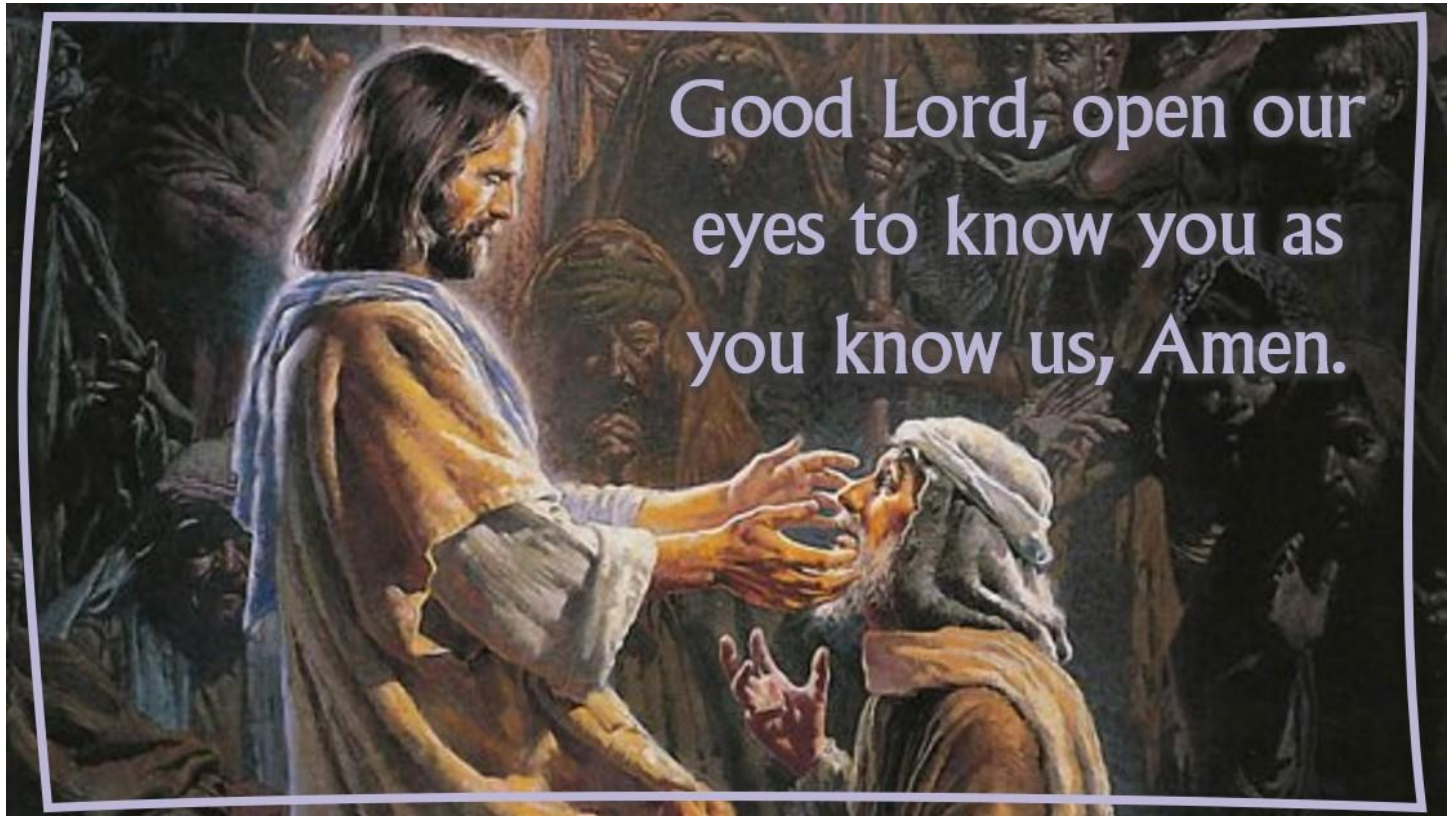


**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH**



**One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.
John 9:25**

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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

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| Sunday, March 1, 2026 | \$ 10,195.00 |
| Envelopes | \$ 4,849.00 |
| Monthly Pre-Authorized | \$ 5,058.00 |
| Loose | \$ 288.00 |

Attendance: Sat. 143 Sun. 160

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| Sunday, March 8, 2026 | \$ 3,572.25 |
| Envelopes | \$ 3,113.00 |
| Loose | \$ 459.25 |

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| Care fund | \$ 225.00 |
| Donation | \$ 1,113.78 |

Attendance: Sat. 177 Sun. 133

Most Precious Blood

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| Sunday, March 1, 2026 | \$ 493.00 |
| Envelopes | \$ 440.00 |
| Loose | \$ 53.00 |

Attendance: 56

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| Sunday, March 8, 2026 | \$ 420.00 |
| Envelopes | \$ 385.00 |
| Loose | \$ 35.00 |

Attendance: 37

| LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS | |
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| Mon. Mar. 16 | |
| 6:30pm 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross Tim Spilchen by Jean & Family |
| Tues. Mar. 17 | |
| 8:00am | Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Rita Lajoie |
| Wed. Mar. 18 | |
| 8:00am | Arnold Kennelly by The Kedrosky Family |
| Thur. Mar. 19 | |
| 8:00am | Repose of the Soul of Eileen C. Vice & Deceased Relatives by The Estate |
| 10:30am Bonnechere Manor | Jean Montgomery by Brian, Joanne O'Gorman & Family |
| Fri. Mar. 20 | |
| 8:00am | Jim Power by Teresa & Jim |
| Sat. Mar. 21 | |
| 4:30pm | Marcel (Tuppy Perrault) by Lise Fortin |
| | Intentions for CWL Members in the Pembroke Diocese by Ontario Provincial CWL Council |
| Sun. Mar. 22 | |
| Calabogie 8:30am | Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan |
| SFX 10:30am | Conrad Morin by David & Carol Sulpher Brian & Doris Long by Roy & Jan Leitch |

| LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS | |
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| Mon. Mar. 23 | |
| 6:30pm 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross John Gallagher by Mary Steele |
| Tues. Mar. 24 | |
| 8:00am | The Souls in Purgatory by Don & Anne Andrechek |
| Wed. Mar. 25 | |
| 8:00am | Special Intention by Joan, André & Marcia |
| Thur. Mar. 26 | |
| 8:00am | Raymond Norton by Marlene & Bernard Sirosky & Family |
| Fri. Mar. 27 | |
| 8:00am | Dwaine Steele by Mary & Family |
| Sat. Mar. 28 | |
| 4:30pm | Christopher Cunningham by Mom & Jim Anita Agnew by The Agnew Family |
| Sun. Mar. 29 | |
| Calabogie 8:30am | Jack & Nancy Gorra by John & Bernice Gervais |
| SFX 10:30am | Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan |
| Palm Sunday | |

During Lent, we are called to turn toward God and trust Him even when life feels uncertain. The story of Lazarus invites us to look at our own lives and ask what might need to be brought back to life—our faith, our kindness, or our hope. Jesus calls each of us out of darkness, just as He called Lazarus, and invites us to walk in His light.

4th Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially, Colleen James, Vivan Mulvihill, Lawrence Mahusky and Darlene Clouthier.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing especially, Steve Ryan (son of Doreen), Robert Spilchen (son of Jean), Diane Burns, Elaine Turner, 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/>

A message from Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. for Lent 2026: Bishop Brehl's message for Lent is now available on YouTube: [A message from Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. for Lent 2026](#)

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

Alpha Program: St Francis Xavier Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes are offering a weekly series called "Alpha", is continuing **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.



Community Friendship Meal: Trinity-St. Andrew's United, 291 Plaunt 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.

St James the Less Fundraiser: Six hand euchre tournament/fundraiser on **Saturday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at St James the Less Parish, Eganville. For only \$20.00/person, pre-register your team at 613-628-2020.

Spring Marriage Preparation Program NOW FULL: The Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program scheduled for **Saturday, March 28th** and **Saturday, April 11th** at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew is now full! Stay tuned for upcoming dates! For inquiries, please contact Patrick Sullivan at family@pembrookediocese.com or call 613 732-7933 ext. 208.

The Seven First Words of Mercy: A Sacred Encounter with Divine Mercy: The Catholic Women's League invites you to enter into a prayerful and grace filled celebration, The Seven First Words of Mercy, led by Father James Zettel on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Gather in the presence of the Risen Lord as we adore the Blessed Sacrament, lift our voices in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and reflect together on the words spoken by Jesus after the Resurrection. This sacred hour will also include the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and conclude with Solemn Benediction. Come and be immersed in a moment of reverence and beauty, where the senses are uplifted, the heart renewed, and the soul is nourished. This celebration is offered by the C.W.L. of Our Lady of Fatima Parish as an invitation to rest in God's mercy and rejoice in His boundless love. Everyone welcome.

Parish 2025 Income Statements are available at the entrance of the Church.

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

1. What did you hear? Please share how this information affects you and listen to one another carefully.
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 in the large hall to discuss these topics. We will gather in the Church at Most Precious Blood after mass on the 12th. Please be prepared and have your questions, answers and suggestions ready so that we can bring this information to the Bishop and Pastoral Steering Committee.

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.

NOTICE to Parishioners: Please note the Sisters of Holy Cross **no longer process USED stamps**. Stamps will continue to be collected and sent to Development & Peace - Caritas Canada, Montreal. Thank you for your continued support in these efforts to assist those in need.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2026

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| Tuesday, March 31 st | Diocesan Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral of St Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. | | | |
| | <u>Our Lady of Fatima</u> | <u>St. Patrick</u> | <u>St. Francis Xavier</u> | <u>Most Precious Blood</u> |
| Holy Thursday, April 2 | 5:15 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | --- |
| Good Friday, April 3 | 12:00 noon | 3:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. | 3:00 p.m. |
| Easter Vigil, April 4 | --- | --- | 8:00 p.m. | --- |
| Easter Sunday, April 5 | 9:00 a.m. | 10:45 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 8:30 a.m. |

Confession Times: St. Francis Xavier Parish will hear confessions on the remaining Monday evenings during Lent after 7:00 p.m. mass until 8:00 p.m. during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Patrick Parish, Friday, April 3 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Saturday, April 4 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Most Precious Blood Parish, Prior to Holy Mass each weekend.

Out of reverence for the sacredness of this space and time of prayer, please maintain a quiet atmosphere before, during and after mass. Thank you.