

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



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.

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.

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OFFICE HOURS
Mon to Thurs – 9a.m. – 3p.m.
Fridays - Closed

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR
FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

Nancy Connors
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C.W.L. PRESIDENT
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Mike Coulas
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BAPTISM

Please contact one of the Priests

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact a priest 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, December 25, 2022	\$4,905.80
Envelopes	\$3,915.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 225.00
Loose:	\$ 765.80
Donation	\$3,050.00
Care Fund	\$ 300.00
Attendance:	497
Sunday January 1, 2022	\$5,949.34
Envelopes	\$3,142.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 270.00
Monthly EFT	\$2,338.34
Loose	\$ 199.00
Care Fund	\$ 350.00
Christmas to date	\$6,235.00
New Year's	\$2,115.00
Initial Offering	\$ 945.00
Attendance:	252

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, December 25, 2022	\$ 886.00
Envelopes	\$ 449.00
Loose	\$ 437.00
Attendance:	94
Sunday, January 1, 2022	\$ 987.00
Envelopes	\$ 912.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
Sister Betty Fund to date	\$2,080.00
Bell Donation to date	\$5,790.00
Heating to date	\$ 860.00
Christmas to date	\$ 663.00
New Year's	\$ 350.00

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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Jan. 9	
Baptism of the Lord	No Mass
Tues. Jan. 10	
8:00am	Ken Barr by Leona & Family
Wed. Jan. 11	
8:00am	Susan Proulx by David & Carol Sulpher
Thur. Jan. 12	
8:00am	Elaine Brazeau by Tim & Bob
Fri. Jan. 13	
8:00am	Bill Ringrose by Gerry & Cecilia Kusluski
Sat. Jan. 14	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Jan. 15	
Calabogie 8:30 am	Connie Cockwell by Joe Brennan
10:30am	Dalton Enright by Jamie & Susy Campbell & Boys

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Jan. 16	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Jan. 17	
8:00am	CJ, Gladys, Randy, Murray and Mark McNulty by Lori, Donna and families
Wed. Jan. 18	
8:00am	Harry Ballard by Doreen Ballard & Family
Thurs. Jan. 19	
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Brady McNamara & Deceased Family Members by the Estate
	10:30 Joseph Lawrence Vincent Bonnechere Manor by a Parishioner
Fri. Jan. 20	
8:00am	Vincent & Veronica O'Neil by Garry & Susan O'Neil
Sat. Jan. 21	
4:30pm	Susan Proulx by Harold, Vivian & Helen
Sun. Jan. 22	
Calabogie 8:30 am	Bernard & Alma Norton by Mark & Marsha Norton
	10:30am Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Norm Ilan.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Mary Visutskie, Dave Taylor, Donna Lauzon, David Dregas, 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.

Thank you: Thanks to all who made our Christmas Celebration so special this year: Gord & Sharon Harper and Brian & LeeAnn Shepherd who decorated our Church so beautifully and our Singers, Musicians, Lectors and Hospitality Ministers. A special thanks to all who remembered myself, Father Kenney, Deacon Don and Parish Staff with gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated. *Father Brennan*

Kudos to Knights of Columbus Council 1916 and all the volunteers who served and/or delivered close to 450 meals on Christmas Day. Truly Christianity in action!

Care Fund Donations: A special thank you to all the parishioners who donated to the Parish Care Fund either monetarily or with gift cards. Many in our community struggle to make ends meet and especially this year the demand for financial assistance has been substantial. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity.

Carillon Bells: We are pleased to announce that they have been installed at both Parishes. Special thank you to all who donated towards the Carillon's. **Let the church bells ring!!**

2022 Income Tax Receipts: Receipts will be printed in the next couple of weeks. 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 swing by the office and grab it too. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X.

2023 Envelopes: Still some left to be picked up at the front doors. Also, it would be helpful if you would **write your name on your 2023 envelopes for a few weeks**. Some envelope numbers have changed, and we wish to ensure that the correct person is credited.

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

NEW! IMAGE OF GOD evening sessions for Men and Women in Renfrew: Come check out the new IMAGE OF GOD monthly evening sessions for Men and Women from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew – in the small Hall. (Men 7-8 p.m., Women 8-9 p.m.). This is a new initiative from the Office Family Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Renfrew deanery, but open to all, to reach adults who wish to grow in their faith, marriage and family life. Hosted by Patrick Sullivan, Lay Evangelist, and Yvette Bourque. Each evening has a different topic and will include lots of discussion and time for questions. Next session: **Wednesday, January 11th**. See upcoming dates and topics [here](#).

Monthly SFX Potluck: Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, January 21st**. As per previous years, we will have the kitchen open before the Saturday Mass and the potluck will be directly afterwards. Come one, come all and bring a friend.

Funny in a GOoD Way! Presents an evening of comedy and worship on **January 21st at 7 p.m.** at Festival Hall, Pembroke. Featuring Andy Beningo and Gate 47. Ticket details available online at www.funnyinagoodway.ca. Net proceeds go to The Grind Pembroke.

"We Prepare for Reconciliation": The children embark on the journey of experiencing God's love for us through preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers over the next months. Commissioning Sunday will be January 22nd.

CWL Meeting: There will be **no general CWL meeting** during the month of January. However, your executive will be meeting to make plans for the first half of the new calendar year. Our next general meeting will take place on **Tuesday, February 14, 2023**. At this meeting there will be an instructed vote on one small change to our constitution, as recommended by our national executive."

Parish Mission Exciting News! We are having a Parish Mission here at St. Francis Xavier led by Mr. Patrick Sullivan. Please mark the dates on your calendars Feb. 27th 28th and March 2nd. Words by Bishop Desrochers of Mr. Sullivan: "In all of Patrick's works, as with the numerous missions he has preached in parishes or during special events, evangelization has always been the main focus and the spiritual inspiration dearest to his heart. It is anything but an obsession or a mere "job" in order to put food on his family's table. Rather, it is a calling from God that is engraved deeply on his soul." To find out more about Patrick go to his Website www.evango.net. More information closer to the date.



It's hard to talk about Epiphany without sounding like we're exaggerating. Today is a day of superlatives. Epiphany is the grandest, merriest, brightest, and best day of Christmastime.

Today we celebrate three wonders: The Magi offer the Lord gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Lord comes to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The Lord turns water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana.

Epiphany means "appearance" and "revelation" and "manifestation." In the gospel stories of Epiphany, we hear that God appears in creation. God is revealed in a star, in the waters of a river, in the shining skies, on the wings of a dove, in stone jars of everyday water.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, 1927-2022: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, who died on New Year's Eve. Joseph Ratzinger was born on April 16, 1927, in Marktl am Inn, Germany. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1951 for the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising. For many years, he served as a professor of theology at Tübingen and Regensburg, and distinguished himself as a scholarly author. He was a *peritus* (appointed expert) at the Second Vatican Council. Ordained to the Episcopate on May 28, 1977, having been appointed archbishop of his home diocese, he was created Cardinal on June 27 of that same year. From 1982 to 2005, he served alongside St. John Paul II as Prefect of the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He was elected Pope on April 19, 2005, and served for almost eight years, becoming the first pope in over 700 years to renounce the office, which he did on February 28, 2013. May he rest in the peace of the Lord, awaiting a share in Christ's Resurrection.

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JANUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: for Deceased Parents and Relatives by Father Brennan

Anyone interested to reserve a month for the year 2023 may stop by the Sacristy to place your name and your intentions on the sheet. The cost is \$20.00. Or you can give Theresa a call to see which months are still available.

Thank you: Thank you for those who helped out this Christmas with the decorating of the Church. Brian, Debbie and Michael McSheffrey, Yvette Blimkie, Teresa Chretien, Ted Gorra, and Skippy Hale.

St. Joseph's Calabogie families and community supporters:

Thank you for the tremendous support of our Christmas Raffle Fundraiser! We printed 1500 tickets and all but 24 were purchased, so **\$ 7 380** was raised for our Outdoor Education Program! The following 5 winners are:

- Calabogie Stay and Play Package won by Mary Troutman (ticket number 0929)
- Around the Home Prize Package won by Brandi McDonald (ticket number 0320)
- The SENSational Prize Package won by Mark VanVelzen (ticket number 1298)
- The Family Fun Prize Package won by Shawn Mosiondz (ticket number 0911)
- Spoil Yourself Prize Package won by Lesley Don (ticket number 0530)



The Baptism of the Lord

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.