

# 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

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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, Nov. 12, 2023</b>	\$ 2,683.60
Envelopes	\$ 2,180.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 213.60
Care Fund	\$ 150.00

**Attendance:** Sat. 139 Sun. 120

<b>Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023</b>	\$ 4,050.60
Envelopes	\$ 3,323.00
Weekly EFT	\$ 290.00
Loose	\$ 437.60
Care Fund	\$ 450.00
SFX Cemetery Fund	\$ 3,405.00

**Attendance:** Sat. 102 Sun. 138

## Most Precious Blood

<b>Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023</b>	\$ 587.00
Envelopes	\$ 421.00
Loose	\$ 66.00
EFT	\$ 100.00

Donation \$ 1,200.00

**Attendance:** 44

<b>Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023</b>	\$ 651.00
Envelopes	\$ 559.00
Loose	\$ 92.00

Heating to-date \$ 665.00

**Attendance:** 55

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Nov. 27	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Nov. 28	
8:00am	Robert Valliquette by Al Donohue
Wed. Nov. 29	
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra
Thur. Nov. 30	
8:00am	Jennifer Shaw by Roy & Jan Leitch
Fri. Dec. 1	
8:00am	Mary McNeely by Art & Marilyn Campbell
Sat. Dec. 2	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Dec. 3	
Calabogie 8:30am	Mac Gorra Marie Gorra & Family
SFX 10:30am	Ray Wojcik by Judy & Richard Bissonnette
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Ben Surnoski & Deceased Parents by Theresa & Family

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Dec. 4	
	Mass OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Dec. 5	
9:00am	Dwaine Steele by Florien & Sheila Buch
Wed. Dec. 6	
8:00am	Marcella Cybulski by Irene & Paul Kumli
Thurs. Dec. 7	
8:00am	Jack Kelly by Darlene & John Meleskie
Fri. Dec. 8	
8:00am	Sanctity of Life by SFX CWL
Sat. Dec. 9	
4:30pm	Bill Ringrose The Family Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Rita Lajoie
Sun. Dec. 10	
Calabogie 8:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
SFX 10:30am	Alice Lee by The Family
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Don Kane Elaine Turner

# **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday, November 26, 2023**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023**

**Prayers for the Deceased:** We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Ken McQuade, Merle Stufko and Tom Tracey.

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

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Ken Lauzon, Claude & Noreene Adam, Olivia Curry, Mary Visutskie, Father Steve Ballard, Yvonne Kohl, Marie Budden, Annelia O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, 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 DECEMBER SANCTUARY LAMP:** For deceased members of the McSheffrey/Bradley families by Brian & Debbie McSheffrey.

**CWL Tea & Talent News:** The SFX C.W.L. Tea and Talent event held on Nov. 11th was a **huge success**. A grateful **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners and visitors for their support by way of donations, working at the event, attending the Tea Room and purchases made on the day of the sale. Proceeds of the sale will go to assisting in our parish, our local community and in the missions abroad.

**2022 Financial Statements:** Better late than never. Please find a copy of the 2022 Financial Statements at the church doors. Thank you so much for your continued support to our parish. We would like to thank the CWL for their \$5,000 donation towards the dishwasher in the hall. They have also graciously notified us of an upcoming donation of \$3,000 to go towards the upkeep of the hall. We would like to thank the person who anonymously donated \$5,000 towards the dishwasher.

**Mass Times Change:** During the school year, Mass on the first Tuesday of each month will be at 9:00 a.m. to allow classes from St. Thomas the Apostle school to attend. Holidays excepted.

**2023 Envelopes are Ready:** At the front of the church. Please make sure to use your new envelopes starting in January. If you are interested in the Pre-authorized Offering Program or if your box is missing, please contact Theresa.

**Care Fund:** The need is greater than ever. We have been experiencing a lot of requests for help mainly with groceries. If you cold remember them in your giving for this Christmas season and in your prayers that would be wonderful. You are welcome to drop off gift cards or cash/cheque in the collection basket or to the office. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Patrick's Parish Christmas Tea** on **Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.** at the DACA Centre. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children 12 years and under. RSVP: Call/text Julie at (613) 602-2955. Enjoy an afternoon tea with sandwiches and savouries, scones and biscuits. Plus, BINGO, door prizes and photography backdrop to take holiday pictures with friends and family. See you at the Mountain.

**Knights of Columbus Renfrew Council 1916:** Inviting all members and spouses to a social gathering on **Sunday, Nov. 26th from 4 – 7 p.m.** in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Pizza and wings will be served.

**Renfrew County Right of Life:** meets quarterly to plan events, and discuss current pro-life issues. Anyone who shares our views and goals is welcome to participate in our meetings.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday November 28 at 6:30 pm**, at St John's Lutheran Church, corner of Miller and Doran in Pembroke (357 Miller St). There is ample parking behind the church. Enter through the parking lot glass door and head downstairs to the church hall.

**Friendship Meal:** Trinity-St. Andrew's United, 291 Plaunt St. S., will be holding a free Community Friendship meal on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month, on **Tuesday, November 28** and Tuesday December 19, from 11:30-12:30 in Stewart Hall.

**CWL Christmas Dinner Tuesday, December 5, 2023:** Members are cordially invited to attend our annual Christmas dinner on **Tuesday, December 5** in St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. The social begins at 5:30 p.m. with a traditional turkey dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Light entertainment will follow. The cost is \$25 per person. Money must be received by November 27. You may drop this in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket over the next two weekends, leave it in the drop box at the rectory, or call Carol Sulpher (613-432-5060) for a pick up.

Members are also encouraged to attend a mass for the Sanctity of Life to be offered at SFX on Fri., Dec. 8 at 8:00 a.m.

**Treats & Treasures Sale:** Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church annual Treats & Treasures sale – **Treasures sale on Saturday, November 25, 10-2 and Treats Sale on Saturday, December 2, 10-2.** Frozen turkey dinners will be available this year. Online silent auction also. Further information please call 613-432-2285, ext. 2.

**Christmas Tea and Market:** Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, 11 Mohns Avenue, Petawawa. Tea/coffee, sandwiches, baked goods, crafts, vendors, draws, raffle tickets and more! Market free to attend. Tea tickets – Adults \$10, children under 10 \$4, Children under 3 are Free! Hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows CWL.

**The Renfrew and Area Keep Christ In Christmas Committee** is very pleased to announce that the annual Lighting Ceremony of the Vern Yemen Memorial Nativity Scene will occur on the **First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Low Square** in front of Renfrew Town Hall. All are welcome.

**Monthly SFX Potluck:** Please put a note in your calendar to come to our Parish Potlucks. Next one is on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**Blue Christmas Community Service:** Renfrew Presbyterian Church is hosting a Blue Christmas Service on **December 10th, 2023 at 2:30pm**. At Christmas, some will be grieving the loss of a loved one; some will be alone, while others are simply trying to cope with the difficult emotions the season will bring. This Blue Christmas Service is a chance for us to turn our tears, fears, anxieties and worries over to God amid a time when everyone expects others to be "Joyful and Triumphant." All are welcome to attend and lean on each other for support.

**THE EVANGELIZATION TEAM: Why Starflowers?:** "As I get more disabled, I find myself spending more time in prayer." These words, spoken by a close friend, are true for many who suffer (physically, spiritually and/or emotionally). Perhaps they are true for you.

Across the diocese, well over 300 Starflower members offer their prayers and their sufferings for the rest of us, trusting we will grow in our love of Christ and successfully bring Him, deep within our own hearts, to the hearts of others.

If you would like to be part of the Starflowers Prayer Initiative and receive the booklet of prayers and a medal of Blessed Catherine of St Augustine, just ask your parish priest or parish secretary for the Starflowers Contact person in your area, or contact us, Greg and Mary Doyle at 613 756-6643.

**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**

**Please note there are changes this year to our Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule for all Parishes.**

#### Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2023 – 2024

	Our Lady of Fatima	St Patrick	St Francis Xavier	Most Precious Blood
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>				
Saturday, December 23	7:00 p.m.	---	4:30 p.m.	---
Sunday, December 24	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
<b>Christmas</b>				
Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	---	5:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Christmas Day	---	10:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
<b>Holy Family Sunday</b>				
Saturday, December 30	7:00 p.m.	---	4:30 p.m.	---
Sunday, December 31	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>				
New Year's Eve	---	---	4:30 p.m.	---
New Year's Day	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	---	8:30 a.m.

**Confessions will be offered** on Saturday, December 23 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St Francis Xavier Church.

**If you know which mass you are attending and would like to help with the Ministries, please contact Theresa as she will be looking to fill those times. Christmas Eve will be covered by our STA students. Thank you in advance.**