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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.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School
41 Bolger Lane 613-432-3137
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HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School
835 First Street 613-432-5846
<http://sjchsrenfrew.wordpress.com>

**CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 19th

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

Sunday, December 20th

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

December 24th

11 a.m. to 12 Noon at Our Lady of Fatima

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:30 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH**

CONFESSIONS

Heard before all Masses

Thursday, December 17th

3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

December 24th

11 a.m. to 12 Noon at Our Lady of Fatima

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00 a.m.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died recently, especially Verlie Wark.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Dorothy Kosowskie, Louise Gavin, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Fr. Doug Morris, Anthony Mask, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Catherine Kuehl, Luke Holmes, Betty Tracey, Gwen Deslaurier, Leona & Ken Barr, Ed Sulpher, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

Father Eugene O'Reilly: left some of his "Don't Get Me Started" story CDs here for sale. They are \$10 each and may be purchased through the Parish Office. There are no music CDs left.

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.

VOLUNTEERS: People are needed to help with delivering bulletins to the Manor and also with laundering of church linens. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in assisting in either of these ministries

Lord is close at hand"

ADVENT III—GAUDETE SUNDAY

"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say Rejoice"

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete "Rejoice" Sunday. Marking the half-way point during the season of Advent, we are reminded that our joy comes from our hope and belief in the Lord. Joy is the hallmark of the Christian life.

CHRISTMAS GIVING & RECEIVING: Each year we receive requests at this 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 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 14th at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.** Christmas Social will follow the meeting. Everyone welcome.



SUNDAY OFFERING:

Dec. 6th - \$5,618.84

THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

***Mon., December 14**

Bereavement Group

Small Hall

7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 14 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 15
9:30 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch
 Intentions of Emily Wall
 - Staff & Students of SJCHS
 WED. Dec. 16
 8:00 a.m. Cathy Enright - Elaine Turner
 THUR. Dec. 17
 8:00 a.m. Eugene Cadotte - Dianna & Greg Mantil
 FRI. Dec. 18
 8:00 a.m. The Stubinski & Elliott Families - Ruth Elliott
 SAT. Dec. 19
 4:30 p.m. Thomas & Terry Mulvihill - The Family
 C.J. & Gladys, Mark, Murray & Randy McNulty
 - Lori & Donna
 SUN. Dec. 20
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:
 will be performing our annual Christmas Concert
 this year on **Thursday, December 17, 2015.**
 Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin
 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the many talents
 of the students of St. Joseph's Catholic High
 School. Admission is free but good will offering
 accepted at the door to support Renfrew Victoria
 Hospital and the Performing Arts Program. For
 more information, the school can be contacted at
 432-5846. We look forward to seeing you there.
 Thank you once again for your continued support.

9th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT- 2016

Theme: "A Man of Prayer: Encountering the
 Mercy of God"
 Dates: Friday, January 15, 2016
 (6:30 p.m. registration, 7:30 p.m. start)
 until 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 18
 Leaders: Fr. David Linder & Mr. Peter Gravelle
 Location: Graphite Bible Camp (between Maynooth
 and Bancroft): Google it for detailed directions.
 Cost: \$135.00
 Deposit: send \$50 cheque payable to the order
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 wright, 92A Annie Mayhew Rd., Combermere, ON
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 Participants bring towels, bedding/sleeping bags,
 pillow)
 Questions and Financial concerns to: David
 at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com or 613-756-
 9815.
 Please register ASAP as 20 registrations are
 required by Christmas to determine availability.
 See posters for more information.

2016 SUNDAY ENVELOPES: are in the main foyer. If
 you do not have envelopes and would like some,
 please write your information on the form on the table
 or call the office. Automatic Debit forms also on the
 table.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 20th, 2015

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - P. Dowdall; J. Dowdall
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - M. & B. Coulas
 B. & S. A. Holley
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - L. Neville; S. Dregas;
 L. Armstrong; K. Coulas
 SERVERS - K. & K. Dowdall
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Cuff; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Varrin
 R. Holmes; L. Sammon
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Varrin; P. Perry
 D. Lennox; D. & B. O'Connor
 SERVERS - A. & D. Lennox; A. Coyne
 CANTOR - L. Mahusky
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY- C. Manwell; E. Shannon

**SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:
 \$19,670.00
 (TOTAL TO DATE FOR OLF & SFX)**

As your pastor I must comment on the very
 generous donations made by you, the
 parishioners. It never ceases to amaze me how
 the people of the parish never fail to respond
 when a need arises. This endeavour is surely
 one of a most important nature and your
 response speaks to how this human tragedy has
 touched our hearts.
 A very special thank you also to **SPORT
 RENFREW**, from whom we received a \$1,000
 donation just this week. Again, it is so uplifting
 to see how an organization such as this has seen
 fit to assist in helping their fellow humans in a
 time of such need.
 You will be kept apprised of developments
 concerning the project as details become
 available.
Father Brennan

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**A PRAYER TO MARY**

*Mary, woman of listening*, open our ears; grant  
 us to know how to listen to the word of your Son  
 Jesus among the thousands of words of this  
 world; grant that we may listen to the reality in  
 which we live, to every person we encounter,  
 especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.  
*Mary, woman of decision*, illuminate our  
 mind and our heart so that we may obey,  
 unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus;  
 give us the courage to decide, not to let our-  
 selves be dragged along, letting others direct  
 our life.  
*Mary, woman of action*, [may] our hands and  
 feet move "with haste" toward others to bring  
 them the charity of love of your Son Jesus, to  
 bring the light of the gospel to the world, as  
 you did. Amen  
 From "Pope Francis Speaks to our Hearts  
 Words of Challenge and Hope"

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