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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

Cancelled until further notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room
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
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

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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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Helen Emery, sister of Josie Plazek.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Stephanie Nickel, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Dick Cobus, Sylvie Lafontaine, Barb Patrick, Stella Shalla and Georges Blanchette.



**DUE TO COVID-19
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

Sunday Offering November 22nd : \$5,341.00
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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, Dollar Store, Metro, Giant Tiger, No Frills 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.



**A TIME
TO PREPARE**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

- MON. Dec. 7
8:00 a.m. Rita, Jerry & Ellard Enright
- Elaine Turner
- TUES. Dec. 8
8:00 a.m. Sanctity of Life - S.F.X. C.W.L.
- WED. Dec. 9
8:00 a.m. Helen Emery - Sister, Josephine Plazek
- THURS. Dec. 10
8:00 a.m. Eunice Meilleur - Ed & Mary McCann
- FRI. Dec. 11
8:00 a.m. Reginald McEachen
- Ruth McEachen & Family
- SAT. Dec. 12
4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
- Father Brennan
- SUN. Dec. 13
10:30 a.m. Alice Lee - The Family
Doug Rouble - Brenda & Family

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

- MON. Dec. 14
8:00 a.m. Dec'd Parents - Judith Anderson
- TUES. Dec. 15
8:00 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch
- WED. Dec. 16
8:00 a.m. Brian Long - Leitch-Blais Family
- THURS. Dec. 17
8:00 a.m. Dolly McDonald - Joan Jones
- FRI. Dec. 18
8:00 a.m. Helen Emery - Doris Long
- SAT. Dec. 19
4:30 p.m. Wilfred & Irene Fremont
- Daughter, Leona Barr
RaymonedTurner (15th Anniversary)
- Elaine Turner
- SUN. Dec. 20
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
- Fr. Brennan

CONFESSIONS: are heard at St. Francis Xavier before weekend Masses

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:

- Monday, December 14th**
Our Lady of Fatima 10:00 am - Noon
St. Francis Xavier 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Thursday, December 24th**
Our Lady of Fatima 11:00 am - Noon
St. Francis Xavier 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DECEMBER 8TH**



The Solemnity celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of **original sin**. Because of His foreknowledge 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.

DECEMBER 6, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear clergy and faithful,

The time of Advent (from the Latin “*adventus*” meaning “*coming, dawn*”) has just begun. For the next four weeks, we have a golden opportunity to prepare ourselves inwardly for the Saviour’s first coming at Christmas. To do this, through the Bible readings of each Sunday in Advent, the Church will propose to us to do penance, to be converted by flattening the mountains of our pride, to undertake a deep inner cleansing in order to invite the Divine Child into our hearts and to rest in the depths of our souls. By doing penance, praying more and doing acts of charity, our poor hearts will then become true manglers where the Newborn can rest peacefully. By preparing ourselves in this way, we will send a clear signal to God that we long to unite ourselves with the Spirit of the One who has humbled himself, to the point of taking our poor human condition and to accept eventually to die on the Cross, in order to save us from our sins and evil inclinations.

The purple liturgical vestments that members of the clergy wear when they celebrate the liturgy during Advent, as well as the colour of the tablecloths and other accessories, symbolize precisely this essential dimension of joyful penance that we must adopt if we are to enter into the mystery of love and communion that God proposes to us.

Without this spirit of penance and loving conversion to God, without this spirit of sincere contrition for our sins (accompanied by the desire to please Him in everything), we risk missing the great mystery of Christmas! Christmas will then be reduced to a secular holiday where there are certainly moments of excitement and emotion linked to the shopping frenzy and the preparation of family gatherings during the holiday season. But Christ will certainly not come into our hearts under these conditions alone. For this to happen, we need to pray more; we need to desire him more, because desire always precedes love, all love. This is the signal that God expects from us before coming down from heaven to dwell and reign in our hearts. By doing so, he will be able to free us from the fears, anxieties, guilt and insecurities that so often invade us. Let us pray together, dear faithful, so that all may take advantage of this time of Advent to prepare inwardly for the coming of Emmanuel in the cradle of our hearts.

+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Pembroke

CHRISTMAS 2020/NEW YEARS 2021 SCHEDULE: Please note that RESERVATIONS for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are required at all parishes listed and will be accepted on a first come/first received basis. Registration forms may be found at the entrances of the church or may be picked up at the office during regular hours. The reservation information you provide will be used for required contact tracing. Seating will be arranged to comply with local Health Unit regulations pertaining to 30 percent capacity of the building, and physical distancing. Upon arrival an usher will direct you to your assigned seat.

	<u>Calabogie</u>	<u>Mt St. Patrick</u>	<u>O.L. Fatima</u>	<u>SFX</u>
Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24)	7:00pm	5:00pm	5:00 & 7:15pm	5:00 & 8:00pm
Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25)	10:00am		9:00am	10:30am
Saturday, Dec. 26	—	—	7:00pm	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 27 (Holy Family Sunday)	8:30am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
New Year’s Eve (Thursday, Dec. 31)	—	—	5:15pm	4:30pm
New Year’s Day (Mary the Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation)	8:30am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am

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