

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



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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.

PARISH PRIEST, Rev. Kerry J. Brennan
613.432.5825 Ext. 1
sfxpastor@bellnet.ca

DEACON Don Smith
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IN RESIDENCE, Rev. Bill Kenney Ext. 4
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PARISH SECRETARY Theresa Brydges Ext. 2
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OFFICE HOURS
Mon to Thurs – 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fridays - Closed

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR	Nancy Connors
FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR	Steve Dregas

C.W.L. PRESIDENT	Carol Sulpher
K of C GRAND KNIGHT	Dean Black

CEMETERY BOARD CHAIR	Mike Coulas
CEMETERY CONTACT	Bob Gervais Ext. 3

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, March 5, 2023	\$ 6,544.34
Envelopes	\$ 3,633.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 2,363.34
Loose:	\$ 258.00
Care Fund	\$ 100.00

Attendance: Sat. 114 Sun. 139

Sunday, March 12, 2023	\$ 3,127.25
Envelopes	\$ 2,629.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 208.25
Care Fund	\$ 70.00

Attendance: Sat. 127 Sun. 121

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, March 5, 2023	\$ 670.00
Envelopes	\$ 611.00
Loose	\$ 59.00

Attendance: 55

Sunday, March 12, 2023	\$ 539.00
Envelopes	\$ 334.00
Loose	\$ 105.00
EFT	100.00

Heating to date \$1,190.00

Attendance: 40

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

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Mar. 20	
6:30pm 7:00pm Solemnity of St. Joseph	Stations of the Cross Joseph Joseph by Geena Joseph & Family
Tues. Mar. 21	
8:00am	Patricia Maloney by The Maloney Family
Wed. Mar. 22	
8:00am	Lorayne Cahill by Elaine Turner
Thur. Mar. 23	
8:00am	Don Kane by Jack & Jerry Craig
Fri. Mar. 24	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Leonard & Marcella Buch
Sat. Mar. 25	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Mar. 26	
Calabogie 8:30am	Steve Serenko by Ted & Maggie
10:30am	William McLaren by Mackie & Joanne McLaren Don & Chris Goulet by The Family

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Mar. 27	
6:30pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross Yvonne Brennan by Father Kerry
Tues. Mar. 28	
8:00am	The deceased members of the Lester & Taylor Families by Bernie and The Late David Taylor
Wed. Mar. 29	
8:00am	Sheila Power by Theresa, Lorne & Bobby Briscoe
Thurs. Mar. 30	
8:00am	Helen Visinski by Ray, Julie Lesk & Family A Special Intention Georges & Jeannette Blanchette
Fri. Mar. 31	
8:00am	Stacia Prince by Mom & Dad
Sat. Apr. 1	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Apr. 2	
Calabogie 8:30am	Connie Cockwell by Joe Brennan
10:30am	Molly Vincent by Daughter Rita Holden
Palm Sunday	Lorayne Cahill by Margaret Legris

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Patricia Kasaboski.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Olivia Curry, Wendy Ryan, (daughter of Gordon Hawley), Mary Visutskie, 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.

Scripture Study: **Scripture 101** Looking for something to do this Lent? St. Michael's Church in Douglas is pleased to present **Scripture 101 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm in the sacristy** (enter by the side door), beginning on March 1st. Each evening will consist of a video presentation followed by a facilitated group discussion. The video series is produced by the Institute of Catholic Culture and features Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo, a Melkite (Byzantine) priest. In these insightful lectures, Father Sebastian brings out the richness and the profound relevance of the story of our salvation history, and unveils God's unceasing call for us to trust in His love for us. Please join us, even if you have missed some of the classes already! The video lectures are available for free online if you want to catch up on missed weeks (<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/courses/scripture-101>). Bring along a bible, a pencil, and a highlighter, and prepare for a new encounter with the Lord.

Knights of Columbus Renfrew:



will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday during Lent from February 27 to March 31st at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. **Please note there will not be a supper served on Good Friday.** The meals will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and are \$13.00 each. Tickets available at the door and take out is also available. Proceeds to charity. All are welcome.

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 6.**

CONFESSIONS: During Lent a priest will be available for confession $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before the weekday Masses and $\frac{3}{4}$ hour before weekend Masses.

Lenten Missions and Development Donations: Just a reminder that the donation envelopes for the Lenten Missions and Development are collected Good Friday, April 7 this year. Also, at the entrances, March 11/12 or 18/19 weekend there will be a display with posters, information, prayer cards and descriptions of some of the worthwhile, protective and supportive programs of Development and Peace. The theme this year is 'Stand for the Land' which means protecting small rural communities from having lands confiscated, polluted, defending human rights, and creating a voice for those who have been killed in defense of their land. You may want to be a lifelong member of Development and Peace for a one-time payment of ten dollars. You can go to devp.org scroll to bottom of page where it says get involved and click become a member or pick up an addressed membership registration envelope with inside instructions and mail it in.

If you wish more information, you may contact Margaret at 613-312-9502. We thank you for your past and continued prayers and support.

Six Week Study on the Mass: Follow along with Bishop Robert Barron as he leads us through a series of presentations on the Mass. He will guide us to a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Mass and lead us into a more personal encounter with Jesus, who gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Sessions will take place on **Wednesday evenings** in the **Parish Hall at 7pm** on the following dates:

- **March 15, 22, 29**
- **April 12, 19, 26**

Monthly SFX Potluck: Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, March 18th**. 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.

Annual Women's Retreat: March 24 to 26, 2023: at the Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Zachary Romanowsky and Cheryl Ann Smith from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. The cost is \$175.00. For more information contact us at womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com or call/text Caitlin 613 316-0992 or Kristan 613 585-0579.

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA: People are wondering how they can help victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Here are links to two Catholic aid organizations:

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada: <https://www.devp.org/en/>

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association: <https://cnewa.org/ca/>

Housekeeping: We would like to ask that you give your boots a little wipe when you come in. A lot of sand/salt in the yard means extra work for John as it gets tracked in on the carpet. Your co-operation is much appreciated to those who work so hard to keep our church clean.

Important Notice The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development is sponsoring an Adult Faith Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 331 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew, Ontario from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with registration at 09:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. The theme of the retreat is the “The Eucharist.” Our guest speaker will be Emeritus Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ Ottawa Cornwall. Please join us for this very special day. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadriendchaput@pembrokediocese.com. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Monthly Dementia Caregivers Meeting on April 6th, at 10:30 am, held at Trinity-St. Andrew's United in the Chapel, will include a speaker from the Dementia Society. The presenter is German Chique-Alfonzo (pronounced Her-man) will be providing a presentation entitled 'The Aging Brain and Different Types of Dementia'. We invite you to join us for this interesting event. Please contact Jane de Snaijer at 613-796-2912 for more information. The below link has more information regarding the speaker. <https://dementiahelp.ca/community-stories/from-venezuela-to-canada-an-inspiring-journey/>



2023 S.F.X. CWL RUMMAGE SALE

Our S.F.X. CWL Council has scheduled a **2023 Rummage Sale for Saturday, April 29th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

Donations from parishioners, friends and relatives would be greatly appreciated in the following areas:

Furniture, Small Kitchen Appliances, Kitchenware, Jewellery, Clothing for Men, Clothing for Women & Children of all ages, Women's Accessories, Children's Toys, Adult and Children's Books, Picture Frames, Puzzles, Plants, DVDs, CDs, Seasonal Decorations, Linens and Bedding. **Please NO large furniture/TV's and no children's car seats or cribs.**

Early drop-off consideration for jewellery donations, asap, for preparatory work, would be greatly appreciated. Drop-off location for jewellery only, at 85 Simpson Ave., Renfrew, residence of Elaine Turner. Please call ahead Elaine Turner at 613-432-5535.

Female and Male Workers are needed for Receiving, Sorting, Hall Set-Up, Table Area Leaders, Sales Reps, Pick-Up (with truck) 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 Elaine Turner at 613-432-5535 or enrightturner@sympatico.ca OR Ann Dombroskie at 613-570-8580 or jplusaislovely@gmail.com. Proceeds of this Sale will go towards the needs of our Parish and local community.

Drop-off dates at Small Hall Entrance: Sat., April 15th from 5:30-7:00 pm, Sun., April 16th from 11:30 am-2:00 pm, Sat., April 22nd from 5:30-7:00 pm and Sun., April 23rd from 11:30 am-2:00 pm.

Drop-off dates at Large Hall Entrance: Thurs., April 27th from 1:00-7:00 pm and Fri., April 28th from 9:00 am-7:00 pm.

Pick-Up Date: Fri., April 28th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery: The Cemetery Board has determined that to help reduce Spring clean-up costs at the cemetery, a “Clean-Up Bee” could take place this year. It was decided that as the Spring Burials are anticipated to occur on May 10, 2023, a good day for clean up would be **Saturday, April 29, 2023**, beginning at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. As many hands as possible are welcome. Please bring work gloves and rakes.

1. **St. Francis Cemetery Monument & Marker Inscription pre-approval process:** Parishioners are advised that for new monuments or marker orders, a copy of a drawing of the intended inscription and any symbols to be placed on a headstone, marker, footstone or corner post is to be previewed by Cemetery Administration, for approval prior to production.
2. Questionable inscriptions, symbols or markings will be presented to the Cemetery Board for approval or disapproval.
3. Cemetery Administration will convey the decision of the Cemetery Board to the Monument Provider, prior to production.

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MARCH SANCTUARY LAMP: Pat, Mary & Louis Charbonneau by The Family.

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