

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs  
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Friday – Closed

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## SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 10:30 AM

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

## 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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## PALM SUNDAY

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially John Ryan, brother of Doreen Dagenais.

**WORD AMONG US:** Easter editions will be left in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment for these may be made in the future when the church reopens. We will do our best to replenish the supply available in the mailbox.

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS:

The Food Bank is now excepting monetary donations only. Donations may be directed to 115 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Renfrew, ON., K7V 2R5. You may also sign up for automatic deposits to the Food Bank. Go to Canada Helps.org which provides a list of charities to which you may donate.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Sylvie Lafontaine, Barb Patrick, Stella Shalla, and Georges Blanchette.

### PRAYER FOR TRUST

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love and Your strength.

Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

## COVID-19

Dear Parishioners:

As we navigate these stormy waters of the COVID-19 crisis, we find ourselves tossed about by fear, anxiety, doubt and confusion. It is not easy to fight an enemy that we cannot see and yet fight it we must. As Catholics, we prudently rely on the scientific and medical communities to steer us clear of disaster and help us find safe shores. But we also recall that it was the Lord who calmed the storm for the disciples. We must also rely on God's grace since ultimately we walk "...by faith, not by sight." (2Cor. 5:7) I want to assure you that I stand with you during this health crisis, praying for you each day as I celebrate Mass alone. Holy Week this year is going to be very different for us. I understand that it is a great sacrifice not to have Mass even for a short time but we must not overlook the many ways Christ is present to us. Many are reaching out through friendly phone calls or helping out in other ways, always practicing social distancing. We are the People of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, who continue to deepen the bonds that unite us, despite services being cancelled and despite the challenges posed by this pandemic.

I encourage you to follow the Holy Week Services available on television.

As families, spend some time with God's Word praying with the scriptures for each of the days of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and concluding on Easter Sunday. I pray that the Lord of Life and All Healing will raise his arms of benediction over us and the whole world in our time of need. *Fr. Brennan*

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In response to the COVID-19 crisis, religious leaders and organizations across Canada have prepared a message entitled "**Hope, Gratitude and Solidarity: A Message to Canadians from Religious Leaders in Canada in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**".

You may access the full message at the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops site at [ccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/5219](http://ccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/5219).

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

|               |                                                                |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON. Apr. 6   | Jean Maloney - Her Family                                      |
| TUES. Apr. 7  | Father Doug Morris - A Parishioner                             |
| WED. Apr. 8   | M/M Ambrose Kluge & Mary - The Family                          |
| THURS. Apr. 9 | Mass of the Lord's Supper<br>Special Intention - A Parishioner |
| FRI. Apr. 10  | Celebration of the Lord's Passion                              |
| SAT. Apr. 11  | EASTER VIGIL<br>Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan   |
| SUN. Apr. 12  | EASTER SUNDAY<br>Special Intention - A Parishioner             |

APRIL 5, 2020

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**PARISH OFFICE:** The office is closed to the public until further notice. You may however contact the parish office if you have any questions or special needs. You may reach us by phone at 613-432-5825 and by email at [sfx.pariah@on.aibn.com](mailto:sfx.pariah@on.aibn.com) or you may contact Father Brennan directly at [sfxpastor@bellnet.ca](mailto:sfxpastor@bellnet.ca).

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** In prayer, we invite you to evaluate how you can continue to financially support our parish to ensure that it can carry on—maybe some of you will be able to do a little bit more while others need to scale back. You can do your part in one of many ways:

By mailing cheques to the following address: P.O. Box 396, Renfrew, ON K7V 4A6

By depositing your donation at the parish office in the metal locked mail box has been installed to the left of the parish office door. Contents will be emptied on a regular basis.

You may wait and “play catch up” upon return to normal Mass schedules.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** You may call the office and your receipt will be placed outside in the mailbox to the right side of the office door. Alternately, the receipt can be emailed to you upon request.

**TELEVISED MASS:** Salt + Light TV has communicated with us that they have made arrangements with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Videotron) so that Salt + Light TV is available free of charge to all subscribers **until 1 May 2020**. This means that any person who subscribes to cable TV will be able to access Salt + Light TV and therefore the **Daily TV Mass** and **Sunday TV Mass** produced by **National Catholic Broadcasting Council**.

Salt + Light TV is televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every day at 9:00 am and will be televised in both English and French.

The channel number on each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>.

Please note that the Daily TV Mass is available on other faith based television networks besides Salt + Light TV. The various networks and Mass times can be found at <https://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule/>.

On a similar note, please note that the weekly (Sunday) showing of “Le Jour du Seigneur” (Radio Canada) will continue as always to provide Sunday Mass at its usual time and channel.

**RESOURCES FOR MASS – PDF:** The CCCB General Secretariat has received word from **Novalis**, Living with Christ and Prions en Église, that during this current health crisis, they are willing to post on their websites PDFs of the pages from Living with Christ and Prions en Église for each upcoming **Sunday Mass**, as well as for **Daily Mass**, so as to allow people to download them for free during this limited period of time. This offer will then be assessed based on the situation at that time. These resources can help the faithful who follow Mass from their homes on TV or internet. At the very least, they can read the Scriptures and follow along on televised celebrations. The CCCB has given permission to Novalis to do so.

Please click on the following links for the English and French PDF versions of the Sunday Mass Readings and prayers from Novalis:

Living with Christ, English Canadian edition: [https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/index.php/intentions?\\_ga=2.50103011.496730847.1584390822-169904871.1417450886](https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/index.php/intentions?_ga=2.50103011.496730847.1584390822-169904871.1417450886)

**2020 PARISH SUPPER:** After consultation with the Parish Supper committee it has been decided that the parish supper will be cancelled for this year.

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