

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



"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"
(Genesis 3:19) or "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

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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

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Closed Fridays

Sunday Offerings

St. Francis Xavier

Sunday, February 1, 2026	\$ 9,748.95
Envelopes	\$ 4,316.00
Pre-Authorized	\$ 5,058.00
Loose	\$ 374.95

Attendance: Sat. 146 Sun. 127

Sunday, February 8, 2026	\$ 3,112.00
Envelopes	\$ 2,821.00
Loose	\$ 291.00

Attendance: Sat. 108 Sun. 130

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, February 1, 2026	\$ 791.00
Envelopes	\$ 750.00
Loose	\$ 41.00

Attendance: 44

Sunday, February 8, 2026	\$ 535.00
Envelopes	\$ 450.00
Loose	\$ 85.00

Heating	\$ 450.00
Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 50.00

Attendance: 55

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 16	
Family Day	Mass at OLF @ 8:30
Tues. Feb. 17	
8:00am	Violet Lavigne by David & Carol Sulpher
Wed. Feb. 18	
8:00am	A Special Intention by Jean Spilchen
SFX 7:00pm	Danny & Shon by Mom
MPB 7:00pm	Tony & Thelma Senack by John & Bernice Gervais
Ash Wednesday	
Thur. Feb. 19	
8:00am	Living & Deceased Relatives by A Parishioner
10:30am Bonnechere Manor	Winnie Amorini by Leo & Elsie Coulas
Fri. Feb. 20	
8:00am	Anne Dregas by Steve & Family
Sat. Feb. 21	
4:30pm	Chris Warren by Mom, Donna, Jim & Families Chris Dregas by John & Martha Scott
Sun. Feb. 22	
Calabogie 8:30am	William McNulty by Wayne & Debbie Ready
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Feb. 23	
6:30pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross Janet Molson by Aunt Barbara McGahan
Tues. Feb. 24	
8:00am	Repose of the Soul of Eileen C. Vice & Deceased Relatives by The Estate
Wed. Feb. 25	
8:00am	Greg Kedrosky by Wife Verna & Family
Thur. Feb. 26	
8:00am	Dwayne Steele & Murray Smaggus by Mary & Family
Fri. Feb. 27	
8:00am	Daniel Berube by Roy & Jan Leitch
Sat. Feb. 28	
4:30pm	Jim & Theresa Kusluski by Bob & Tim Harold Bolger by Helen
Sun. Mar. 1	
Calabogie 8:30am	Vincent Mahusky by Troy & Emily Mahusky
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 15, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died Arnold Wren, Jacqueline Belanger, Cathy Leclair (sister-in-law Brian & Mireille Charbonneau), Rose Drapeau (mother of Bernard Drapeau), Raymond Norton (son of Margaret), Margorie Dowd (sister of Trudy Fiebig) and Frances Ludoski (daughter of Mary Visutskie) and Theresa Freamo.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing especially, Elizabeth O'Connell, Robert Spilchen (son of Jean), Diane Burns, Elaine Turner, Vicente Sy, Jeanne Rossi & son Adam, Lawrence Mahusky, 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 FEBRUARY SANCTUARY LAMP: Mick & St. Louis Families by Gordon & Lucille Mick

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026: For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

SFX Parish Income Tax Receipts: are printed and placed at the front lobby of the Church for pickup. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Theresa at the Parish Office.

Alpha Program will be starting every Wednesday from January 21 - March 25, 2026 from 5:30 – 7:00pm in the St. Francis Xavier Church Hall. **Please note there will be NO Alpha on Ash Wednesday and Wednesday, February 25th** as Patrick Sullivan will be here that evening at 7:00pm.

Development and Peace: The Share Lent campaign this year is titled On Track for Justice. Information will be available on display **March 21st & 22nd** at St Francis Xavier and **March 22nd** at Most Precious Blood Parish entrances with a mini magazine insert as well. Margaret Legris will be at the main entrance if there are any questions. Please visit <https://devp.org/en/campaign/on-track-for-justice/resources-lent-2026/> for more information.

Cancellation of Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: We regret that we must cancel this year because of the Deanery meeting at St. Joseph's High School at **6:30 pm on February 17th**.

Trinity St Andrew's United Church Community Friendship Meal will take place on **Tuesday, February 17th from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, ringing in the Chinese New Year with Chinese Food. All are welcome!

Parishioners of Pembroke Diocese are invited to save the date to attend one of the pastoral planning information meetings that will be held in all five deaneries of the diocese during the first weeks of Lent. Bishop Brehl and members of the diocesan steering committee will present relevant pastoral, statistical and financial data to help equip parishioners in ongoing dialogue and discernment on the future of the diocese. If you cannot make the local meeting in your home deanery, please feel welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings.

Dates and Locations of Deanery Meetings

- **Renfrew Deanery: Tuesday, February 17 at St. Joseph's High School, Renfrew - 6:30pm to 8:30pm**
- **Pembroke Deanery: Thursday, February 19 at Bishop Smith High School, Pembroke - 6:30pm to 8:30pm**
- **Mattawa Deanery: Saturday, February 21 at Corbeil Park Hall, Corbeil- French at 10:00am to 12:00pm; English at 1:00pm to 3:00pm**
- **Pontiac Deanery: Saturday, February 28 - at Club de l'Âge d'Or, Fort-Coulonge -French at 10:00am to 12:00pm; English at 1:00pm to 3:00pm**
- **Barry's Bay Deanery: Sunday, Mar.1 at St. John Bosco School, Barry's Bay - 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **February 18th**. **Masses will be at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish and at 7:00 pm at Most Precious Blood Parish.** The celebration of Easter, of being reborn in the Risen Lord to a new life, will only have meaning to the degree that we 'die to the old self'. Thus, the Church asks us to live this period of Lent, with Christ in the desert, as a period of forty days devoted to inward renewal through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us prayerfully consider before Lent how we might make best use of this time to imitate the Lord in His dedication to the Father so that His resurrection may take deep root in our thoughts, words and actions throughout Lent and forever.

During Lent we will have Mass at **7:00 p.m. on Mondays** and at **8:00 am on Tuesday to Friday.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed **Mondays at 6:30 pm beginning Monday, February 23rd**.

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

Diocesan Lenten Retreat: The Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development invites you to the next Diocesan Lenten Retreat **on Saturday, February 21, 2026** from 9:30am to 2:00pm (Registration at 9:00am) at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. Author and speaker: Patrick Sullivan. Cost: \$15.00 (lunch provided). To register please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com or 613 732-7933 ext. 206. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 18th.**

Rite of Election and Acceptance of Those to be Received into the Faith at St. Columbkille Cathedral: Bishop Michael Brehl will celebrate Mass at St. Columbkille Cathedral on the **1st Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** The Mass the Rite of Election are for those to be baptized this Easter Vigil as well as the Acceptance of Candidates who will be confirmed and received into the Faith. Everyone preparing for baptism and reception into the Church throughout the Diocese are invited to participate with our Bishop at this Mass. If you do plan to attend, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com.

Parish Mission: Once again, we are pleased to have Mr. Patrick Sullivan come to St. Francis Xavier for a Mission which will be held **Wednesday Feb. 25 & Friday Feb. 27, 2026 at 7 p.m. each evening.** Patrick is unavailable on the Thursday so it will be on **Wednesday & Friday.** The theme this year is "Living in Spiritual Freedom." Please set aside this time for spiritual renewal as an individual and as a parish family.

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

Don & Janet Goulet (54)

Brian & Lee Ann Shepherd (49)

Michael & Jennifer Cuff (21)

Special Anniversary wishes going out to Lawrence & Yvette Blimkie who celebrated their 68th Anniversary on January 4th.

Knights of Columbus Renfrew will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday **during Lent from February 20th to March 27th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. The meals will be served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost for 1 piece is \$17.00 & 2 piece is \$22.00. Tickets available at the door and take out is also available. Proceeds to charity. All are welcome. They are looking for KofC members to assist and they will require a minimum of 10 members every Friday. For additional information, please contact Kelly Hunt at 613-432-2145.



World Day of Prayer: **Friday, March 6th at 2:00pm** at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall. Refreshments following the service. All are welcome.

SFX Euchre Party/Potluck: Our next Parish Potluck is **Saturday, March 7th** after the 4:30 Mass. Kitchen will be open before Mass to drop off food. We would like to entice those of you who would like to enjoy a few games of Euchre. You need not have a partner as partners will change throughout the evening. Attending the potluck is not a requirement as euchre will commence after the meal. Please join us for an evening of fun.

Marriage Preparation Program: The Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on **Saturday, March 28th and Saturday, April 11th** at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. **Deadline to register: March 24th.** Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/FamilyPembroke/marriage-preparation-course>. E-transfers of **\$125/couple** can be made to donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com, or mail cheques to Diocese of Pembroke, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. For inquiries, please contact Patrick Sullivan at family@pembrokediocese.com or call 613 732-7933 ext. 208.

A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and Eternal God on this sacred day, we come before You marked with ashes – a humble cross of dust.

May it be for us: A map leading our hearts back to You,

A reminder of the earth from which we came,

And a promise to walk in Your grace

Throughout this Holy Lent,

Turn our prayer into lanterns in the darkness,

Our fasting into space for Your presence,

Our almsgiving into hands that extend to Your love.

From dust, You called us into life,

In these forty days, call us once again from wondering to wonder, and from shadow to light Amen.