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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
41 Bolger Lane 613-432-3137
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HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School
835 First Street 613-432-5846
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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Bill Morris, Diana Freemark and Sheila St. Jacques, sister of Jack Dillon.

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 and Sandy Massine.

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED: next session is Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. The topic will be *The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us.*

STAMPS: Just a reminder to ask you to please save your used stamps from Christmas cards and other mail for the Holy Cross sisters' missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Your kind donations to the Care Fund through gift cards (i.e. - Walmart, **No Frills**, Dollar Store, 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.

BULLETIN 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

SUNDAY OFFERING: Dec. 8th - \$4,568.10
 \$4,042.00 - Envelopes
 \$205.00 - Weekly EFT \$321.10 - Loose
 SFX Cemetery Fund - \$3,972.00 to date

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

CONFESSIONS

Before all weekend Masses

December 24th
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Saturday, Dec. 21st 4:30 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 22nd 10:30 a.m.
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CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 a.m.
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Saturday, Dec. 28th 4:30 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 29th 10:30 a.m.
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NEW YEAR'S MASSES

NEW YEAR'S EVE 4:30 p.m.	NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:30 a.m.
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**CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH**

CONFESSIONS

Before all weekday and weekend Masses

Monday, December 16th
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**STAY
AWAKE!**

December 24th
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Saturday, Dec. 21st 7:00 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 22nd 9:00 a.m.
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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 16 NO LITURGY (OLF Mass at 8:15 a.m.)
 TUE. Dec. 17
 9:00 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch
 WED. Dec. 18
 8:00 a.m. Arden Hay - Bea & Family
 THUR. Dec. 19
 8:00 a.m. Diana Freemark - Ruth Elliott
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Jackie Windle - Cathy Ford
 FRI. Dec. 20
 8:00 a.m. Vicki, Billie & Debra - Mom, Leona Barr
 SAT. Dec. 21
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN. Dec. 22
 10:30 a.m. Teresa Hayes - John & Elaine Tollman
 Ray Wojcik - Oscar Taurangeau

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.

RENFREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving free **Community Dinners** on Christmas Day from 11 am to 2 pm. Delivery of meals free for take-out, and for those who wish to join us at the hall we can arrange free transportation. For dinner requests or more info please call Brian at 613-432-0887. On December 25, Christmas Day call the hall at 613-432-6121. Donations gratefully accepted.

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED IN OTTAWA! If you would like to donate warm clothing or other useful items **they may be dropped off at SFX rectory up to and including Thursday, December 19th** and will then be delivered to Ottawa **Bags need to be labelled 'Women's' or 'Men's'**.

A TIME TO PREPARE

*Strengthen your hearts,
 for the coming of the Lord is near.*



James 5.7 - 10

LITURGICAL ROLES

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22nd, 2019

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McCanna; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - M. & B. Coulas;
 T. Lemenchick; J. Mahusky
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - G. or S. Harper;
 D. Dillon; D. Mantil; D. Mooney

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - N. Saumure; B. Chapman
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;
 L. Hall; B. Chapman
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R.A. Dicker; D. Yemen;
 R. Russell; K. or T. Mann; T. Keller

SERVERS - S. Lesk
 CANTOR - M. E. Vice
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY: NO LITURGY

13TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT:

January 17-19 at Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150. 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 ppfilion@yahoo.ca.

SHOPPING FOR CHRISTMAS: Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life. But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy.

And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centred on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.



We welcome to the Christian Community the child recently baptized into our faith. As the Parents and Sponsors make a commitment to share with this child our Catholic faith, we as a faith community offer our on-going support to:

~ AUORA LEE KATHERINE STODDARD , daughter of Jeremie & Brettany

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