

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School  
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## HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School  
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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Felix Weiss.

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

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Maurice McQuade, Fr. Peter Proulx, Fr. Steven Ballard, Aileen Villemure, Georges Blanchette, Gloria Bruce, Noreene Adam and Sandy Massine.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. NEWS:**

**Save the date:** Members are invited to join with our sisters from OLF in our parish hall on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for an evening of fun and good food. Social 5:30 pm. Meal at 6:00 pm. (Snow date Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.)

**SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED:**

next session is on Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. The topic will be *Who is Jesus? Just a Good Man or Lord of our Lives.* This is an excellent way to begin the season of Advent.

**FOOD BANK:** December 7/8 is the Parish monthly **Food Bank Weekend.** Monetary donations to 115 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Renfrew, ON, K7V 2R5.

**\$500 CHEQUE:** Someone made a very generous \$500 donation the weekend of November 16/17 towards the cost of snowplowing. Unfortunately, no record was made of the donors name. If you are that person, please contact the parish office so that you may be correctly credited on your tax receipt.

**LIGHTING OF THE VERN YEMEN MEMORIAL NATIVITY SCENE:**

Everyone is invited to join at Low Square on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Hot chocolate will be served following the service.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

"A Time of Healing and Hope" for those who have lost loved ones in the past year or years passed, Renfrew Presbyterian Church, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

**GRIEF SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAYS:**

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at Hospice Renfrew from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Presented by Ian Henderson, Grief Educator and Counsellor. No cost. Please RSVP to 613-433-3993 ext. 2236 or [dcoelho@hospicerenfrew.ca](mailto:dcoelho@hospicerenfrew.ca). Please see posters.

**2020 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

are ready. 2020 envelopes may have a new number and should not be used until the new year. Please call the office if you do not have envelopes and would like some. You may also consider the Automatic Debit Service. Forms on table in main foyer.

**AVE MARIA CONCERT:** The Helferty family presents *Ave Maria*, a fundraiser concert of sacred music at St. Michael's Church in Douglas on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Donations will assist Christine Helferty in entering religious life. Free will offering.

**BULLETIN DEADLINES:** in case anyone wishes items included in the next few bulletins, the deadlines for the Christmas season are as follows:

- December 22 deadline - Dec. 16 @ 12:30pm
- December 29 deadline - Dec. 19 @ 3:00pm
- January 5 deadline - Dec. 30 @ 12:30 pm

Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE RENFREW CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHORUS**

present "Our Journey to Christmas": our Annual Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm, at Trinity-St. Andrews United Church.** Tickets \$10.00 sold at the door.

The children's and youth combined choirs will share the Nativity story of the journey to Bethlehem with songs about "sleepy shepherds", "little grey donkeys" and finish with the triumphant exclamation "Hodie Christus natus est!" (Christ is born today!) Please join us for a lovely afternoon of beautiful singing! Audience carol sing-along included!

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT:**

All Catholic men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat to be held **January 17-19, 2020** at Graphite Bible Camp. The cost is \$150. Fr. Blair Bernard and Morgen Grigg from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is *"Loving Obedience to the Father's Loving Will (Through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit)."* A deposit of \$50 is needed to reserve your place. For details, please contact Pierre-Paul Filion at 613-602-6580 or [ppfalion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ppfalion@yahoo.ca).

**SUNDAY OFFERING: Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - \$3,848.00**

\$3,375.75 - Envelopes \$205.00 - Weekly EFT

\$267.25- Loose

SFX Cemetery Fund - \$3,392.00 to date

**DECEMBER 1, 2019**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Dec. 2 NO LITURGY (OLF Mass at 8:15 a.m.)  
 TUE. Dec. 3  
 9:00 a.m. Raymond Turner - Elaine & Family  
 WED. Dec. 4  
 8:00 a.m. Mangan & Steele Families  
 - Mary & Dwaine Steele  
 THUR. Dec. 5  
 8:00 a.m. Wilfred, Sandi & Martin - Leona Barr  
 FRI. Dec. 6  
 8:00 a.m. Ray Wojcik - Claudette Dumouchel  
 8:30 a.m. HOLY HOUR  
 SAT. Dec. 7  
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan  
 SUN. Dec. 8  
 10:30 a.m. Alice Lee - The Family  
 Sanctity of Life - S.F.X. C.W.L.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards** are for sale. To purchase or for further info please call Brian Long at 432-0887.

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

Second Sunday of Advent - December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Lemay; J. Perry  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - W. & M. Remus;  
 L. & G. Curry  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - K. Coulas; D. Mantil;  
 L. Armstrong; T. Lemenchick

**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - H. Curry; R. Russell  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - B. & B. Chapman;  
 L. Hall; L. Sammon  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. O'Neil; T. Mann;  
 D. Yantha; T. Fiebig; N. Adam  
 SERVERS - S. Lesk; K. Richards  
 CANTOR - C. Slight  
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY: H. Desjardins; E. & E. Sheahan

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S:** If you are able to assist at any of the liturgies please contact the office ASAP so that a schedule may be completed.

**CHRISTMAS 2019/NEW YEARS 2020 SCHEDULE:** We are providing the schedule for the Special Masses well in advance for your planning and prayer:

	<u>Calabogie</u>	<u>Mt St. Patrick</u>	<u>O.L. Fatima</u>	<u>SFX</u>
Saturday, Dec. 21 (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)	—	—	7:00pm	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 22 (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)	8:30 am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24)	6:00pm	5:00pm	5:00 & 7:15pm	5:00 & 8:00pm
Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25)	9:00am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
Saturday, Dec. 28	—	—	7:00pm	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 29 (Holy Family Sunday)	8:30am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
New Year's Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 31)	—	—	5:15pm	4:30pm
New Year's Day (Mary the Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation)	8:30am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am

**CONFESSIONS:** at St. Francis Xavier will be heard before all weekend Masses and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and at Our Lady of Fatima before all weekday and weekend Masses, on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.**

◆ **Thurs., December 12**      **Finance & Property**      **(Mtg. Rm #2)**      **7:00 p.m.**

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