

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



Christian Unity in the New Testament gets its goodness from a combination of its *source, its views, its affections and its aims.*

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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

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**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

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024</b> | \$ 3,465.00 |
| Envelopes                   | \$ 2,904.00 |
| Weekly EFT                  | \$ 290.00   |
| Loose                       | \$ 271.00   |

**Attendance:** Sat. 141 Sun. 162

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024</b> | \$ 2,515.45 |
| Envelopes                    | \$ 1,863.00 |
| Weekly EFT                   | \$ 290.00   |
| Loose                        | \$ 362.45   |
| Care Fund                    | \$ 210.00   |
| New Year to date             | \$ 2,607.60 |

**Attendance:** Sat. 95 Sun. 152

## Most Precious Blood

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024</b> | \$ 774.00   |
| Envelopes                   | \$ 674.00   |
| Loose                       | \$ 100.00   |
| Donation                    | \$ 4,000.00 |

**Attendance:** 54

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| <b>Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024</b> | \$ 496.25 |
| Envelopes                    | \$ 469.00 |
| Loose                        | \$ 27.25  |
| New year                     | \$ 537.00 |
| Initial Offering             | \$ 245.00 |

**Attendance:** 52

| LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Mon. Jan. 22            |   |
|                         | Mass OLF @ 8:30   |
| Tues. Jan. 23           |   |
| 8:00am                  | Helen Visinski<br>by Martin & Rose Lesk   |
| Wed. Jan. 24            |   |
| 8:00am                  | John, Clarence, Patsy & Margaret<br>by Dorothy & Family                                       |
| Thur. Jan. 25           |   |
| 8:00am                  | Intentions of Kevin Wren's 95th<br>Birthday<br>by Arnold & Family                             |
| Fri. Jan. 26            |   |
| 8:00am                  | Lucille Sullivan<br>by Marguerite Power   |
| Sat. Jan. 27            |   |
| 4:30pm                  | Harvey, Janet & Mel McLaughlin<br>by Mike & Betty Coulas<br>Bernadette Lacourse<br>by SFX CWL |
| Sun. Jan. 28            |   |
| Calabogie 8:30am        | Bob Gorra<br>by Gordon Norton   |
| 10:30am                 | Intentions of Parishioners of both<br>Parishes<br>by Father Brennan                           |

| LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Mon. Jan. 29            |  |
|                         | No Holy Mass   |
| Tues. Jan. 30           |  |
| 8:00am                  | Special Intentions<br>by Georges & Jeannette Blanchette  |
| Wed. Jan. 31            |  |
| 8:00am                  | Stacia Prince<br>by Mom & Dad  |
| Thur. Feb. 1            |  |
| 8:00am                  | Mass of Thanksgiving & Special<br>Intentions<br>by The Blanchette's  |
| Fri. Feb. 2             |  |
| 8:00am                  | Intentions of Mary Schimmens 90th<br>Birthday<br>by Arnold & Family  |
| Sat. Feb. 3             |  |
| 4:30pm                  | Thresia Joseph<br>by Geena Joseph & Family<br>Deceased Craig & Gary Family<br>Members<br>by Gerry & Jack Craig |
| Sun. Feb. 4             |  |
| Calabogie 8:30am        | Chris & Louisa Mathieu<br>by Terry Godin   |
| 10:30am                 | Intentions of Parishioners of both<br>Parishes<br>by Father Brennan  |

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love." Pope Francis

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2024**

**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 JANUARY SANCTUARY LAMP:** For deceased family members by Theresa Brydges.

***Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2024: For the gift of diversity in the Church*** – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

**2023 Income Tax Receipts:** Receipts are 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. Also, 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 come by the office to pick it up. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X.

**Most Precious Blood Parish,** Receipts will be available at both doors this Sunday. If you are not there this Sunday, then we will mail as in previous years.

**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.**

**Chartwell Quail Creek:** Is hosting a Winter Open House on **January 19 & 20, 2024**, from 10-4pm. Come out and see what this wonderful facility has to offer.

**SFX First Communion:** Reminder there will be a meeting after 10:30 mass on **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. Commissioning weekend is on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you keep the children who are preparing for First Communion in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament in May 2024.

**Friendship Meal:** Trinity St. Andrew's Church is holding a free Community Friendship meal on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024** from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Stewart Hall. All are welcome.

**RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN:** Recollections are like mini retreats that help you take a break from your busy schedule to think and pray about your life, your relationship with God and gain a fresh outlook. Join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch and stay to socialize afterward. This spiritual activity, inspired by the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, is entrusted to Opus Dei, a personal Prelature of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact [nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca](mailto:nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca) or (613) 584-9388.



**SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER** St Francis Xavier parish will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall between 4:00 – 6:00 pm.** Freewill offerings will be accepted with the donations going towards Renfrew & District Food Bank. Come and bring a friend. If you are able to help, please contact Louise Neville @ 613-401-7698

**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](http://www.northerncatholic.ca)

**"Together we can do great things." Mother Teresa**

**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. 9<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and June 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.pembrokedioocese.com](http://www.pembrokedioocese.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@pembrokedioocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.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**

**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions are filled very quickly here at SFX. Please contact the parish office and schedule your Mass intention at least two months in advance. We also suggest that if you want a special date, (especially on a weekend), consider requesting your Mass a year in advance to ensure the date is available. Last-minute requests unfortunately cannot often be fulfilled. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we endeavour to accommodate your requests and schedule all your Masses in a timely fashion.

We are caught up with **mass intentions for Calabogie**. If you would like to book an intention, please contact Theresa at 613-432-5825 ext. 2.

**Newly Baptized**, we pray for Eleanor Catherine Leech, child of Brent Leech and Lindsay Cunningham. Congratulations and we happily welcome her to our parish family.

**Funny in a GOoD Way:** Funny in a GOoD Way presents an evening of laughter and praise to celebrate the week of Prayer for Christian Unity on **January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**, Festival Hall. Featuring Byron Trimble Comedy and worship music by Gate47. Cost \$25.00 in advance. To purchase tickets, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or at [dcadrienchaput@pembrokedioocese.com](mailto:dcadrienchaput@pembrokedioocese.com). More details available at [www.funnyinagoodway.ca](http://www.funnyinagoodway.ca). Net proceeds go to First Step Options.

**Theatrical Production – Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College:** Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College's Don Bosco Drama Club presents live theatre with *Taming of the Shrew*, Shakespeare's boisterous comedy on marriage. Will Katharina and Petruchio find an enduring balance amidst their disputes? **Showtimes: Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., Sunday (matinee), February 11, 1 p.m.** at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 406, 250 John St., Barry's Bay.

Tickets at the door: Adults: \$25, Students: \$15 (cash, cheque only). Advance tickets: \$26.94 (adult) / \$15.94 (student) by e-transfer-only – e-mail [drama@seatofwisdom.ca](mailto:drama@seatofwisdom.ca). Children under 6: Free – Family rate: \$55. Cash/cheque at the door, cash-only bar.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB 14th**  
**MASSES IN OUR AREA:**

8:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew  
9:00 a.m. - St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew  
10:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Fatima School  
6:30 p.m. - Mt. St. Patrick  
7:00 p.m. - St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew  
7:00 p.m. - Most Precious Blood, Calabogie