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Mon to Thurs
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Friday – Closed

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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

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St. Joseph's Catholic High School
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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 Maurice McQuade, Fr. Steven Ballard, Aileen Villemure, Georges Blanchette, Gloria Bruce, and Sandy Massine.

CWL DECEMBER POLTULCK: Members are invited to join with our sisters from OLF in our parish hall this **Tues., Dec. 10th** for an evening of fun and good food. Social 5:30 pm. Meal at 6:00 pm. (Snow date Dec. 17th.)

\$50 CEMETERY FUND DONATION: a donation (\$50 bill) was received last weekend, Nov. 30/Dec. 1. Unfortunately, no record was made of the donor's name. If you made this donation, please contact the parish office so that a receipt may be issued.

GRIEF SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAYS: **Wednesday, December 11th** at Hospice Renfrew from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. No cost. Please RSVP to 613-433-3993 ext. 2236 or dcoelho@hospicerenfrew.ca.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE: The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the CCCB in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (**December 12**), be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous People. All are invited to pray for our Indigenous brothers and sisters this day.

BULLETIN DEADLINES: for the Christmas season are as follows:

December 22 deadline - Dec. 16 @ 12:30pm

December 29 deadline - Dec. 19 @ 3:00pm

January 5 deadline - Dec. 30 @ 12:30 pm

RENFREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving free **Community Dinners** on Christmas Day from 11 am to 2 pm. Delivery of meals free for take-out, and for those who wish to join us at the hall we can arrange free transportation. For dinner requests or more info please call Brian at 613-432-0887. On December 25, Christmas Day call the hall at 613-432-6121. Donations gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Dec. 1st - \$7,029.19

\$4,248.00 - Envelopes

\$2,323.34 - Monthly EFT \$205.00 - Weekly

EFT \$252.85- Loose

SFX Cemetery Fund - \$3,947.00 to date

ADVENT SCHOOL MASS: Students and Staffs of S.T.A. and S.J.C.H.S. will join us this **Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m.** to celebrate their Advent school Mass. Everyone welcome to come and share this liturgy with our school communities.

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 not preferred) 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.

THE RENFREW CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHORUS Annual Christmas Concert **Sun., Dec. 8th, at 3:00pm** at **Trinity-St. Andrews United Church**. Tickets \$10.00 sold at the door.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1916 General Meeting on **Monday, December 9th at 7 p.m.** in the **Knights of Columbus Hall** followed by Christmas Social.

WARM CLOTHING NEEDED IN OTTAWA! If you would like to donate warm clothing or other useful items **they may be dropped off at SFX rectory up to and including Thur., December 19th** and will then be delivered to Ottawa **Bags need to be labelled 'Women's' or 'Men's'.**

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED: next session is Mon., Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. The topic will be *The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection.*



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. This year the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9th. Mass will offered at O.L.F. Monday at 8:15 a.m.

DECEMBER 8, 2019

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 9 NO LITURGY (OLF Mass at 8:15 a.m.)
 TUE. Dec. 10
9:30 a.m. Jackie Caillier
 - Students & Staff of SJCHS
 Special Intention for Students & Staff
 of St. Thomas Family
 - St. Thomas Staff
 WED. Dec. 11
 8:00 a.m. Greg Mantil - Dianna & Family
 THUR. Dec. 12
 8:00 a.m. Ken Barr - Wife, Leona
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Intentions of Arlette Hermans
 - Art & Marilyn Campbell
 FRI. Dec. 13
 8:00 a.m. Felix Weiss
 - Aly, Natalie, & Denyse Amyot
 SAT. Dec. 14
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN. Dec. 15
 10:30 a.m. Glenn Carr - The Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15th, 2019
SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Perry; J. Freemark
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S. & R. Mears;
 L. Manwell, R. Zohr
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors;
 K. Coulas; T. Lemenchick; D. Mooney
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - E. Sheahan; T. Keller
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. Dawkins; A. Agnew
 B. Taylor; N. Bailey
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. & B. O'Connor;
 J. O'Gorman; M. L. Rowat; D. Lennox
 SERVERS - S. & M. & H. Holmes
 CANTOR - H. Holley
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY: N. Holmes; A. Tracey
**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.

CHRISTMAS 2019/NEW YEARS 2020 SCHEDULE: We are providing the schedule for the Special Masses well in advance for your planning and prayer:

	<u>Calabogie</u>	<u>Mt St. Patrick</u>	<u>O.L. Fatima</u>	<u>SFX</u>
Saturday, Dec. 21 (4 th Sunday of Advent)	—	—	7:00pm	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 22 (4 th Sunday of Advent)	8:30 am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24)	6:00pm	5:00pm	5:00 & 7:15pm	5:00 & 8:00pm
Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25)	10:00am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
Saturday, Dec. 28	—	—	7:00pm	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec. 29 (Holy Family Sunday)	8:30am	10:45am	9:00am	10:30am
New Year's Eve (Tuesday, 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

CONFESSIONS: at St. Francis Xavier will be heard before all weekend Masses and Tuesday, December 24th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm and at Our Lady of Fatima before all weekday and weekend Masses, on Monday, December 16th from 3:00 pm to 6:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 24th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

◆ **Thurs., December 12** **Finance & Property** **(Mtg. Rm #2)** **7:00 p.m.**

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