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St. Francis Xavier, a welcoming faith community lovingly sharing the gifts of God.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Cancelled until further notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room
Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
First Friday before 8 AM mass
Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Annemarie Hanniman and Leonard Robillard, brother of Frances Gervais.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Dick Cobus, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette.

TRIDUUM & EASTER: What a joy to be able to gather this year and celebrate our Triduum and Easter liturgies. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the musicians and ushers who assisted at the celebrations. A special thank you to **Jane and John Freemark and Sharon Harper** for the beautiful decorations in the church.

Sunday Offering March 28th: \$3,058.00

Envelopes: \$2,748.00 Weekly EFT: \$240.00

Loose: \$70.00 Care Fund: \$200.00

Sunday Offering April 4th: \$7,683.34

Envelopes: \$4,580.00

Monthly EFT: \$2,863.34; Weekly EFT: 240.00;

Lenten Mission & Development: \$6,800.00

Easter: \$4,840.00; Care Fund - \$1,000.00

Galilee Centre Presents – Ron Rolheiser Retreat: Featuring Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, Roman Catholic priest and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, **April 16-18, 2021**. For details, please go to: <https://www.galileecentre.com/save-the-date-ron-rolheiser-retreat/>.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Apr. 12

8:00 am Willis Wren - Arnold & Family

TUES. Apr. 13

8:00 am Mary McMaster - Marguerite Power

WED. Apr. 14

8:00 am Ronald Miller - Bert & Joan Miller
& Doreen Ballard

THURS. Apr. 15

8:00 am Special Intentions - Lawrence Mahusky

FRI. Apr. 16

8:00 am Wanda Berger - Darlene & Fay

SAT. Apr. 17

4:30 pm Ambrose & Bernice Valliquette
- Leona & Family

SUN. Apr. 18

10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Apr. 19

8:00 am Gertrude Lepine - Jan & Roy Leitch

TUES. Apr. 20

8:00 am Dick Cobus – Bill & Susan Ringrose

WED. Apr. 21

8:00 am Arden & Beatrice Hay - The Family

THURS. Apr. 22

8:00 am Repose of the Soul of Dolly McDonald
- Daughter, Debra

FRI. Apr. 23

8:00 am Lorna Kluge - Larry & Family

SAT. Apr. 24

4:30 pm Mary Carroll - Dianna Manti

SUN. Apr. 25

10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

*“Whatever is born of God
conquers the world”*

SHARON HARPER: After twenty years of loyal service as housekeeper at St. Francis Xavier, Sharon has decided to retire. The term “housekeeper” is actually inadequate to encompass all the ways in which Sharon served the parish. Sharon kept the rectory running smoothly and efficiently at all times. With an interior decorator's eye she assisted in renovations and updates. Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and special events saw Sharon again turn her artistic flare to beautifully adorning the church to enhance our liturgies. Sharon filled in most competently as secretary when required and always exuded a warm, welcoming demeanor when interacting with parishioners. An accomplished cook and baker, the staff enjoyed her culinary offerings over the years (partridge soup par excellence!). Her wit and humour ensured that staff coffee breaks were never dull.

On behalf of myself, the staff and the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier, “thank you” for everything Sharon, and much happiness and health in this new chapter of your life.

CHARITABLE GIVING: A tradition of St. Francis Xavier Parish is to give 2% of our annual Sunday Offerings to local and global based charities to support their efforts to build a better world. Our 2020 Charitable Donation monies totaled \$ **\$4,215.32** and has been distributed to the following recipients: Canadian Northern Missions, Renfrew and District Food Bank, Hospice Renfrew, Sisters of St. Joseph (Peru), Missionaries of Africa (Fr. Kevin Rand), and the Dominican Republic Experience (SJCHS).

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as a Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure, Help us, O Mother of Divine Love to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the Prayer of Pope Francis by the Knights of Columbus

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

A passage that leads to a new life.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have had many passages in our lives: the passage from childhood to adolescence, and then to adulthood. Passing exams. From a single life to a married life or a religious life. The passage from an active life to retirement. Then, at the end of our earthly life, death will mark our passage to eternal life.

Since the great celebration of the Easter Vigil, and especially during the Easter Octave, we celebrate an essential passage into an essential rebirth. To celebrate the resurrection of Christ is to pass with him from death to life, from the land of bondage to liberation and salvation, from slavery to freedom. To be a Christian, brothers and sisters, means that we are freed from many things that we have unnecessarily bound ourselves to. To be a Christian means to be free in all circumstances: free from the trappings of money and the desire to dominate or control everything; free to refuse corruption; free to oppose injustice; free to say no to lies; free to love; free to correct those who are in error; free to reproach, but always with charity, of course. The Christian is free from all alienation. Through our baptism, we are resurrected with Christ. With him we have entered into a new life and nothing can separate us from his love. That is why we can now sing victory! Especially during this octave of Easter.

Sincerely yours in the risen Christ,

+Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Pembroke



We welcome to the Christian Community the children recently baptized into our faith. As the Parents and Sponsors make a commitment to share with these children our Catholic faith, we as a faith community offer our on-going support to:

- ~ **LINCOLN PHILLIP LEWIS, son of Scott & Megan** ~
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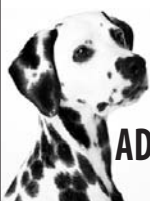
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