

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:
"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:19

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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, March 15, 2026	\$ 3,918.10
Envelopes	\$ 3,454.10
Loose	\$ 464.00

Attendance: Sat. 157 Sun. 165

Sunday, March 22, 2026	\$ 2,764.50
Envelopes	\$ 2,401.50
Loose	\$ 363.00

Attendance: Sat. 174 Sun. 137

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, March 15, 2026	\$ 585.00
Envelopes	\$ 475.00
Loose	\$ 110.00

Attendance: 48

Sunday, March 22, 2026	\$ 618.00
Envelopes	\$ 553.00
Loose	\$ 65.00

Lent & Mission Collection \$ 115.00

Attendance: 34

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Mar. 30	
6:30pm 7:00pm	Stations of the Cross Henri Gagne by Lise Fortin
Tues. Mar. 31	
	Chrism Mass in Pembroke at 10:30am
Wed. Apr. 1	
8:00am	Anne Dregas by Steve & Family
Thur. Apr. 2	
7:00pm	Molly Vincent by Daughter Rita
Fri. Apr. 3	
3:00pm MPB & SFX	Good Friday Service
Sat. Apr. 4	
8:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun. Apr. 5	
Calabogie 8:30am	Amanda Brydges by Mom, Dad & Family
SFX 10:30am	Robert Siroski by Mike & Carol-Ann Walters
Easter Sunday	Gertrude Lepine by Roy & Jan Leitch

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 6	
	No Holy Mass
Tues. Apr. 7	
9:00am	The ongoing Conversion and Spiritual Growth of the Staff and Students of St. Joseph's High School
Wed. Apr. 8	
8:00am	Margaret & Harold Breen by Barry & Sandra Breen
Thur. Apr. 9	
8:00am	Theresa Pierunek by Mary Vituski & Family
Fri. Apr. 10	
8:00am	Beverley Lunney by Mary Ellen, Bill, Meg & Peter
Sat. Apr. 11	
4:30pm	Ambrose & Bernice Valliquette by Leona & Family
Foodbank Drive Weekend	Peter Cox by Wife Elizabeth
Sun. Apr. 12	
Calabogie 8:30am	Connie Cockwell by Joe Brennan
SFX 10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan
Foodbank Drive Weekend	

He is risen! Wishing you a blessed Easter.

Passion (Palm Sunday), March 29, 2026 Resurrection of the Lord, April 5, 2026

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially, Sister Marilyn Kelly. Sister Marilyn served the Congregation of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception faithfully for over 70 years

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 APRIL SANCTUARY LAMP: Deceased Members of the Norton Family by Ann Stubinsky

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2026: For priests in crisis. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accomplishment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 6, and will re-open on Tuesday, April 7.

Lenten Missions and Development - Distribution of collection for Lent & Mission:

75 % of the collection gets remitted to Development and Peace for their initiatives

25% of the collection is forwarded to the following recipients:

Alicia Keogh – Peruvian Mission ESK – OMI Mission Les Frères Maristes Holy Land Collection
Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception – Missionary Appeals Fund Catholic Missions in Canada
Sister's of St Joseph – Missionary Appeals Fund Madonna House – Missionary Appeals Fund

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.

Mass of Chrism: will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. on the **Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31, 2026** at the Cathedral of St. Columbkille at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome.

"Walk of the Cross" St. Andrew's Church Calabogie invites Most Precious Blood parishioners to join them for the walk on Good Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Mass Time Reminder: Please note the **Tuesday, April 7th Mass is at 9:00 am**, so the children from St. Thomas the Apostle can attend.

Community Friendship Luncheon. Enjoy a lunch among friends at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall on Wednesday, April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The luncheons are offered free of charge, are prepared by students of St Joseph Catholic High School and hosted by the Catholic Women's League. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

Divine Mercy Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew: "The Seven First Words of Mercy" led by Father James Zettel. Join us on **Sunday April 12 at 3:00 p.m.** in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and a reflection on the words of the Risen Christ that bring healing and hope. The service concludes with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Solemn Benediction. Light refreshments will follow in the parish hall. Offered by the CWL of Fatima Parish. Everyone Welcome.

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.

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

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.

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.

Sisters of Holy Cross Presentation: Parishioners are invited to a special presentation in our large hall at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, April 13**. They will focus on their 100-year history in our parish, their action in the World today, and their hopes for the future. Guest speakers will be Renfrew-ites, Sister Jean Goulet and Sister Barbara Hebert. This half hour presentation, with questions and refreshments to follow, is a great opportunity to learn about or reconnect with an important spiritual building block in our town over the years.

The regular monthly CWL meeting will follow for our members afterwards.

2026 – S.F.X. CWL Rummage Sale

Our S.F.X. CWL Council has scheduled our annual Rummage Sale for **Saturday, April 25th, 2026** from **8:00 a.m. – Noon** at the St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.

Donations from parishioners, friends and relatives would be greatly appreciated in the following areas:
Small furniture, Small Kitchen Appliances, Kitchenware, Jewellery, gently used Clothing for Men, Women & Children of all ages.

Women's accessories, Children's Toys, Adult & Children's books, puzzles, DVD's, CD's, Seasonal Decorations, Lines & Bedding in good condition.

*Please **NO large furniture or TV's and NO children's car seats or cribs.***

Male & female workers are needed for receiving, sorting, hall set-up, table area leaders, Sales Reps, and clean up. It would be a great way for students to get some High School Volunteer Community Hours! Our CWL Council would appreciate if you would promote attendance with family, friends, relatives and colleagues.

To volunteer in any area, contact Debbie at (613 570-4849) or email st.francisxaviercwl@gmail.com Proceeds of the sale will go towards the needs of our Parish and local community.

Drop off dates at Large Hall Entrance: Thursday, April 23rd from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, April 24th from 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. If Donation Pick Up is required email st.francisxaviercwl@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2026

Tuesday, March 31st 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.

Lord, as we gather as family and friends, on this Easter 2026, we invite you once again into our lives. May the hope of your resurrection colour our days. May the promise of your spirit working in us light our lives. May the love you revealed to us shape our giving. May the truth in your word guide our journeys. And may the joy of your kingdom fill our homes as we celebrate your glorious resurrection. THE LORD IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!