

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## CEMETERY BOARD CHAIR

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Friday – Closed

## CEMETERY CONTACT

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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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## HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School  
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. July 5  
8:00 am In Thanksgiving - A Parishioner  
TUES. July 6  
8:00 am Glenn McGahan - Wife, Barbara  
WED. July 7  
8:00 am Greg Mantil - Dianna & Family  
THURS. July 8  
8:00 am Brian Long (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) - Wife, Doris  
FRI. July 9  
8:00 am Intentions of Family & Friends  
- A Parishioner  
SAT. July 10  
4:30 pm John Burnett (5<sup>th</sup> Anniverary)  
- Rita Burnett & Family  
SUN. July 11  
10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. July 12  
8:00 am Mary McCann  
- Randy & Ellen Penney & Family  
TUES. July 13  
8:00 am Ray Wojcik - Tom & Cathy Prince  
WED. July 14  
8:00 am Eileen Vice - Jason & Tina Dedo & Family  
THURS. July 15  
8:00 am Rose & Lorne Hebert  
- Marlene & Andrew Shulist  
FRI. July 16  
8:00 am Gertrude Lepine - Jan & Roy Leitch  
SAT. July 17  
4:30 pm Rita & Lawrence Mahusky Sr.  
- Son, Lawrence Mahusky Jr.  
SUN. July 18  
10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

I will gladly boast of my weakness,  
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.  
2 Corinthians 12.7 - 10

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Peter Litkey.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN**

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Marcella Cybulski, Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Betty Sammon, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette.

**Sunday Offering June 20<sup>th</sup>: \$3,402.00**  
**Envelopes: \$3,102.00;**  
**Weekly EFT: \$240.00; Loose: \$60.00**

**Sunday Offering June 27<sup>th</sup>: \$2,797.00**  
**Envelopes: \$2,512.00;**  
**Weekly EFT: \$240.00; Loose: \$45.00**  
**Pope's Pastoral Works: \$1,105.00 to date**  
**Education of Priest: \$1,040.00 to date**  
**Parish Supper Donations: \$7,590.00 to date**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**SUNDAY BULLETIN:** the next bulletin will be printed on Sunday, July 18. Important updates may be viewed on the parish Facebook page.

**LECTORS:** Beginning the weekend of July 10 & July 11 a lector will be required for each of the weekend Masses. Please advise (ASAP) of your availability for the summer months. A schedule for the balance of July and August will be drawn. No commentator required yet.

**STEP 2: As announced in the media, Ontario has moved to Step 2 of reopening.**

For **churches**, this means that we can open to 25% building capacity instead of the present 15%. This applies to all rites or ceremonies including wedding services and funeral Masses. Protocol rules such as masks, social distancing and sign-in (not pre-registration) are still required.

**TRINITY ST. ANDREW'S FISH FRY FUNDRAISER:** will be held on Friday, July 9 from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please pre-order your meal by calling 613-796-2912 or 613-808-1053, Meal is \$15 for 2 pieces of fish or \$10 for 1 piece of fish and includes fries, coleslaw and cookies for dessert. Payment accepted by e-transfer to office@tsarenfrew.ca (password is 'fish'), or exact cash at time of pick-up.



**WORD AMONG US:** July/August editions may be found in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment may be placed in the secure mailbox. We will do our best to replenish the supply available in the mailbox.

JULY 4, 2021

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Catherine Doherty's insight on evangelization: first of three parts

### Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week (June 15), I informed you of my intention to share with you a wonderful reflection given by Catherine Doherty on evangelization. I am sure you will appreciate the great value of what she has to say, and that you will be able to draw wonderful spiritual fruit from it. Many of you already know Catherine as the founder of the Madonna House community located in our diocese, in Combermere. Today, I present the first of three parts of Chapter 7 of her book, *The Mystical Body of Christ*.

Sincerely yours in Christ our Redeemer,  
+Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.  
Bishop of Pembroke

**EVANGELIZATION - GOOD NEWS AS GIFT** Chapter 7, *The Mystical Body of Christ* by Catherine Doherty, © Madonna House Publications 2013

*Sadness and despair are rampant in our world, and we possess the Good News that can alleviate this anguish—we have a gift to give. Each of us who is baptized is called to evangelize, and there are innumerable ways we can do this—some new, some perennial. (There are also ways of ‘evangelizing’ that do not bear good fruit, pitfalls to avoid.) It is imperative that we ourselves live what we speak, that we seek to be on fire with love of God and become like Christ, imitating his humility, gentleness, empathy and self-sacrificing love. Friendship is a powerful prelude to evangelizing.*

**Evangelization is...the deepest identity of the Church; she exists in order to evangelize.**

Pope Paul VI, December 8, 1975

### Becoming like the One who puts fire in our hearts

We are in a new era of witnessing to Christ, of evangelization. To me it is simply God entering ever deeper into our Godless society. It is our being on fire with the love of God that sets sparks in the hearts of others. Even a few drops of love, of charity, are significant in a sea of complacency, indifference, or poverty. We are called to be a bridge on which others may travel to God.

To evangelize means that we love the God who sent us to evangelize. We need to speak as, act as, and imitate Jesus Christ. To evangelize, we need to be in love with God. However, not everybody can be immediately in love with God. One of the young men here said, “It seems to me that falling in love with God doesn’t happen all of a sudden.” True, I think for the majority of us God draws us gradually. But he does draw us, like a magnet.

And the Man/God who surrendered everything for me wants me to surrender everything to him. He wants a total commitment.

God asks tough things of us. Do you want to fall in love with a Person who asks tough things of you? Yet all the time something intangible draws you; you can’t help it. The liturgy, the reception of the most holy Body and Blood of Christ are the focal point that draws you. Slowly, inexorably, you move toward this magnet.

Then, somewhere along the line you answer “Yes!” When this happens, then the world changes and everybody changes because everybody becomes Christ: “Whatsoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me” (cf, Mt 25:40). Love of God and neighbour begins to grow in your heart, and becomes joy.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were so taken up with the explanations of this Stranger who walked with them, who was Jesus Christ, that they found their hearts were on fire, and they asked him to sup with them because they wanted more (Acts 24: 13-35). Our hearts too, need to be on fire.

We also should be like the One who puts the fire into our hearts! That’s evangelization. It demands that I decrease, and the Christ in me increases, because really he alone evangelizes. When his voice mingles with my voice, then people will listen.

To be continued...

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