

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



Congratulations to the First Communion Class of 2025

Fr. Lukas, Parker Thomas, Byron Leech, Jasper Coe, Buckley Blemkie, Rosalie Harper, Alice Yantha, Jayde McCrea, Denver Brooks, Madeleine Ste-Marie, Anastasia Linton, Caroline Deslaurier & Fr. Brennan

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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, April 27, 2025	\$ 4,500.15
Envelopes	\$ 4,083.00
Loose	\$ 417.15
Memorial Fund Donation	\$ 50.00
Attendance: Sat. 140 Sun. 214	
Sunday, May 4, 2025	\$ 9,711.85
Envelopes	\$ 4,270.00
Loose	\$ 541.85
Monthly EFT	\$ 4,900.00
Care Fund Cash & Gift Cards	\$ 200.00

Attendance: Sat. 138 Sun. 231

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, April 27, 2025	\$ 1,047.00
Envelopes	\$ 972.00
Loose	\$ 75.00
Attendance: 45	
Sunday, May 4, 2025	\$ 752.00
Envelopes	\$ 702.00
Loose	\$ 50.00
Sister Betty Fund	\$ 50.00
Attendance: 54	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. May 12		
	8:00am	Lita Ballard by Judy & Family
Tues. May 13		
	8:00am	Elaine & Keith Brazeau by son Tim
Wed. May 14		
	8:00am	MJ & Yvonne Brennan by Fr. Kerry
Thur. May 15		
	8:00am	Alfred Brace by Mike & Anne-Marie Merchand
	10:30am	The Berrigan & O'Gorman Families by Brian, Joanne O'Gorman & Family
Bonnechere Manor		
Fri. May 16		
	8:00am	Bruce McIntyre by Arnold Wren & The Late Carmel Pickertone
Sat. May 17		
	4:30pm	André Dregas by Steve & Family Fr. Ken O'Brien by Marg Maloney
Sun. May 18		
Calabogie	8:30am	Bruce & Brian Blimkie by Yvette & Lawrence
SFX	10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS		
Mon. May 19		
	8:00am	Vincent, Vianney, Jasmine, Liana, Desneige by Bernard Drapeau
Tues. May 20		
	8:00am	Fr. Steven Ballard by Judy & Family
Wed. May 21		
	8:00am	Laurette Clouthier by Daughters Diane & Louise
Thur. May 22		
	8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Eileen C. Vice & Deceased Relatives by The Estate
Fri. May 23		
	8:00am	Mackie McLaren by Terry & Ruth O'Shea
Sat. May 24		
	4:30pm	Peter Spilchen by Lisa & David Pcenicni Doreen Anderson-Herrick by Joanne McLaren
Sun. May 25		
Calabogie	8:30am	Elizabeth & Isaiah Reddy & Family by Clarke & Colleen Eady & Family
SFX	10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. give them eternal life, and
they shall never perish.

4th Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died especially, Jacques Payette, Irma Robillard (sister of Gerry Craig) & Jim Millar.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, John Schimmens (nephew of Arnold Wren), Valerie Gagnon (daughter of Doris Gagne), Arnold Wren, Jeanne Rossi & son Adam, Lawrence Mahusky, Lois Desjardine, Elaine Turner, Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll), Susan Hanniman, Mary Visutskie, Yvonne Kohl, Annlea O'Rourke, 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 MAY SANCTUARY LAMP: Charles & Doreen Murphy by Gordon & Christena Mulvihill

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2025: For working conditions. Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Until further notice, the Wednesday Exposition will be cancelled.



The Confirmation Class of 2025 would like to invite the people of the Parish to join them in gathering items that are needed for the Bernadette McCann House. Accepting donations until Sunday June 1st. You may put them in the baskets provided at the entrances. Here are some items that are of need for their clients. Copies will be at the entrances for you to take as a reminder of their current needs. Thank you very much to those whom have donated so far!

Placing Religious Articles on Tables: If you would like to leave some literature or any religious article for our parishioners, you will need to get approval from Father Brennan. Thank you.

Stillpoint House of Prayer presents "Getting to Know the Holy Spirit": Join facilitator Clarissa Boyce, Chaplin, Spiritual Director, Artist and Potter for an information morning discussion on **Saturday, May 10th from 9am to noon**. Cost: \$40 including coffee and baked goods. Contact Corrien at inquiries@stillpoint.ca or call 613 432-2791 to register or for more information.

Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Walking Pilgrimage: Join RCCDSB to walk reflect, pray, and connect with the community on **Saturday, May 10th**, meeting at St. Michael's Parish, Douglas at 9:30am, walking 15.2km to St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. Visit [RCCDSB Walking Pilgrimage - May 10, 2025 | Renfrew County Catholic District School Board](https://rccdsb.ca/walking-pilgrimage-may-10-2025) for more information. All are welcome!

Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser: With Spring coming, we look forward to the annual Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This event helps Columbus House to continue to provide services in the Young Parent Support Program in Pembroke, Renfrew and throughout the County with Outreach Services. The fundraiser fittingly begins on **Mother's Day, May 11th** and concludes on Father's Day, June 16th. You will find the bottles at the entrances of the church. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Crystal Schroeder at 613-639-2267 or ypspembroke@gmail.com. They are now available at the church entrances. Thank you for your consideration.

Knights of Columbus: General meeting **Monday, May 12th at 7:00 pm** at Knights of Columbus Hall.

SFX CWL Monthly Meeting on **Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm** in the small hall.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew, is the designated church for the Jubilee Indulgence on **Tuesday May 13, 2025**, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions and adoration will take place from 5pm to 6.45pm. The Rosary will be recited at 6.15pm and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6.45pm. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembroke.diocese.com/article/jubilee-2025-indulgence-en/>.

Community Friendship Luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, **Wednesday, May 14** in the parish hall from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come, have a seat and enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal prepared by students of St Joseph High School.

A Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held at St Lawrence O'Toole parish hall, Barry's Bay, **Thursday evenings, from May 15th to June 26th**. All are welcome! Details to follow. For more information or to register, call or text Greg or Mary Doyle at 613 756-6643.

CWL Pembroke Diocesan Convention will be held on **Saturday, May 24, 2025**, at Our Lady of Sorrows in Petawawa. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the day ends with Mass at 4:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending, need a ride, or want more information, please get in touch with Jane O'Gorman at 613-401-7346.

Community Friendship Meal: Trinity-St. Andrew's United, 291 Plaunt St. S., will be holding a free Community Friendship on **Tuesday, May 27** from 11:30-12:30 in the Stewart Hall. All are welcome.

St. Joe's is running a "Take Home Spaghetti Dinner." Everyone is welcome to call or email Mr. Sullivan to place their order. Pickup will be at the school, **starting at 3:00 pm and going until 7:00 pm on May 28th**. For those who have mobility issues, drop-off may be available. The dinner is for a free-will offering. All proceeds will go to our Matthew 25 fund to support our families and students, and to our Dominican Republic Experience. Thank you for your support.

Mr. Sullivan can be contacted by email: jacob.sullivan@rccdsb.ca or by phone at: (613)432-5846 - Ext.2011

Our Lady of Combermere (Madonna House), is the designated place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Indulgence on **Saturday 31 May 2025**, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 2.50pm. Confessions will be available from 11am to 3pm. The day will end with the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at 3:00pm, followed by tea. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembroke.diocese.com/fr/article/jubile-2025-indulgence-fr/>.

Walk The Opeongo Line, July 24-27, 2025: Join pilgrims from across the diocese and beyond for a 4-day journey from Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew to St. Ann's Shrine, Cormac. It's an experience that merits many blessings and wonderful memories. For more information and to register, visit: walktheopeongoline.org. **The deadline for registration is Sunday, June 29th.** [Click for a PDF of the poster.](#)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to all couples of the Parish who celebrated a Wedding Anniversary for 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 (58)	Joseph Alfred and Kitty Curry (53)	Hugh & Charlotte Nolan (57)
Ernest & Linda Cartier (56)	Dave & Bev O'Connor (53)	Gordon & Sharon Harper (47)
Garry & Susan O'Neil (38)	Scott & Kristy Campbell (30)	Steven & Kristine O'Connor (29)
Cory & Amanda Cameron (12)	Jordan & Kendall Mahusky (3)	

Student Summer Job Opportunity: SFX Cemetery has been approved under the Canada Summer Jobs Program to hire a student for the Summer from July 7, 2025 for eight weeks until August 29, 2025. The work hours are 35 hour per week at \$17.20 per hour.

The job involves maintaining the cemetery, such as keeping the grounds clean, raking leaves, operating a riding lawn mower, assisting with the opening and closing of graves, and performing other general duties assigned by the Head Caretaker.

If you enjoy physical outdoor work, this would be a great opportunity. If you are interested, please contact our Cemetery Administrator, Cheryl at 613-432-5825 ext. 3 or email sfxcemetery@bellnet.ca to discuss further.

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 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."

Collection Envelopes for May: Please note the next two additional collections for May are for our Parish Supper (May 11th) and for Pope's Pastoral Works (May 25th). The Pope's Pastoral collection is remitted to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops who, in turn, forward the money to the Holy See.

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 at the two local high schools or at the parish office;
- 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 23rd. We wish God's Blessings on all of the graduating students at this challenging time in their lives.



Prayer for the Conclave and The Election of a New Pope: O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern Your flock with unfailing care, Grant in Your boundless Fatherly love a pastor for Your Church who will please You by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.