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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>

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died recently.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Sisters of St. Joseph have a Monthly Prayer Ministry. On Friday, December 11th they are remembering our parish. Their focus this month is Peace and Joy in our hearts and the world.



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CHRIST-

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 12th & 19th

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

Sunday, December 13th & 20th

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

December 24th

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

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - 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.

MAS & 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.

Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Advent Gathering: On Tuesday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m., a Solemn Mass for the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the Blessing of the Holy Door will be celebrated in St. Columbkille Cathedral and will be presided by Bishop Mulhall. All are invited.

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

◆ **December 8th:** St. Francis Xavier CWL Pot Luck Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Parish Hall. All SFX CWL members welcome, including newly registered members, as well as all women of the Parish who helped with the recent Tea & Talent Sale. Make & bring your favourite recipe and be a hit! Our guest speaker will be Fr. Denis Lemieux who will address the Year of Mercy topic. The event will conclude with a brief Service Pin Award Ceremony.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Reminder that next weekend is the Parish **Food Bank Sunday** for December. The baskets at the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The Food Bank cannot use items past their expiry date

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CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

CONFESSIONS

Heard before all Masses

Thursday, December 17th

3:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

December 24th

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

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

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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

10:30 a.m.



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 CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 7 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 8
 9:00 a.m. Sanctity of Life - S.F.X. C.W.L.
 WED. Dec. 9
 8:00 a.m. Willis Wren - Art & Marilyn Campbell
 THUR. Dec. 10
 8:00 a.m. Raymond Turner - Elaine Turner
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Intentions of Iris Mayorga
 - Philip & Nelli Holmes
 FRI. Dec. 11
 8:00 a.m. Angela Vice - Francine Cameron
 SAT. Dec. 12
 4:30 p.m. Christine Narezny - The Family
 Martin & Wilfred - Ken & Leona Barr
 SUN. Dec. 13
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan



**THE SOLEMNITY OF
 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
 DECEMBER 8th:**

celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin. Because of His fore-knowledge that Mary would consent to bear Christ, God kept Mary free from original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

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 7:00 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 a 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: are selling religious "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards. Please contact Don Coyne at 613-433-9298 or Don Letts at 613-433-9172 to order cards.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Connor Dowdall, winner of the Altar Server draw for November.

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Gaudete Sunday - December 13th, 2015

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - L. Carter; J. Lemay
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - J. Skebo; A. Wren
 R. Zohr; L. Manwell
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - G. Harper; T. Lemenchick;
 D. Mantil; D. Dillon
 SERVERS - L. Zohr

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McNulty; T. Keller
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;
 A. Agnew; B. Taylor
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. O'Neil; K. & T. Mann;
 N. Adam; D. Letts
 SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk; S. Holmes
 CANTOR - T.B.A.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- L. Richards; D. Fleury

PLEASE PICK UP: Pans, etc from the Tea & Talent sale donations may be found in the main foyer of the church.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Nov. 29th - \$3,473.00

**SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:
 \$15,677.20
 (TOTAL TO DATE FOR OLF & SFX)**

From the Family Life and Youth Ministry Office

Adults and Teens: To have the "Best Advent Ever", go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/best-adventever> and sign up for the "Best Advent Ever" by scrolling down to the "sign-up" section. Don't forget to watch the promo-video by Matthew Kelly. You will receive daily short videos and/or messages of inspiration to help you to have the best Advent ever.

Children age 5-12: Go to www.holyheros.com and sign up for the "Best Advent Ever" on the home page. Children will also receive a video or message each day of Advent to help prepare them for Christmas. Check out the site for weekly Mass preparation, colouring pages and trivia questions for kids.

Diocesan Young Adult Ministry will be held on December 16 in Pembroke. This is a monthly ministry that changes location and topic each month. Please contact Yvette at yvette-bourque@pembrokediocese.com to be placed on the contact list for details each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

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

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