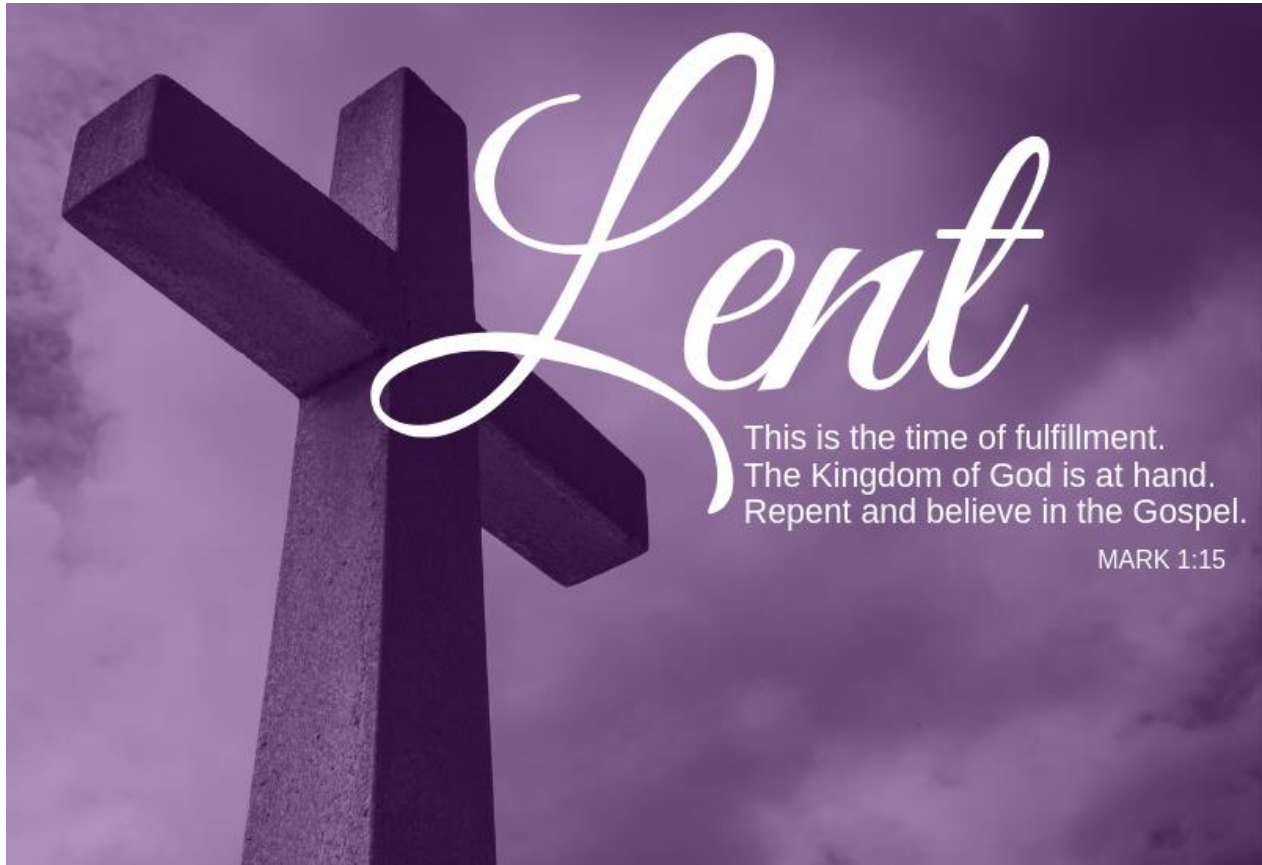


**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH**



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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, March 2, 2025	\$ 8,778.84
Envelopes	\$ 4,102.50
Loose	\$ 273.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 4,403.34

Attendance: Sat. 112 Sun. 144

Ash Wednesday: 175

Sunday, March 9, 2025	\$ 4,161.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,717.00
Loose	\$ 444.00
Care Fund	\$ 10.00

Attendance: Sat. 138 Sun. 125

Most Precious Blood


Sunday, March 2, 2025	\$ 659.00
Envelopes	\$ 634.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 50.00

Attendance: 34

Ash Wednesday: 47

Sunday, March 9, 2025	\$ 412.00
Envelopes	\$ 387.00
Loose	\$ 25.00
Heating to date	\$ 645.00

Attendance: 36

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. Mar. 17	 6:30pm 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Barbara Ann White by M.J. & Mary Blimkie	
Tues. Mar. 18		
8:00am	Mackie McLaren by The Knights of Columbus Council 2082 Arnprior	
Wed. Mar. 19	8:00am Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Rita Lajoie	
Thur. Mar. 20		
8:00am	Intentions of Holly & Jason Weir by The Family	
10:30am Bonnechere Manor	Greg Kedrosky by Ellen & Randy Penney	
Fri. Mar. 21	8:00am Betty Mahusky-Brisco by The Family	
Sat. Mar. 22		
4:30pm	Robert Berube by wife Nicole Arnold & Shirley Kennelly by Verna Kedrosky & Family	
Sun. Mar. 23	Calabogie 8:30am Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan	
SFX 10:30am		
	Ray Wojcik by Judy & Richard Bissonnette C.J., Gladys, Mark, Murray & Randy McNulty by Lori, Donna & Families	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. Mar. 24	6:30pm 7:00pm Stations of the Cross Doreen Anderson-Herrick by Bob & Ellen Vizena	
Tues. Mar. 25		
8:00am	Stephanie Nickel by Jean Spilchen & Family	
Wed. Mar. 26	8:00am Father Ken O'Brien by Joan, Marcia & Andre Ouellet	
Thur. Mar. 27		
8:00am	Yvonne & MJ Brennan by Fr. Kerry	
Fri. Mar. 28	8:00am Christopher Cunningham by Mom & Jim	
Sat. Mar. 29		
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan	
Sun. Mar. 30	Calabogie 8:30am Matilda Murphy by The Bowersox Family	
SFX 10:30am		
	Paula Johnston by the Johnston Family	

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2025

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Stanley Rekowski, Phyllis Leclair, Jessie Stubinsky & Beverly O'Kane (sister of Anita Agnew, Bonnie Colterman & Barry Breen).

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Anita Agnew, Arnold Wren, Jeanne Rossi & son Adam, Lawrence Mahusky, Jacques Payette, Lois Desjardine, Elaine Turner, Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll), Susan Hanniman, Mary Visutskie, Yvonne Kohl, Annlea O'Rourke, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, 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 MARCH SANCTUARY LAMP: Deceased Parents and Relatives by Fr. Kerry Brennan

Pope's Prayer Intention for March 2025: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wound's forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Message from Bishop Brehl for Lent 2025: Bishop Brehl's Lent message for 2025 can be viewed on our diocesan YouTube channel: [Message from Bishop Brehl for Lent 2025](#).

During Lent we will have Mass at **7 p.m. on Mondays** and at **8 a.m. on Tuesday to Friday**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning Monday, March 10th.

CONFESSIONS: During Lent a priest will be available for confession half hour before the Friday Masses and ¾ hour before weekend Masses.

The Sacraments: Six Week Study with Bishop Robert Barron: Bishop Barron looks at the great sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise. The Sacraments will help you understand these signs and channels of grace and discover the secret behind their persistence down the ages: the presence and power of the Savior himself.

Join Father Lukas in the SFX Small Hall from 7:00-8:00pm Thursday evenings during Lent (March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10).

Knights of Columbus Renfrew: will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday during Lent from March 7th to April 11th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and are \$16.00 each. Tickets available at the door and take out is also available. Proceeds to charity. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact Kelly Hunt at 613-432-2145.

Eucharistic Adoration: We will continue to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the Month of March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Church. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with Jesus especially during the Holy Season of Lent. During exposition there will be a Reflection given by Deacon Don.

Women's Retreats Combermere: We warmly invite all women to a weekend women's retreat.

"The Eucharist: Christ our Hope" – two retreats offered:

1. **March 14-16** at the Elim Lodge 696 Elim Lodge Road, Lakehurst, ON, led by Christina Milan and Fr. Brian Christie, Madonna House – [Register Here](#).
2. **April 4-6** at the Graphite Bible Camp, 702 Graphite Road, Maynooth, ON, led by Christina Milan and Fr. David Linder, Madonna House – [Register here](#).

For questions or more information please call Astrid (Elim Retreat) at 905 377-0688 or Kristan (Graphite Retreat) at 613 585-0579.

Ste Anne Parish in Mattawa is the designated church for the Jubilee Indulgence on Tuesday, 25 March, 2025, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Mass will be offered at 10:00am followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day, concluding with Benediction at 4:00pm. Confessions will be available from 11:00am-12 noon and from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Please see <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/jubilee-2025-indulgence-en/> for more information about the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence.

Community Friendship Meal: Trinity-St. Andrew's United, 291 Plaunt St. S., will be holding a free Community Friendship on **Tuesday, March 25** from 11:30-12:30 in Stewart Hall. All are welcome.

Shrove Pancake Supper: was well attended and \$810.00 was raised and sent to Renfrew & District Food Bank. We are happy to donate to a worthy cause that our community relies heavily on. Special Thank You going out to our amazing volunteers.

2024 Parish Financial Report: Copies are available at the church entrances for both parishes. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Marriage Preparation Program: The Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, March 29th and Saturday, April 12th at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Annex, Pembroke. **Deadline to register: March 24th.** Register online at <https://www.jotform.com/yvettebourque/marriageprep>. E-transfers of \$100/couple can be made to donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com, or mail cheques to Diocese of Pembroke, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. For inquiries, please contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com or call 613 585-6301.

Stillpoint House of Prayer Upcoming Events: EASTER CARD MAKING SEMINAR APRIL 4 – 6. Facilitator: Sister Donna Smith: Sister of St. Joseph and experienced Card Designer. Cost: \$250 per person including meals, room and materials. In preparation for Easter, join Sister Donna for a weekend of prayer and card designing instruction. Contact: Corrien: inquiries@stillpoint.ca or call 613-432-2791 to book an event.

Adult Faith Lenten Retreat – Mercy of Christ: The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation Office and Leadership Development invites you to an Adult Faith Lenten Retreat **on Saturday, April 5th** at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Mass with Bishop Brehl at 10:00 a.m. Cost: \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. Guest speaker: Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or email dcadriendchaput@pembrokediocese.com. **Registration deadline: Thursday, April 3rd.**

Development and Peace- Caritas Canada is the official International Development Organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Our Campaign is supported by the Canadian Council of Bishops and Pope Francis. You may learn more at <https://devp.org/en/resources/> or see our display on April 5th and 6th.

Community Friendship Luncheons: All are welcome to enjoy a friendship luncheon on **Wednesday, April 9** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady Fatima Parish. Delicious meals are prepared by students of St Joseph Catholic High School and hosted by the OLF Catholic Women's League.

Journey through Lent video series: which includes reflections on the readings for Ash Wednesday and each Sunday in Lent including Palm Sunday. The videos are available on the CCCB Website: www.cccb.ca/lent

You will also find on the CCCB website an announcement of the publication of the video series:

<https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/journey-through-lent-video-series-weekly-reflections-for-the-lenten-season-2>

2025 – S.F.X. CWL Rummage Sale

Our S.F.X. CWL Council has scheduled our annual Rummage Sale for **Saturday, April 26th, 2025, from 8:00am – Noon** at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

Donations from parishioners, friends and relatives would be greatly appreciated in the following areas: Accepting Small Furniture, Small Kitchen Appliances, Kitchenware, Jewellery, **Gently used** clothing for Men, Women & Children of all ages, Women's accessories, Children's Toys, Adult & Children's books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, Seasonal Decorations, Linens & Bedding in good condition. Please **NO large furniture or TV's and no children's car seats or cribs.**

Male & female workers are needed for receiving, sorting, hall set-up, table area leaders, Sales Reps, and clean-up. It would be a great way for students to get some High School Volunteer Community Hours! Our CWL Council would appreciate if you would promote attendance with family, friends, relatives and colleagues.

To volunteer in any area, contact Debbie at (613-507-4849) or email st.francisxaviercwl@gmail.com. Proceeds of the sale will go towards the needs of our Parish and local community.

Drop off dates at Large Hall Entrance: Thursday, April 24th from 8:30am – 7:00pm, and Friday, April 25th from 8:30am – 7:00pm. **If Donation Pick up is required email** st.francisxaviercwl@gmail.com

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery: website is now live. Please visit <https://sfxrenfrew.com/st-francis-xavier-cemetery/>

Please have a look at our cemetery price list. If you are considering purchasing a plot, maybe come and see Cheryl as the prices will be increasing as of May 1, 2025.

Newly Baptized: we pray for the newly baptized children, Jeremiah Matthew Gerard, son of Jacob & Elizabeth Sullivan (nee Rylski) and Luke Arthur, son of Curtis & Sheena Spitznagel (Pallen). Congratulations and we welcome them to our parish family.

On the mountain, Jesus is transfigured, revealing His divine nature to Peter, James, and John. This moment of glory reminds us that suffering is not the end of the story. In our own lives, we experience both hardship and moments of grace.