

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



*Divine Mercy
Sunday*

*Eternal Father,
I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*

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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 29, 2026 \$ 3,957.00
 Envelopes \$ 3,374.00
 Loose \$ 583.00

Attendance: Sat. 163 Sun. 244

Sunday, April 5, 2026 \$ 9,665.45
 Envelopes \$ 3,679.00
 Monthly Pre-Authorized \$ 5,058.00
 Loose \$ 928.45

Lent & Mission Collection \$ 7,169.60
 Easter Collection \$ 5,046.55

**Attendance: Good Friday: 231 Holy Saturday 170
 Easter Sun. 422**

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, March 29, 2026 \$ 596.25
 Envelopes \$ 468.00
 Loose \$ 128.25

Attendance: 43

Sunday, April 5, 2026 \$ 649.45
 Envelopes \$ 328.00
 Loose \$ 321.45

Sister Betty Care Fund \$ 50.00
 Easter Collection \$ 416.00

Attendance Good Friday: 32 Easter Sunday: 74

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 13	
	Mass at OLF @ 8:30 a.m.
Tues. Apr. 14	
8:00am	Frances Ludoski by Mom & Family
Wed. Apr. 15	
8:00am	Suzette Pelletier by SFX CWL
Thur. Apr. 16	
8:00am	Janet Hearty by Sheila Letts & Family
10:30am Bonnechere Manor	Lawrence Mahusky by Rachelle & Julie
Fri. Apr. 17	
8:00am	Arnold Wren by Brian Haley
Sat. Apr. 18	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. Apr. 19	
Calabogie 8:30am	Mervyn Stubinsky by Ann
10:30am	Christopher Dregas by Steve & Family Anita Agnew by Don Hunt

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 20	
	Mass at OLF @ 8:30 a.m.
Tues. Apr. 21	
8:00am	Mangan & Collins Families by Felicia Mangan
Wed. Apr. 22	
8:00am	Mely Coyne by Jack
Thur. Apr. 23	
8:00am	Garry Murphy by Cathy Mahusky
Fri. Apr. 24	
8:00am	Repose of the Soul for Brian & Doris Long by Debra McDonald
Sat. Apr. 25	
4:30pm	Our Lady of Good Counsel by SFX CWL Hector Chugg by Barbara & Family
Sun. Apr. 26	
Calabogie 8:30am	Vincent Mahusky by Troy & Emily
10:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan

Devine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2026

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially, Ed McCann, Joan Daley (Mother of Jessica Belanger) & Charles Bulmer.

Prayers for the Sick and Shut-in: We pray for those who seek God's healing especially, Jack Dillon, 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.

Triduum & Easter: a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the Liturgical ministers, music and hymn leaders, and the parish staff who facilitated beautiful liturgies, also to the CWL who hosted the reception following the Vigil. We would also like to thank the Slight family for beautifully decorating St. Francis Xavier Parish and Charbonneau's Grocery, the Mick & McSheffrey families for donating the flowers to Most Precious Blood Parish.

As we celebrated the joy of the Risen Christ, we also joyfully welcomed Frederique Ouellet, Miguel Ippersiel from our Parish and Sydney Boucher & Ashley Leighton from Our Lady of Fatima Parish into the fullness of our faith. May God bless them richly as they join with us as Easter people rejoicing in our risen Lord.

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.

The CWL is looking for new volunteers for our Funeral Luncheons Ministry. We operate with 3 teams on a rotating 3-month schedule. Each team is available every 3 months. CWL membership is not a requirement. If you think that this service is a good opportunity where you can serve your parish, or if you would like more information, please contact Joan Lemay at 613-432-9161 or jtlemay@sympatico.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.

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.

Knights of Columbus Renfrew Council 1916: Monthly General Meeting **Monday, April 13th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Fish Fry was successful again this year and they raised just short of what they had hoped. They are inviting all members and spouses to a social gathering on **Sunday, April 19th** from 4 – 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Pizza and wings will be served.

The Pembroke Community Choir presents "Broadway Revue". There will be an afternoon concert on Saturday **April 18 at 1:30 p.m.** and an evening performance on **Sunday April 19 at 7 p.m.** at Calvin United Church, in Pembroke. Tickets are available at Fleurish in Petawawa, the Customer Care Centre at the Pembroke Mall, and from Choir members for just \$15. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20. Students 13 and under are Free! Visit <https://pembrokecommunitychoir.org/> for more information.

First Holy Communion: will be held on **April 19th during mass.** As we prepare for this sacred sacrament, let's remember the children and their families in our prayers. May God bless them and guide them through this important time of faith and spiritual growth. The communicants and their families will have reserved seating in the front pews of the centre aisles.

Community Friendship Meal: Trinity-St. Andrew's United, 291 Plaunt St. S., will be holding a free Community Friendship on **Tuesday, April 21st** from 11:30-12:30 p.m. in Stewart Hall. All are welcome. Menu is cream cheese French toast with blueberries and maple syrup, sausages, baked beans & apple crisp for dessert. Donations accepted but not expected.

The Knights of Columbus Council 1916 are sponsoring a Holy Hour in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus **April 23rd at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Xavier Church.** The holy hour flowing from the Jubilee for the 350th Anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter Dilexit Nos (He Loved Jus.) During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be displayed. The hour will consist of readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A limited number of reproductions of the Sacred Heart icon will be available for purchase. The cost is unknown at present but will be published as soon as we know. Supreme Grand Knight Patrick Kelly hopes" families will consecrate their homes and themselves to the Sacred Heart".

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.

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

Ivan & Freida Beaugard (65)

Brian & Shirley Proulx (44)

Summer Student Needed – St. Francis Xavier Cemetery: St. Francis Xavier Cemetery is hiring a Summer Student (July–August) to help with groundskeeping, landscaping, and general maintenance. This role is ideal for a student who enjoys outdoor work and wants to contribute to the care of our parish cemetery. Requirements are you must be returning to school in the fall; are reliable and comfortable with outdoor physical tasks. To apply, submit a brief résumé to sfxcemetery@bellnet.ca.

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery Spring Cleanup: The Cemetery Board has determined that to help reduce Spring clean-up costs at the cemetery, a "**Clean-Up Bee on Saturday, May 9, 2026**, beginning at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. As many hands as possible are welcome. Please bring work gloves and rakes. Spring burials date to be determined.

Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser: With Spring coming, we look forward to the annual Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser. This event helps Columbus House to continue to provide services in the Young Parent Support Program in Pembroke, Renfrew and throughout the County with Outreach Services. The fundraiser fittingly begins on **Mother's Day, May 10th and concludes on Father's Day, June 21st.** You will find the bottles at the entrances of the church the last week of April. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Crystal Schroeder at 613-639-2267 or ypsppembroke@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.