

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 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

SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays & Mondays for July & August

Sunday Offerings

St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, August 3, 2025	\$ 9,413.25
Envelopes	\$ 4,369.00
Loose	\$ 344.25
EFT Monthly	\$ 4,700.00
Care Fund Gift Cards	\$ 300.00

Attendance: Sat. 113 Sun. 156

Sunday, August 10, 2025	\$ 3,112.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,825.00
Loose	\$ 287.00
Care Fund	\$ 50.00

Attendance: Sat. 110 Sun. 142

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, August 3, 2025	\$ 994.00
Envelopes	\$ 869.00
Loose	\$ 125.00
Cemetery Donation	\$ 300.00

Attendance: 78

Sunday, August 10, 2025	\$ 930.20
Envelopes	\$ 518.00
Loose	\$ 412.20

Attendance: 83

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Aug. 18	Mass at OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Aug. 19	Mass at OLF @ 8:30
Wed. Aug. 20	Joan Bilson by Brian & Joanne O'Gorman
8:00am	
Thur. Aug. 21	Father Douglas Morris by A Parishioner
8:00am	
Fri. Aug. 22	Stan, Heather & Zabrian Rekowski by Joan, Marcia & André Ouellet
8:00am	
Sat. Aug. 23	Peter Sheahan by Brian Haley André Dregas by Steve & Family
4:30pm	
Sun. Aug. 24	Jessie Stubinsky by Cathy Morrison Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Calabogie 8:30am	
SFX 10:30am	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Aug. 25	No Holy Mass
Tues. Aug. 26	No Holy Mass
Wed. Aug. 27	Dawn Farnel by Roy & Jan Leitch
8:00am	
Thur. Aug. 28	John, Clarence, Patsy & Margaret by Dorothy Wright-McIntyre
8:00am	
Fri. Aug. 29	Glenn Carr by The Family
8:00am	
Sat. Aug. 30	Mackie McLaren by Joanne, Sarah & Brian Anita Agnew by Bob Kusluski & Tim Brazeau
4:30pm	
Sun. Aug. 31	Herb & Maureen Shaw by Lucille & Gordon Mick Intentions of Parishioners of both Parishes by Father Brennan
Calabogie 8:30am	
SFX 10:30am	

The churches of the Diocese of Pembroke: Here is a slideshow of drone videos of all our churches:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3nRnwJ_c00. Videos recorded in the summer of 2025, by Father Réal Ouellette and Mackenzie Donohue (MRD Aerial Solutions). Enjoy the view!

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 17, 2025

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 24, 2025

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died William McNulty & Larry Kluge.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially, Bob Kusluski, John Schimmens (nephew of Arnold Wren), 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 AUGUST SANCTUARY LAMP: Ambrose & Bernice Valliquette by Leona & Family

Pope's Prayer Intention for August 2025: For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reason.

Prayers: For the repose of the soul of Rev. Mervin Paul Jerome Coulas who passed away at the Pembroke Regional Hospital on August 6th, the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, after 62 years of Priesthood. Father Coulas was 87 years old.

Summer Mass and Office Schedule: There will be no masses on Mondays and Tuesdays for the months of July & August here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Please watch the bulletin, as I will post other mass options for your convenience.

The office will be closed on Fridays and Mondays for the summer.

A Summer Morning of Prayer at the Mountain: At St. Patrick Parish, Mount St. Patrick, on August 15th starting at 10:00am. The morning will begin with a Rosary Procession starting at the Holy Well and concluding at St. Patrick Church. There will be a Holy Hour during which the Sacrament of Confession will be available. The morning will conclude with the celebration of Holy Mass for the Jubilee Year of the Incarnation and the Jubilee Blessing and Indulgence. A BBQ will conclude the time of prayer and fellowship. All are welcome. For further information, contact Our Lady of Fatima Parish: 613 432-8525.

Pembroke Community Choir Registration: Do you like to sing? The Pembroke Community Choir invites you to join us on September 8 as we begin rehearsals for "Magnificat". Online registration begins August 15. Regular practices are from 7-9 pm every Monday, at Wesley Community Church, 210 Renfrew Street, Pembroke and our full concerts will take place on November 29 & 30. There are no auditions, but the ability to read music is helpful and you can expect some homework. Visit www.pembrokecommunitychoir.org for more info about the choir, the registration process, and fees.

Parish Supper at our Lady of Mercy in Bancroft on **Sunday, September 7th** from 11:30 – 6:00 pm. Tickets \$20.00 adult and \$6.00 for 12 and under. Silent Auction and raffle tickets.

Cemetery Memorial Services: This year our services will be held at **Most Precious Blood Cemetery August 24th at 1:30 p.m. and at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery on September 14th at 1:30 p.m.** Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the services will be held in Most Precious Blood Church and St. Francis Xavier Church.

Celebrating Galilee Centre's 50th Anniversary. Since 1975, Galilee Centre has welcomed individuals and communities seeking deeper connections with themselves, others, God and nature. Individuals and communities from all walks of life and faith experiences have participated in its hospitality, programs and retreats. Renewed, they go forth to share God's grace with others, transforming the home in which we all live. This transformative dynamic reflects Galilee's founding vision: "Come and Go". 2025 marks a milestone for Galilee Centre, and as such, there are four opportunities to celebrate with us: Galilee Open House on July 13, Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Father Roy Boucher, OMI on August 10, Opening Martha's Place on September 19, and 50th Anniversary Mass and Reception on September 20 at 11:00 a.m. at St John Chrysostom Church in Arnprior. For additional detail and registration with respect to these events please refer to <https://www.galileecentre.com/50thanniversary/>.

Pizza With a Purpose Day! First Step Options and Domino's Pizza in Pembroke and Petawawa are once again coming together to build and support stronger communities for those facing pregnancy and parent-related challenges **on Wednesday, September 24th**. Order a 1 topping pizza for \$11.99 using the code word "1STSTEP" and Domino's will contribute \$5.00 for each pizza to First Step Options. Savour the slice and support the cause!

St Patrick Parish Supper: will take place on **Sunday, September 28th** from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. featuring a delicious meal of ham, potatoes, coleslaw, beans, dessert and beverages of your choice, and raffles with great prizes. For those who are preserving and pickling this summer, consider setting aside some of your wares for the parish supper. Please note that there will be no booth at the Renfrew Fair in September. For those wanting to volunteer in any way, contact Gail Murphy at 613-649-2236.

16th Annual Women's Fall Retreat: At St. Michael Catholic High School, Kemptville, on **Saturday, October 4th** from 9am – 3:30pm. Theme: "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Keynote speaker: Angèle Regnier. Visit www.womensfallretreat.com to register.

Women's Discernment Weekend: At the monastery of Abbey of Sainte-Marie des Deux-Montagnes on **October 17-19, 2025**. Limited space available – registrations will be at a first-come first served basis. The cost is \$150 for the weekend. Please contact Mary-Kate Long at marykatelong210@gmail.com for more information. To register: <https://forms.gle/8bvDCtsPqAKZNkkTA>.



This Friday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Three events in the life of Our Lady help us understand the assumption. Firstly, we recall the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Mary offered her firstborn son as a gift to the Lord in accordance with Jewish custom. In doing so, she thanked God for the gift that she had received. The old man Simon praised God when he saw the child but told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart. She was told that she would know sorrow and suffering so that many could open their hearts to her and ask for her intercession. The sword most deeply pierces the heart of Our Lady as she stands at the foot of the cross and sees the death of her son. She is the Mother of Sorrows.

Second event is the meeting with Elizabeth and the time they spend together. It is a time of intense joy as two expectant mothers rejoice with the children in their wombs. John the Baptist, leaping in the womb of Elizabeth, reveals his excitement at meeting the Christ whom he would proclaim not only in the womb but through his life and death. Mary sings with joy of the works of the Lord. She is the Mother of Joy.

Finally, this feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches that at the end of her life Mary is taken, body and soul, to heaven. Eastern iconographers depict the dormition or "falling asleep" of Mary. Since she is conceived without original sin, the "Immaculate Conception", in the name revealed to Bernadette, it is impossible that she would know death and decay. She is the first after Christ to be taken to heaven where she now reigns as queen.

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

Gerald & Jean Coules (68)
Robert & Catherine O'Donnell (56)
Bob & Heather Mahusky (45)
Russ & Nancy Connors (42)
Nancy & Denis Saumure (37)
Ray & Julia Lesk (28)
Steve & Theresa Dregas (9)

Harold & Vivian Bolger (62)
Sterling & Leona Armstrong (56)
Stephen & Rita Mears (45)
Dan & Carol Varrin (41)
John & Jane Freemark (37)
Kirk & Robin Hisko (13)
David & Leanne Moon (3)

Ron & Marilyn Leclair (57)
David & Carol Sulpher (51)
Bud & Nancy Lance (42)
Harry & Carla Walters (40)
Tom & Bonnie McIntyre (33)
Brent & Lindsay Leech (11)

"Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. Luke 13:24