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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 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 Ann Leeder, Larry Latendresse, brother of Simone Kemp, Terry Latendresse, LeeAnn Shepherd and Sharon Harper of our parish and Dan Power, brother of Aileen Power of our parish.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN
We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Arnold Wren, Fr. Doug Morris, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Fr. John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS: DECEMBER 11TH.

Once again this year we will have the Workbook for Lectors available in the sacristy for those who proclaim God's Word. It contains a commentary on the readings, a pronunciation guide for difficult words and suggestions on how to proclaim effectively. Come a little early and use this resource.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 17th

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 11th & 18th

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Monday, December 19th 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 24th

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - St. Francis Xavier

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.

8:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

NEW YEAR'S EVE NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS GIVING & RECEIVING: Each year we receive requests at this time to assist the needs of families and

time to assist the needs of families and individuals who experience hardship during

this season.

Our Parish must recognize our responsibility to act in charity. To do so we rely on your assistance as well. Your kind donations to the Care Fund through gift cards (i.e. Walmart, No Frills, Metro, Giant Tiger) and monetary gifts are used to outreach these requests. Please consider assisting the needs of the community by donating to the Parish Care Fund clearly marked on your donation envelope.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

General Meeting on Monday, December 12th at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall. Christmas Social will follow the meeting. All members welcome!

PLAY IT AGAIN SAM! - the parish has an extra older piano in its possession. If you can move it, it is yours. Contact the office if interested.

STAMPS: As Christmas approaches we ask you to please save your used stamps from Christmas cards for Holy Cross sister's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CONFESSIONS

Heard before all Masses

STAY AWAKE!

BE READY!

Monday, December 19th 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.



December 24th

10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

7:15 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

NEW YEAR'S EVE NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 12 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)

TUES. Dec. 13

9:00 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch

WED. Dec. 14

8:00 a.m. Doris Belanger - Colleen James

THUR. Dec. 15

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Donohue &

McAdam Families - Angela McAdam

FRI. Dec. 16

8:00 a.m. Francis Boudreau - Wife, Mary &

Daughters, Therese & Angela Boudreau

SAT. Dec. 17

4:30 p.m. Christine Narezny - Her Family

Bob Kearns - Sandy & Clarence Massine

SUN. Dec. 18

10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners – Fr. Brennan

CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

All St. Francis Xavier CWL members are invited to join Our Lady of Fatima CWL members for the annual Christmas potluck dinner at Our Lady of Fatima church hall.

Date: Monday, Dec. 12, 2016; **Arrive:** 5:30p.m.;

Dinner: 6:00p.m.

Bring your favourite dish. It will be an evening of

prayer, fun and friendship.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY is now officially closed for the season. Further burials will be delayed until Spring 2017.

S.T.A.CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Monday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. at SJHS. All are welcome to attend—our Christmas gift to our families!



LITURGICAL ROLES

4th Sunday of Advent - December 18th 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A. M. Ślight; J. Lemay MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - M. & B. Coulas;

L. Manwell; R. Zohr

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - G. & S. Harper;

L. Neville; K. Coulas

SERVERS - L. Zohr

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; J. Valliquette MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - R. Holmes; L. Sammon;

D. & C. Varrin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. O'Neil; D. Lennox;

M.L. Rowat; D. Yantha; R. A. Dicker

SERVERS - A. & D. Lennox; S. Holmes

CANTOR - L. Mahusky

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - H. & C. & D. Holley

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.

BEST ADVENT EVER!!! A parent of one of our Confirmation students made a suggestion for the season of Advent. Dynamic Catholic has daily reflections for Advent. Just go to the site dynamiccatholic.com and click on "The Best Advent Ever".

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: offering lunch on Wednesday, December 14th @ 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church in conjunction with St. Joseph's Catholic High School (please enter doors at Lisgar Ave.). Come for friendship and a good meal .

THANK YOU TO THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

On behalf of the S.F.X. Cemetery Board, please accept my sincere thanks for your tremendous generosity towards our Cemetery. With more donations still coming in, you have given over \$6.400., and along with Our Lady of Fatima Parish we now have received \$11,297.00 which ensures our Cemetery will remain beautiful and OURS! May God Bless You. ~ Mike Coulas ~ Cemetery Chair ~

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: current schedule runs out January 1st. If there are any changes for current ministers please contact the office no later than **December 21**.

St. Joseph's High School Christmas Concert

- * Thursday, December 22 at St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew
- * Doors open at 6:30. Entertainment begins at 7:00.
- * Free Admission. We will be collecting a goodwill offering to support the performing arts.
- * Enjoy hot chocolate, tea and Christmas treats, prepared by our Hospitality class.

Bereavement Group: will be on an individual basis rather than in a group setting. If you would like help, please contact the parish office at 613-432-5825, and arrangements will be made for Deacon Don to meet with you.

SUNDAY OFFERING - December 4, 2016: \$5,946.14

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