

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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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  
835 First Street 613-432-5846  
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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died.

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

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Joan Sherlock, Greg Mantil, Sandy Massine, Mary Visutskie, Philip Laprade, Jack Windle, Greg Colterman, Baby Isaac Smith, Larry Hebert, Hedy Kedrosky, Carolyn Dodds, Des and Doreen Herrick, Ed Lee, Elaine Brazeau, Bob Flynn, Arnold Wren, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Catherine Kuehl, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor and Audrey Tibbles.

**2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** are ready and may be picked up from the main foyer. 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.

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*"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord"*

*Isaiah 61.1 - 2a, 10 - 11*

**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 (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.

**SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - \$4,570.00**

\$4,094.00 - Envelopes \$142.00 - Loose

\$334.00 - Weekly EFT

\$650.00 - SFX Care Fund

\$275.00 - Gift Certificates for Care Fund

\$330.00 - SFX Cemetery Fund

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**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE:**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> Bulletin**

Deadline - Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> by 10:30 a.m.

Thank you for your co-operation

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**



**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

<b>Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b> 10:30 a.m.
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<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 10:30 a.m.
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<b>Saturday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b> 10:30 a.m.
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**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

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**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH**



**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

<b>Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.
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**CONFESSIONS:** In addition to the availability before Mass in our parish, additional times for Confessions in local parishes during Advent are as follows:

Sunday, December 17	St. John Chrysostom Church, Arnprior	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18	St. Michael Church, Douglas	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 20	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Renfrew	3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 23	St. Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Renfrew	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 24	St. Francis Xavier Church, Renfrew	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Dec. 18 NO PARISH LITURGY (O.L.F. Mass 8:15 a.m.)  
TUES. Dec. 19  
9:00 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch  
WED. Dec.20  
8:00 a.m. Margaret & Al McHugh &  
Bill & Isabella Coyne - Don & Lore Coyne  
THURS. Dec.21  
8:00 a.m. Beulah Muselak - Yvonne Kohl  
10:30 a.m. BONNECHERE MANOR:  
Souls in Purgatory - P. & J. Spilchen  
FRI. Dec. 22  
8:00 a.m. Stubinski & Elliott Families - Ruth Elliott  
SAT. Dec. 23  
4:30 p.m. Tom & Maureen Prince - The Family  
Mom, Dad, Richard & Larry - The Family  
SUN. Dec. 24  
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24<sup>th</sup> 2017

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - K. Harris; L. Carter  
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T. Brazeau; B. Kuslowski  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - G. Curry; D. Mooney;  
R. & N. Connors  
SERVERS – T.B.A.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - N. Smith; T. Keller  
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T.B.A.  
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – R.A. Dicker; T. Fiebig;  
J. O'Connor; M. Campbell  
SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk  
CANTOR - M. E. Vice  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**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.

**RENFREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be hosting its **ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER** on Christmas Day. A free dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing a dinner either to take out or to be delivered is requested to call Brian Long at 613-432-0887 or at the Knights of Columbus Hall on the day before at 613-432-6121.

**CAN YOU HELP?:** a young woman with a two year old child is looking for a refrigerator for her apartment. If you have one you wish to donate, please contact the parish office.

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**A PRAYER TO MARY**

As we await the birth of Jesus on Christmas day, we do well to reflect and pray to Mary who also spent these final days in anticipation of the birth of her firstborn whom the angel had told her would be the long awaited saviour.

*Mary, a 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 ourselves 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 into the world, as you did. Amen

From: "Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts  
Words of Challenge and Hope"

**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.

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 (Serving Renfrew & Area)  
**MEETINGS:** 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM  
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