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Mon to Thurs
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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

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

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

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open Tuesdays to Fridays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m. **Please leave the kneeler down in the pew that you use so that the area may be properly disinfected.**

Sunday Offering August 2nd : \$7,374.34

Envelopes: \$4,516.00

Monthly EFT- \$2,578.34 Weekly EFT: \$240.00

Loose: \$40.00

Care Fund: \$180.00

Parish Supper - \$9,685.00 (to date)

Sunday Offering August 9th : \$2,752.00

Envelopes: \$2,438.00 ; Weekly EFT: \$240.00

Loose: \$74.00

LITURGICAL ROLES

Ministers will be contacted on a week to week basis regarding assistance with hospitality ministry and cleaning assistance for weekend Masses.

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Sanctity is not a matter of being less human, but more human than other men. This implies a greater capacity for concern, for suffering, for understanding, for sympathy, and also for humour, for joy, for appreciation of the good and beautiful things of life.

Thomas Merton - on "Sanctity"

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Aug. 17 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

TUES. Aug. 18

8:00 a.m. Ben Surnoski - Theresa & Family

WED. Aug. 19

8:00 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch

THURS. Aug. 20

8:00 a.m. Bea Hay - S.F.X. C.W.L.

FRI. Aug. 21

8:00 a.m. Brian Long - Leitch-Blais Family

SAT. Aug. 22

4:30 p.m. John Wright & Clarence McIntrye

- Dorothy & Family

Dolly McDonald (MM)

- Daughter, Debra

SUN. Aug. 23

10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Aug. 24 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

TUES. Aug. 25

8:00 a.m. Danny McGuire

- Sheila Letts & Family

WED. Aug. 26

8:00 a.m. Dolly McDonald - S.F.X. C.W.L.

THURS. Aug. 27

8:00 a.m. Ray Wojcik

- Ron & Marilyn Lecaire

FRI. Aug. 28

8:00 a.m. Leo Sheedy - Ed & Mary McCann

SAT. Aug. 29

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

SUN. Aug. 30

10:30 a.m. Elsie Kane - S.F.X. C.W.L.

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NEXT BULLETIN: will be published on Sunday, August 30th.

ORDINATION OF REV. MR. MICHAEL COYNE

With joy, the Diocese of Pembroke announces that Most Rev. Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., will ordain Rev. Mr. Michael Coyne to the priesthood at St. Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew, on **Tuesday, September 8th**, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at 2:00 p.m.

The First Mass of Thanksgiving will take place at St. Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew, on Wednesday, September 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Let us keep Michael Coyne in prayer as he prepares for ordination.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Due to COVID 19 the Memorial Service has been cancelled for this year.

THIS SCENE IN THE GROCERY STORE may be a familiar one to many of us. A toddler in a buggy, or perhaps an older child on foot, is begging his or her parent at the candy bar display at the checkout; and is being refused by the loving parent, who is keen to prevent tooth decay or a sugar overload before a meal at home. Eventually the thwarted child screams at a decibel level which causes other shoppers to wince and secretly wish that the child could be given the wretched sweets and stop yelling. The shoppers want a quiet life and to get on with their day in peace; the assistant at the checkout smiles knowingly and the child's loving parent wants to do the best for her child.

In our lives, we expect certain people to be our guides and to teach and inspire us, and so we can sometimes miss the unexpected grace and inspiration from encounters with those we might otherwise choose to ignore. Even the screaming child in the grocery store might provide an opportunity to reassure the frantic parent with a sympathetic few words, "Don't worry we've all been there." The distraught parent might welcome this as the only meaningful encounter with an adult she or he has had all day.

When we gather as a community of faith, how do we acknowledge those who are strangers? These days it is more challenging. Perhaps just a cheery hello will brighten their day. We may never know the impact that even a brief encounter can have on the lives of others.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY– AUGUST 22ND.

In this feast, particularly cherished by the Popes of modern times, we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and established this feast for the Universal Church.

Pope Pius IX said of Mary's queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."

And Pope Pius XII added the following: "We commend that on the festival there be renewed the consecration of the human race to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Upon this there is founded a great hope that there will rejoice in the triumph of religion and in Christian peace...

...Therefore, let all approach with greater confidence now than before, to the throne of mercy and grace of our Queen and Mother to beg help in difficulty, light in darkness and solace in trouble and sorrow...

Whoever, therefore, honours the lady ruler of the Angels and of men - and let no one think themselves exempt from the payment of that tribute of a grateful and loving soul - let them call upon her as most truly Queen and as the Queen who brings the blessings of peace, that She may show us all, after this exile, Jesus, who will be our enduring peace and joy."

Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, pray for us!

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A loquacious priest, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the homily. Afterwards the priest asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

Why didn't you do that before I started Mass?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."



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