

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



And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Matthew 17:2

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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 15, 2026 \$ 4,199.50
 Envelopes \$ 3,651.00
 Loose \$ 548.50

Attendance: Sat. 159 Sun. 147

Sunday, February 22, 2026 \$ 2,690.05
 Envelopes \$ 2,231.00
 Loose \$ 459.05

Attendance: Sat. 160 Sun. 128

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, February 15, 2026 \$ 705.00
 Envelopes \$ 543.00
 Loose \$ 162.00

Attendance: 49

Sunday, February 22, 2026 \$ 507.00
 Envelopes \$ 372.00
 Loose \$ 135.00

Heating \$ 500.00
 Sister Betty Care Fund \$ 50.00

Attendance: 50

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Mar. 2	
6:30pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross Nellie Kingsbury by Cathy Mahusky
Tues. Mar. 3	
9:00am	The ongoing Conversion and Spiritual Growth of the Staff and Students of St. Joseph's High School
Wed. Mar. 4	
8:00am	Douglas Gilbert by Thomas & Clarissa Bluger
Thur. Mar. 5	
8:00am	Stephanie Nickel by Cecily Button & Peter Nickel
Fri. Mar. 6	
8:00am	Tom Holly by Elizabeth Cox
Sat. Mar. 7	
4:30pm	Chris Dregas by Julie Dregas Deceased Relatives of the Nadobny & Kusluski Families by Dorothy & Family
Sun. Mar. 8	
Calabogie 8:30am	Raymond Norton by Ann Stubinsky
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan
	

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Mar. 9	
6:30pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross A Special Intention by Jean Spilchen
Tues. Mar. 10	
8:00am	Special Intentions of Bernie Drapeau, Wife & Family
Wed. Mar. 11	
8:00am	Sylvia Siroski by Mike & Carol-Ann Walters
Thur. Mar. 12	
8:00am	Rhea & Duncan MacRae by Barry & Sandra Breen
Fri. Mar. 13	
8:00am	Maureen Prince by Tom, Martha & Andy
Sat. Mar. 14	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Mar. 15	
Calabogie 8:30am	William McNulty by Jamie & Suzie Campbell
SFX 10:30am	Don & Chris Goulet by The Family Isadore Lorbetskie by The Family

Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. John 4:15

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially, Judith Anderson, Mervin Vincent (brother of Marilyn Johnston), Vicente Sy, Terry O’Gorman, (brother to Brian O’Gorman, Pat Neville, Joan Scott) & Sandra Carroll (mother of Robert Carroll).

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God’s healing especially, Robert Spilchen (son of Jean), Diane Burns, Elaine Turner, Lawrence Mahusky, Mary Visutskie, Yvonne Kohl, 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 MARCH SANCTUARY LAMP: Deceased Parents & Relatives by Fr. Kerry Brennan

Pope’s Prayer Intention for March 2026: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Video Series “Journey through Lent”

As we journey through Lent 2026, I am pleased to inform you that the video of the series titled “Journey through Lent” is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: during Lent after the 7:00 pm Mass until 8:00 pm.

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

- 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

Alpha Program. St Francis Xavier Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes are offering a weekly series called “Alpha”, **is continuing March 4, Saturday, March 7 (time tbd), March 11, March 18 & March 25.** The program begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. in St Francis Xavier Church Hall, followed by a short video that explores the Christian faith, and an open and non-judgemental conversation, ending at 7:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Renfrew will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday **during Lent until 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 K of C 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.



Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College invites you to the annual Dr. Keith Cassidy Lecture on **Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30pm** in St. Hedwig’s Church Hall in Barry’s Bay. Founder of the Gregory the Great Institute, our guest speaker Dr. Ryan N.S. Topping, will be lecturing on ‘Cardinal Newman Among the Doctors’. Admission is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served. For those who are unable to attend in person, the event will be livestreamed and available on the College’s website (www.seatofwisdom.ca).

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.

CWL Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 9th at 7:30 pm in the Small Hall. Please note change of time due to the CWL leading the Stations of the Cross.

Knights of Columbus: General meeting Monday, March 9th at 7:30 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall. Please note change of time due to the attendance to the Stations of the Cross.

Community Friendship Luncheons: All are welcome to enjoy a friendship luncheon on Wednesday, March 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady Fatima Parish. Delicious meals are prepared by students of St Joseph Catholic High School and hosted by the OLF Catholic Women's League.

Community Friendship Meal: Trinity-St. Andrew's United, 291 Plaut St. S., will be holding a free Community Friendship on Tuesday, March 17 from 11:30-12:30 in Stewart Hall. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Meeting in Parish: After the Deanery Meeting the Bishop asked you to think about these 3 questions.

1. What did you hear?
2. In the short term, the diminishing number of active priests will necessitate some interim decisions to address the situation in the Diocese. Please reflect on the pastoral, financial and building status of your parish. What do you think you can change or adapt in your parish community/parish cluster to begin to respond to these circumstances? How can we respond?
3. As you consider the longer-term plans for our Diocese, do you have any proposals, suggestions, or considerations which will help the Bishop and the Steering Committee in guiding the process of pastoral planning?

We will be gathering as a Parish family on April 11th & April 12th after mass to discuss these topics. Please be prepared and have your questions, answers and suggestions ready.

Slides can be reviewed at the Diocese of Pembroke webpage <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/regional-meetings-slides-pdf/>

Pastoral Planning – Regional Meetings: Segments from the Renfrew and Pembroke Deaneries are now available on YouTube: [Regional Meetings - Main Presentations](#).

Cemetery News: What is a “columbarium”? A columbarium is a structure that holds cremation urns in small compartments called niches, providing a permanent place of remembrance.

What is a niche? A niche is an individual space within the columbarium where one or more urns are placed and sealed with an engraved plaque

How many urns fit in a niche? Our niches are designed to hold two urns.

Is the columbarium maintained? Yes. Maintenance and care of the columbarium are handled by the cemetery to ensure it remains a dignified space.

May family members visit the columbarium? Yes. We have a bench to sit on while visiting your loved ones.

Can a service be held at the columbarium? St. Francis Xavier Cemetery encourages services to be held at the columbarium.

Why should I consider a niche over in-ground burial? In-ground burial is typically more expensive due to the cost of a burial plot, casket, grave preparation, and ongoing maintenance. A columbarium niche burial is generally more affordable, as it requires less space and fewer materials, using an urn placed in a shared memorial structure rather than a full grave.

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery installed a 48-niche columbarium on October 31, 2025. We are offering **promotional pricing until May 1st, 2026**. Please contact Cheryl at 613-432-5825 x 3 or at sfxcemetery@bellnet.ca.

Gentle reminder to please wipe your boots off at the door before you come into the Church. With the tremendous amount of sand and salt outside, it is making extra work for John to vacuum. Thank you for your cooperation.