

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH



Special Congratulations going out to our First Communion Group of 2026. The celebrants in front are Kohen Beimers & Ellie Prince and then from left to right are Jaxson Bérubé, Kristopher O'Connor, Colton Mask, Quinn Clemow, Auston Agnew, Father Brennan, Emma Coules, Julian Glofcheskie, Kira Elliott, Syntiche Sebutimbiri, Remington Anderson and Addison Arbuthnot. Special thanks to the CWL Ladies for the beautiful luncheon served.

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SFX MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH

Sunday: 8:30 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, April 12, 2026	\$ 3,990.00
Envelopes	\$ 3,540.00
Loose	\$ 450.00

Attendance: Sat. 188 Sun. 218

Sunday, April 19, 2026	\$ 4,202.15
Envelopes	\$ 3,638.00
Loose	\$ 564.15

Lent & Mission Collection	\$ 7,324.60
Easter Collection	\$ 5,401.55

Attendance: Sat. 150 Sun. 275

Most Precious Blood

Sunday, April 12, 2026	\$ 752.80
Envelopes	\$ 590.00
Loose	\$ 162.80

Attendance: 73

Sunday, April 19, 2026	\$ 721.65
Envelopes	\$ 435.00
Loose	\$ 286.65

Sister Betty Care Fund	\$ 50.00
Easter Collection	\$ 416.00
Donation	\$ 100.00

Attendance 42

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. Apr. 27	
	Mass at OLF @ 8:30am
Tues. Apr. 28	
8:00am	Special Intention by Joan Ouellet
Wed. Apr. 29	
8:00am	Lionel Visutskie by Mary
Thur. Apr. 30	
8:00am	Norm Edwards by Fr. Coyne
Fri. May 1	
8:00am	Calvin Warren by Michael & Darlene Joyce
Sat. May 2	
4:30pm	Carl Warren by Leona & Family Peter Spilchen by Jean & Family
Sun. May 3	
Calabogie 8:30am	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan
SFX 10:30am	Dalton Enright by Art & Marilyn Campbell Anita, Bev & Ruth by Bonnie, Barry & Cathy

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS	
Mon. May 4	
	Mass at OLF @ 8:30am
Tues. May 5	
9:00am	The ongoing Conversion and Spiritual Growth of the Staff and Students of St. Joseph's High School
Wed. May 6	
8:00am	Anita Agnew by Bill & Colleen Kiely
Thur. May 7	
8:00am	Ed McCann by Sister Sheila Whelan
Fri. May 8	
8:00am	John Gallagher by Alfie Mangan
Sat. May 9	
4:30pm	Intentions of Parishioners of all Parishes by Father Brennan
Sun. May 10	
Calabogie 8:30am	Elizabeth & Isaiah Reddy by Clarke & Colleen Eady
SFX 10:30am	Brian & Doris Long by Roy & Jan Leitch Happy Mother's Day Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald by Daughter Debra
Food Bank Drive Weekend	

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. John 10:3

4th Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2026

Prayers for the Deceased: We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially, Marilyn Leclair and Muriel Rouselle.

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 MAY SANCTUARY LAMP: Charles & Doreen Murphy by Gordon & Christena Mulvihill

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2026: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Meetings in Parish: Thank you all who participated in the parish meetings and shared your input and ideas. Biggest question, is how do we act on those ideas and put them into motion. We plan to have a follow up meeting in the near future. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we find a suitable solution for the future of our parishes.

Our 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.

2026 – S.F.X. CWL Rummage Sale

Our S.F.X. CWL Council has scheduled our annual Rummage Sale this **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, please email st.francisxaviercwl@gmail.com or call Debbie at 613-570-4849.

Hike for Hospice: Gather your runners for Hike for Hospice on **Sunday, May 3**. Registration begins at 12:00 noon at Hospice Renfrew, 459 Albert Street. There will be snacks, displays and activities for the children. The hike begins at 2:00 p.m. from Hospice and will proceed throughout the downtown to Low Square, returning to Hospice. Starting at 2:30 p.m., bacon-on-a-bun will be sold. For this great cause, create a team and make it a family event. Rain or shine, we hope to see you there!

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. **Deadline is April 30th.**

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.

Cemetery Flowers: Sometimes, flowers placed on monuments can be blown away by the wind, or deer may think they are a tasty treat. When this happens, we cannot determine where the flowers belong. Our caretaker will place the flowers behind the garage until the end of September, and if no one claims them by that time, they will be disposed of. May we suggest that when you place flowers on a monument, you include a weatherproof card inside the arrangement that identifies whose grave they belong to. This way, our caretaker will be able to return the flowers to the correct location.

NEW Session!! Marriage Preparation Program: Due to popular demand, an extra Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program will be offered on **Saturday, May 9th and Saturday, May 30th** at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Petawawa. **Deadline to register: May 5th.** Register online at [Clone of 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.

Second Annual RCCDSB Walking Pilgrimage: We are pleased to extend an open invitation to all staff, families, and community members of the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board to participate in our second annual RCCDSB Walking Pilgrimage on **Saturday, May 9th, 2026**.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for a day of walking, spiritual reflection, and community fellowship. Along the route, we will take moments to pray the Rosary for the month of Mary. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Event Details: Saturday, May 9th at 9:30am at St. Michael's Parish, Douglas to St. James Parish, Eganville. *We anticipate arriving in time to celebrate Mass at 4:00pm, with Father Michael Lund as the celebrant.*

We look forward to sharing this meaningful journey with our RCCDSB community. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to kylie.gibson@rccdsb.ca. We hope to see you there!

Columbus House Baby Bottle Fundraiser: is having their 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 yppspembroke@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.

SFX CWL Monthly Meeting: will be held on **Monday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the small hall. The Pembroke Diocesan Convention is on May 30th from 09:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall.** Our council will cover the registration fee for members. Anyone interested in attending please contact Joan Lemay jtemay@sympatico.ca or 613 432-9161. **Registration deadline May 15th.**

Community Friendship Luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, May 13 from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Come, have a seat, and enjoy fellowship and a delicious lunch prepared by students of St Joseph Catholic High School and hosted by Our Lady of Fatima CWL. All Welcome.

Follow Up Pastoral Planning Meeting: Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R., together with Fr. Lacey and Fr. Brennan, invites the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Francis Xavier parishes to a meeting on **May 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph's High School.** The purpose of this meeting is to continue the planning process for the Diocese and some implications for Renfrew parishes as we move forward. All are welcome to participate in this meeting.

National March for Life: Renfrew County Right to Life is co-sponsoring a bus to the National March for Life which takes place on Parliament Hill on **Thursday, May 14.** The coach will leave Pembroke Metro at 7:45 a.m., with stops at the Cobden Pentecostal Church at 8:15 a.m. and the Renfrew Visitors Centre at 8:40 a.m. Payment by donation. To reserve seats, please email RCRTLlife@gmail.com with names of all passengers, or call Susan Dagenais at 613-401-6482. For more information: facebook.com/RCRTL.

Help Not Harm Campaign – Bill C 218: Private Members' Bill C-218, currently at second reading in Parliament, seeks to prevent the scheduled 17 March 2027 expansion of MAiD to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. The Archdiocese of Toronto, in collaboration with the CCCB Office for Family and Life, has just launched a national, bilingual online advocacy tool under the campaign banner "**Help Not Harm.**"

By registering, individuals can automatically generate a letter to their Member of Parliament and request that it be sent on their behalf, with copies to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice. The tool is available at: <https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/>. Since the CCCB Permanent Council [publicly endorsed Bill C-218](#) on 4 February 2026, you are invited to consider promoting the *Help Not Harm* campaign in your diocese/eparchy and to encourage the faithful to subscribe to it as a quick and easy way to support Bill C-218. **Key Info - [HelpNotHarmCanada.ca](https://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca/).**

**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me. John 14:6**