

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



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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 am

Most Precious Blood Church 8:30 a.m.

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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, April 30, 2023</b>	\$ 4,414.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,883.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 300.00
Loose:	\$ 231.00

Care Fund	\$ 50.00
Parish Supper to date	\$ 385.00
Donation	\$ 120.00

**Attendance: Sat. 95 Sun. 183**

<b>Sunday, May 7, 2023</b>	\$ 6,966.34
Envelopes	\$ 3,692.00
Monthly EFT	\$ 2,623.34
Weekly EFT	\$ 300.00
Loose	\$ 351.00

Care Fund	\$ 120.00
Lent to date	\$ 8,092.00
Easter to date	\$ 5,275.00

**Attendance: Sat. 100 Sun. 203**

## Most Precious Blood

<b>Sunday, April 30, 2023</b>	\$ 631.00
Envelopes	\$ 561.00
Loose	\$ 70.00

**Attendance: 52**

<b>Sunday, May 7, 2023</b>	\$ 627.00
Envelopes	\$ 456.00
Loose	\$ 71.00
EFT	\$ 100.00

Lent & Mission to date	\$ 588.40
Easter to date	\$ 757.00

**Attendance: 55**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. May 15	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. May 16	
8:00am	Bill Brydges by Claudine & Edric Keighan
Wed. May 17	
8:00am	Bob Skebo by his Family
Thur. May 18	
8:00am	Dwaine Steele by Donita Konyk
10:30am Bonnechere Manor	Bridget Dedo by Helen Dedo
Fri. May 19	
8:00am	CJ, Gladys, Randy, Murray and Mark McNulty by Lori, Donna & families
Sat. May 20	
4:30pm	Laurette Cloutier by Daughter Diane Mary Dodge by Allan Windle
Sun. May 21	
Calabogie 8:30am	Garry Reddy by Clarke, Colleen & Family
Ascension of the Lord 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. May 22	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. May 23	
8:00am	Dwaine Steele by Mary & Family Claudette & Loranzo Fleury by Pauline Fleury & Lianne
Wed. May 24	
8:00am	Ilsa Vooght by Mary Steele
Thurs. May 25	
8:00am	Helen Visinski by Martin & Rose Lesk
Fri. May 26	
8:00am	Dalton Enright by Stewart & Duane Andrews
Sat. May 27	
4:30pm	Walter, Agnes, Christine Narezny by The Family Stacia Prince by Mom & Dad
Sun. May 28	
Calabogie 8:30am	Bridget Dedo by Bridget Burus
Pentecost Sunday 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

# Sixth Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023

## Ascension of the Lord Sunday May 21, 2023

**Prayers for the Deceased:** We pray for our loved ones who have died.

### **Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in**

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Ken Lauzon, Noreene Adam, 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.*

**Mass Bookings:** Following a period of few requested Mass intentions, the reserve of Mass intentions is now, gratefully, high at both parishes. We ask that you contact the parish office and schedule your Mass intention well in advance, that is, two months in advance. We also suggest that if you are wanting a special date, consider requesting your Mass a year in advance to ensure the date is available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we endeavour to accommodate your requests and schedule all of the Masses in a timely fashion.

**SFX CWL Parish Council's 2023 Rummage Sale Report** I am happy to report that our 2023 SFX Parish CWL Council's Rummage Sale was a tremendous success. We made a profit of \$5,040.10. Many thanks to my team that was comprised of Anne Dombroskie, Debbie Macdonald, and Rita Mears who helped greatly with organization, advertising, and monetary plans. The great success was also achieved by the generosity and kindness of 65 volunteers who spent many hours with Pick Up, Drop Off, Set Up, Sorting, Donating, Preparing Areas, Preparing Food, and Clean Up. Special thanks to the women of the Parish who were Area Leaders and the men of the Parish for their great help.

Special thanks to all the people who donated great items for the Sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. And last, but not least, thanks to all the people who ventured out on a rainy day to attend the Sale. You made our day! May you all be blest!. Sincerely, Elaine Turner.

**Summer Mass Announcement:** During the summer months of July & August daily weekly mass will be on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

**Cemetery Clean-up Thank you:** "On behalf of the SFX Cemetery Board we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the recent efforts in the cleaning of our cemetery. Your willingness to volunteer your time and energy to this important task on such a wet cold day, is a testament to your commitment to our parish(s) community and to honoring the memory of those who have passed on. We feel so blessed to have individuals like you who are willing to lend a hand and work together to make a difference."

**Bernadette McCann House Donations:** Over the next few weeks the **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** would like to ask the Parish community to participate in gathering items to support Bernadette McCann House. The class will organize and deliver the items. Each bulletin will have different items from the homes' Wishlist and this time we are requesting personal items:

**shampoo & conditioner sets**

**nail files, polish & clippers**

**children's toothpaste & toothbrushes**

**body & hand lotion**

**deodorant**

**body wash**

**shave gel**

**loofas**

**feminine products**

We will have baskets in the foyers for drop off items. Thank you so much on behalf of the Confirmation Candidates.

Also, thanks so much to whom have donated so far. We are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful and giving community.

**Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser:** Our fundraiser raises money for the Columbus House - Young Parent Support Program's. Our continued success is based on the support by parishes across Renfrew County. This annual fundraiser truly celebrates the spirit of family, by **commencing on Mother's Day and continuing through to Father's Day**. Parishioners support our program by bringing home a baby bottle and returning it, one month later, filled with spare change. The money raised ensures that our YPSP participants and their children continually are offered quality education, programming and childcare services. For any questions or concerns please contact Crystal at 613-639-2267.

**The Evangelization Team: Blessed Catherine's Starflowers:** The Evangelization Team invites you to join the Blessed Catherine Starflowers prayer initiative and experience a deep unity between your heart and Jesus' Heart. Under the patronage of Blessed Catherine of St Augustine, your daily life becomes a powerful act of love burning for the salvation of souls in our diocese. Over 300 people have already registered on the Diocesan Website, prayerfully interceding for the success of evangelization efforts: <https://pembrokedioocese.com/new-evangelization/blessed-catherines-starflowers/>.

Blessed Catherine offered her life and sickness for the salvation of souls in New France, making her a powerful force behind the missionary efforts of the time. Learn more about this saintly woman on the [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) and [Catherine de Saint-Augustin Centre sites](#), or the [Sacred History of Canada Site](#) by Fr Jerome Lalemont. Join the initiative and let the Holy Spirit guide your daily prayers for the renewal and building of our Diocese.

## **CWL Upcoming Events:**

1. **All CWL members are invited to join Our Lady of Fatima CWL on Monday, May 15, arriving between 1:45 and 2:00 p.m.,** to hear a presentation by Diocesan CWL guest speaker Patricia Hoist on the topic of "social media."
2. **Our CWL Annual Service Awards Dinner will take place on Tuesday, June 13 at 5.30 p.m. at AlphaCater restaurant at Days Inn.** The dinner will cost \$25. Members and guests may RSVP, indicate a chicken or ham meal or dietary restrictions, place it well marked envelope in the collection basket, drop it off at church office or contact M Legris 613-312-9502, [legris03@gmail.com](mailto:legris03@gmail.com) who can pick it up. **Deadline is June 1.**

Please "like" and "follow" our **(new) official diocesan Facebook page** : <https://www.facebook.com/DiocesePembroke>.

**Announcement: Indigenous People:** The Canadian Bishops have set up an Indigenous Reconciliation Fund and have pledged to donate \$30,000,000.00 over the next five years to support initiatives in indigenous communities related to healing and reconciliation culture and language revitalization, education and community building, or empowerment of Indigenous spirituality and culture. Bishop Desrochers has committed the Diocese to provide \$50,000.00 each year for five years to support such projects in the geographical region of the Diocese of Pembroke. Funds can be requested for projects and initiatives that encompass one or more of the above categories. Application forms, and descriptions of criterion for these projects are available at the church doors for any members of the Indigenous Community or non-Indigenous individuals. Further information or questions concerning this project can be obtained by e-mailing Fr. Peter Proulx [petergproulx@outlook.com](mailto:petergproulx@outlook.com). **Applications must be in by May 15, 2023.**

**Send a Kid to Camp:** Haley United Church is hosting **A Maypole Tea Event on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm.** Cost \$15.00. If you have any questions, please contact M. Brydges at 613-432-7035.



**St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Renfrew** is offering a **"Spaghetti Supper" on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Meals must be pre-ordered by Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.** The supper includes spaghetti with homemade sauce, a side salad and a bun. We are asking for a "Free-Will Offering" for the meal with the proceeds to be used to support families in need in our community. Meals will be available for pickup or delivery at the school at 835 First St. in Renfrew, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To order your number of meals, please call the school at 613-432-5846, extension 2011, and leave a message, or send an email to [jason.dedo@rccdsb.ca](mailto:jason.dedo@rccdsb.ca) . Please leave your name, phone number, quantity of meals desired and preferred time of pickup or delivery.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to all couples of the Parish who celebrated a Wedding Anniversary during the month of **May**. We remember you and your intentions at Mass this weekend. **May God Bless You All.** Among those celebrating are:

Georges & Jeannette Blanchette (56)  
Ernest & Linda Cartier (54)  
Garry & Susan O'Neil (36)  
Cory & Amanda Cameron (10)

Alfred and Kitty Curry (51)  
Dave & Bev O'Connor (51)  
Scott & Kristy Campbell (28)  
Jacob & Mary Fulton (9)

Hugh & Charlotte Nolan (55)  
Gordon & Sharon Harper (45)  
Steve & Kristine O'Connor (27)

## **What is Ascension Day?**



The *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord* (colloquially known as Ascension Thursday or Ascension Day) is one of the great solemnities in the Christian liturgical calendar and commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of **Easter** (39 days after **Easter Sunday**). However, some Roman Catholic provinces have moved the observance to the following Sunday. The feast is one of the ecumenical feasts (i.e., universally celebrated), ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and **Pentecost**.

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**JUNE SANCTUARY LAMP: Deceased Relatives by Doris Gagnon.**



### **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BURSARY**

The annual recipient of the SFX Parish Bursary of \$500 will be chosen by the Parish Pastoral Council

- applications are available online through the two local high school sites
- applications will be reviewed by the Pastoral Council
- students from *either* Renfrew High School who are seeking higher education may apply.

The criteria for recognition of an appropriate recipient will be based on:

- the involvement of the applicant in our parish community
- their witness to our Faith in their school and/or the Renfrew community.

**Deadline for submission is Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.** We wish God's Blessings on all of the graduating students at this challenging time in their lives.