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

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th

3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 24th

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.



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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH**

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th

3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 24th

10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



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.

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.

RENFREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving a **FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER** in the Knights of Columbus Hall from 11 am to 2 pm on Christmas Day. Free Transportation is provided on request to and from the Hall and free Delivery and Take out of Dinners is also provided. Prior to Christmas Day, please call Don at 613-433-9298 or Brian at 613-432-0887 for Dinner requests and info. On Christmas Day only, please call the Knights Hall at 613-432-6121.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from noon on December 23rd until January 3rd.



POTLUCK SUPPER: POTLUCK-Saturday January 14th

The Parish Council would like to invite you to a potluck supper after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. It's a great opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate winter! Come one, come all!

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 19 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 20
 9:00 a.m. Parents & Siblings - Gord & Sharon Harper
 WED. Dec. 21
 8:00 a.m. Glenn Carr - The Family
 THUR. Dec. 22
 8:00 a.m. Margaret & Al McHugh & M/M Wm. Coyne
 - Don & Lore Coyne
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Irene Lajoie
 - Art & Marilyn Campbell
 FRI. Dec. 23
 8:00 a.m. Arden Hay - Bea & Family
 SAT. Dec. 24
 5:00 p.m. NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 8:00 p.m. NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 SUN. Dec. 25
 10:30 a.m. NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**Christmas & New Year's
 Liturgical Ministers as assigned**

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!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to all couples of
 the Parish who celebrate a Wedding
 Anniversary during the month of
 December. We remember you and
 your intentions at the 10:30 a.m.
 Mass this weekend. May God Bless
 You All. Among those celebrating
 are:

- Dan & Genevieve Deslaurier (70)**
- Hector & Barbara Chugg (61)**
- Bob & Josie Quinn (56)**
- Brian & Suzanne Moseley (42)**

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

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

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

The CWL Membership drive is over, but its not too late for the ladies of the parish to join or renew. We continue to accept new or renewed membership payments by cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL, or cash that can be dropped into the collection basket at the Saturday and Sunday masses. CWL application forms for new members are in pre-addressed envelopes at the church entrances and the blue CWL membership renewal envelopes as well as the direct deposit options are gratefully accepted. For more information call the membership chair - Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com. Come out and join our meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

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 by moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.

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.

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