McLaughlin by Mike & Betty Coulas
10:30am	May Windle by Leo & Elsie Coulas
Fri. Jan. 31	
8:00am	Stacia Prince by Mom & Dad
Sat. Feb. 1	
4:30pm	John Brydges by John & Martha Scott Vincent Drapeau & for the Souls in Purgatory by Bernie Drapeau
Sun. Feb. 2	
Calabogie 8:30am	Matilda Murphy by The Bowersox Family
10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, January 19, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, 2025

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially, Joan Bilson, Tim Spilchen (Jean's son), Chuck Ross, Tim McNulty.

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 JANUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: Leo Murphy by the Murphy Family

Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2025: **For the right to an education.** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Winter Months Reminder: If you wouldn't mind giving your boots a little kick before you come in that would be greatly appreciated. We will try our best to keep the sand and salt outside and not on our rugs. Thank you.

Office Hours: Please note the office will be closed from January 28th and will re-open on February 5th.

January's Word Among Us: Has finally arrived. You can find copies in the church or in our mailbox. Cost is \$5.00.

2024 Income Tax Receipts: Receipts will hopefully be printed in the next week. Just like boxed envelopes, they will be placed at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities at both Parishes.

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.

Chartwell Quail Creek Winter Open House on January 17th & 18th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Tour the facility to see what services and lifestyle they have to offer.

SFX Euchre Party/Potluck: Our next Parish Potluck is **Saturday January 18th** after the 4:30 Mass. Kitchen will be open before Mass to drop off food. This week we would like to entice those of you who would like to enjoy a few games of Euchre. You need not have a partner as partners will change throughout the evening. Attending the potluck is not a requirement as euchre will commence after the meal. Please join us for an evening of fun.

Kindergarten Registration RCCDSB is open from January 20, 2025 until January 31, 2025. For more information, please visit their website at <https://rccdsb.ca/register/>

Christian Unity Week — January 18-25, 2025 To celebrate Christian Unity Week a 'Worship Service ' involving several church congregations in Renfrew is being organized by the clergy. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

This year's theme is "Do you believe this?" We will reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus.

The Worship Service is on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

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](https://www.pembrokecatholic.ca/diocesan-pastoral-planning/).

Jubilee Year: Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church. Established in 1470 by Pope Paul II to occur every 25 years, the Jubilee is a sacred time for transformation through God's holiness. It invites Catholics worldwide to renew their relationship with God, one another, and creation, celebrating the central Christian Message of hope.

The Jubilee year began on Dec. 24th with the opening of the Holy Door in Rome. Pope Francis has dedicated this Jubilee to “Pilgrims of Hope.” Rooted in baptism, we are nourished by Christ, guided by the Spirit, and called to walk in hope - trusting in God’s grace and longing for eternal life.

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 offers an opportunity for all to embark on a pilgrimage of hope – whether locally in our diocese cathedral or shrine (like St. Ann’s Cormac) or Canada’s National Shrines, or by travelling to Rome. Over the coming months you will hear more about the Jubilee Year in our own Diocese.

Please check the Diocesan Website for more information.

World Day of Peace 2025: The Holy See published the Holy Father’s Message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which was celebrated on 1 January 2025, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who is likewise the Queen of Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is “Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace”.

This theme aligns with the spirit of the Jubilee Year, focusing on hope, forgiveness, and bringing people together. Inspired by Laudato Si’ and Fratelli Tutti, the message highlights the need for change to build lasting peace in our lives individually, in communities, and worldwide.

In his message, the Holy Father states: “May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises. May we seek the true peace that is granted by God to hearts disarmed: hearts not set on calculating what is mine and what is yours; hearts that turn selfishness into readiness to reach out to others; hearts that see themselves as indebted to God and thus prepared to forgive the debts that oppress others; hearts that replace anxiety about the future with the hope that every individual can be a resource for the building of a better world.”

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.

Newly Baptized: we pray for the newly baptized child, Scarlett Margaret Anne daughter of Joel & Karla Blemkie (nee Belton). Congratulations and we welcome them to our parish family.

Happy Anniversary: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during the month of January. We remember you and your intentions at Mass this weekend. **May God Bless You All.** Among those celebrating are: **Don & Nancy Smith (59)** **Mark & Melany Tracey (38)** **Christian & Ashley Ste-Marie (10)**



Hello, my name is Cheryl Pichette and I am the new Administrator for St. Francis Xavier Parish Cemetery.

If you are thinking of planning ahead in your funeral arrangements, please don’t hesitate to contact me for further information at 613-432-5825 Ext 3 or by email at sfxcemetary@bellnet.ca.