

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

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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

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

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024	\$ 3,465.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,904.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 271.00

Attendance: Sat. 141 Sun. 162

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024	\$ 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

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024	\$ 774.00
Envelopes	\$ 674.00
Loose	\$ 100.00
Donation	\$ 4,000.00

Attendance: 54

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024	\$ 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 by Martin & Rose Lesk
Wed. Jan. 24	
8:00am	John, Clarence, Patsy & Margaret by Dorothy & Family
Thur. Jan. 25	
8:00am	Intentions of Kevin Wren's 95th Birthday by Arnold & Family
Fri. Jan. 26	
8:00am	Lucille Sullivan by Marguerite Power
Sat. Jan. 27	
4:30pm	Harvey, Janet & Mel McLaughlin by Mike & Betty Coulas Bernadette Lacourse by SFX CWL
Sun. Jan. 28	
Calabogie 8:30am	Bob Gorra by Gordon Norton
10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

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

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2024

4th 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 27th and 28th. 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 25th 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 or (613) 584-9388.



SHROVE TUESDAY-PANCAKE SUPPER St Francis Xavier parish will be hosting a pancake supper on **Tuesday February 13th 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

"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. 9th, April 12th, and June 7th** 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.pembrokediocese.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@pembrokediocese.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 20th 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@pembrokediocese.com. More details available at 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 9th, 7 p.m., Saturday, February 10th, 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. 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