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*May the Blessings of this
Holy Season be with you Always.*

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

CONFESSIONS

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 CHRISTMAS DAY

5:00 p.m. 10:30 a.m.
8:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE NEW YEAR'S DAY

4:30 p.m. 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 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.

CARE FUND: Your donations to the Care Fund through gift cards and monetary gifts are used to outreach to requests. Please consider donating to the Parish Care Fund clearly marked on your donation envelope.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:
Dec. 13th - \$3,929.00**

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.

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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 (69)**
- Hector & Barbara Chugg (60)**
- Bob & Josie Quinn (55)**
- Brian & Suzanne Moseley (41)**

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. Google for detailed directions. Cost: \$135.00

Deposit: send \$50 cheque payable to the order "Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish" to David Douthwright, 92A Annie Mayhew Rd., Combermere, ON K0J 1L0. Mark "Men's Retreat" on cheque.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from noon on December 24th until January 4th.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

***Mon., December 21 Bereavement Group Small Hall 7:30 p.m.**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Dec. 21 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 22
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Meryl Martin
 - Ron & Marilyn Leclaire
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Betty Brisco
 - Bernadette & Ken Culhane
 WED Dec. 23
 8:00 a.m. Arden Hay - Bea & Family
 THUR Dec. 24
 5:00 p.m. THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 8:00 p.m. THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 FRI Dec. 25
 10:30 a.m. THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 SAT Dec. 26
 4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving for the 60th Wedding Ann.
 of Barbara & Hector Chugg - The Family
 Florence Mask—Mary Visutskie
 SUN Dec. 27
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Dec. 28 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 29 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 WED Dec. 30 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 THURS Dec. 31 MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
 4:30 p.m. Don Sharpe - Wife, Deborah
 FRI Jan. 1 MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD
 10:30 a.m. Peter & Annie Lorbetskie - Mary Visutskie
 SAT Jan. 2 Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN Jan. 3
 10:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving (50th Wedding Ann.)
 - Don & Nancy Smith

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

**SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:
 \$24,468.95
 (TOTAL TO DATE FOR OLF & SFX)**

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

LITURGICAL ROLES

Feast of the Holy Family - December 27th, 2015
SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A.M. Slight; K. Harris
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - J. Skebo; J. Mahusky
 R. & L. Wojcik
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors;
 L. Gallagher; G. Blanchette
 SERVERS - L. Zohr
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McNulty; T. Keller
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - J. Ballard; L. Leech;
 L. & S. Hall;
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. & R. A. Dicker; N. Smith;
 M. Campbell; T. Fiebig
 SERVERS - L. & H. Curry
 CANTOR - H. Holley
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - A. Cameron; C. Manwell

LITURGICAL ROLES

Epiphany of the Lord - January 3th, 2016
SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McCanna; J. Freemark
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - B. & S. A. Holley;
 Wayne & Maureen Remus
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. Burchat; T. Lemenchick;
 G. & S. Harper
 SERVERS - E. Saumure; L. Brown
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Cuff; T. Keller
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Varrin;
 T. & B. McIntyre
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. Burchat; D. Varrin;
 D. Lennox; R. A. Dicker
 SERVERS - A. & D. Lennox; A. Coyne
 CANTOR - M.E. Vice
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - H. & D. & C. Holley

Jesus is the Invisible God who became visible to us. He is God with us: Emmanuel. "The Word became flesh and lived among us", as saint John says in his gospel (1:14) We are told in St. Luke's gospel that Jesus "was wrapped in swaddling clothes". This wrapping Jesus the gospel speaks of reminds me of our responsibility as Christians: Jesus, the gift God the Father gives us, has to be unwrapped if we want to see the Invisible God who became a little baby in our world. And then we will sing: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors." The Invisible God is lying in your life and mine in the life of your close relatives, in the life of your neighbours, in the life of Refugees, Christians or not. He is a little baby whose silence and love speak louder than all our human words. May you enjoy a wonderful, merry Christmas. Peace be upon each of you, let happiness shine all round you.

Fr. Kerry and Staff.



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