# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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Mon to Thurs

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**OFFICE HOURS** 

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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

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.

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School 41 Bolger Lane 613-432-3137 http://stthomas.rccdsb.edu.on.ca

#### HIGH SCHOOL

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#### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Dolly McDonald, Michael Barry and Lois Arbuckle, mother of Susan Hall.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Father Brennan will be away on holidays from August 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Father Holly has generously agreed to be available during this time.

#### PRIVATE PRAYER / HOLY HOUR

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.

There will be no Holy Hour during the summer months.

Sunday Offering July 19<sup>th</sup>: \$2,781.00 Envelopes: \$2,490.00; Weekly EFT: \$240.00 Loose: \$51.00

Sunday Offering July 26<sup>th</sup>: \$2,950.00 Envelopes: \$2,645.00; Weekly EFT: \$240.00 Loose: \$65.00

Care Fund: \$200.00 Parish Supper: \$9,260.00 (to date)

Father Brennan and the Finance and Property Committee are most appreciative of the manner in which parishioners have continued to support the parish during the pandemic.

For your interest: a comparison of the Sunday Offerings to date between 2020 & 2019.

\$113,464.23 - 2020 \$122, 654.66 - 2019

#### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Aug. 3 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 9:00 a.m.)

TUES. Aug. 4 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

WED. Aug. 5 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

THURS. Aug. 6 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

FRI. Aug. 7 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

SAT. Aug. 8

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

SUN. Aug. 9

10:30 a.m. Kim Shalla-Vaile - Mom & Girls

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Aug. 10 NO PARISH LITURGY

TUES. Aug. 11

8:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Cardiff

- The Family

WED. Aug. 12

8:00 a.m. Dolly McDonald - Doris Long

THURS. Aug. 13

8:00 a.m. Shirley Deacon-McPhie

- Helen Visinski

FRI. Aug. 14

8:00 a.m. Elsie Kane - David Doucet

SAT. Aug. 15

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

SUN. Aug. 16

10:30 a.m. Glenn Carr - The Family

**NEXT BULLETIN:** will be published on Sunday, August 16, 2020.

#### LITURGICAL ROLES

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

#### **BANNS FOR ORDINATION**

"Rev. Mr. Michael Francis COYNE is to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter for the Diocese of Pembroke on September 8, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew, ON.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor."

**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 8**<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Let us keep Michael Coyne in prayer as he prepares for ordination.

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 2, 2020

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to all couples of the Parish who celebrated a Wedding Anniversary during July. We remember your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. May God Bless You All. Among those celebrating are:

Jerry & Maxine Lapierre	(63)	Greg & Angel Colterman	(23)	Jason & Kathleen Wilson	(16)
David & Gail Mooney	(53)	Jack & Gerry Craig	(23)	Kevin & Anne Briscoe	(12)
Art & Marilyn Campbell	(50)	Derek & Stephanie Lennox	(20)	Scott & Megan Lewis	(10)
	(40)				

Dan & Gerri Stroud (49) John Laviolette & Terri Steele (17)

#### SAINTS OF OUR COUNTRY ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

He didn't die a martyr's death. He was too sickly, weak and awkward to do any work except as a porter. Yet, at his death in 1937, over a million pilgrims filed past his coffin. And thousands upon thousands come to Montreal each year to ask the intercession of St. Joseph and Brother Andre at the great oratory built by the humble little porter of Notre-Dame-du-Sacre-Coeur.

Born near Montreal in 1845, Alfred Bessette was orphaned by age twelve. Although his frail condition made it impossible to find gainful employment, his pastor, seeing the intensity of his spiritual life, introduced him to the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

In 1870, bearing a letter of recommendation from his pastor stating, "I am sending you a saint", Alfred asked to be accepted into the novitiate. In the novitiate he finally learned to read. Alfred eventually memorized long passages of scripture, including all four gospel accounts of the passion of Christ. However, his health remained so poor that he was only allowed to make final vows in 1872 through the intervention of the bishop of Montreal; he took the name Andre, after his pastor. For most of his life, he served as porter of the College of Notre-Dame-du-Sacre-Coeur in Cote-des Neiges, near Montreal. He is quoted as saying: "At the end of my novitiate, my superiors showed me the door, and I stayed for forty years."

It soon became evident that Brother Andre had been given extraordinary gifts of healing and counselling. Countless are the stories of healings told by students and visitors alike. Numbers grew so large, so quickly that opposition to his ministry arose: partly out of jealousy and scepticism and partly due to fear of contagion among the masses of sick seeking his help.

Brother Andre's dream was to build a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph as a spiritual center for those who came for help. He eventually obtained permission to raise the money to build on land on Mount Royal that the Congregation had purchased in 1896. First, in 1904 came a small shelter, 15 by18 feet. But by 1966 it had grown into a basilica.

On January 6, 1937, the sickly Brother Andre died at the advanced age of 91. Brother Andre's simplicity gives hope to those who feel that a lowly state in life might limit their personal gift to the world. In today's economy-driven culture, his life stands as a counter-sign to those who would define power in terms of might and economic prowess. We celebrate his memory each year on January 6<sup>th</sup>.



### **†† FIRST COMMUNION ††**

Congratulations and blessings to our young parishioners who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time last Sunday:

<b>Charlotte Browne</b>	Ryder Burns	Ravyn Cruise	Zakkery Fraser
Rowyn Hewitt	Logan Martin	Nathan O'Connor	Ryder Periard
Eden Richards	<b>Harrison Richards</b>	Renée Schneider	<b>Grady Sullivan</b>

May you know and feel Our Lord's grace, peace and love that He shares so generously with you and may God bless you and your family today and always.

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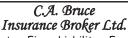


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