

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
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

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  
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died.

**BULLETINS:** copies of the weekly bulletin may be found at the side entrance to the church.

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

We pray for those who seek God’s healing, especially Sandy Massine, Sylvie Lafontaine, Barb Patrick, John Ryan, Stella Shalla, and Georges Blanchette.

**COVID-19 VIRUS**

The church will be open from 9 am to 4pm Monday to Saturday and 9 am to noon on Sunday.

All public Masses are suspended until further notice.

I will celebrate private Mass each day for the intentions indicated in the bulletin.

I encourage you to pray for the healing of those infected with COVID-19, for the prevention of the disease’s spread, for the elderly and infirm who are at greatest risk and for healthcare workers ministering to the sick.

I encourage you to follow the guidance and direction of public officials and health care professionals during this pandemic.

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**CANCELLATIONS:**

**1st Communion Parent/ Child Meeting - Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** - tentatively rescheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

**P.P. C. Meeting - Wednesday, March 25 -Cancelled**

**Confirmation Meeting, Sunday March 29** - Please get your registrations forms in by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can drop them off at the parish office during business hours or leave them in the mailbox. **We will have to reschedule our initial Introduction Meeting which was to be held March 29<sup>th</sup>.** We will let you know when this will take place as soon as we can.

**CONFESSIONS:** will be heard on **Tuesday, March 24 from 9 - 10 a.m. and 1 - 2 p.m.** Please use the confessional nearest the vigil lights. As an extra precaution there will be an additional barrier placed between the priest and the penitent. The left side of the confessional has a chair in it for those how cannot kneel.

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** As mentioned in last week’s bulletin insert, financial support remains crucial for the day to day operations of the parish. Envelopes may be dropped off at the parish during the hours of 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 pm (please do not leave in the mailbox). You may also mail them in or you may wait and “play catch up” upon return to normal Mass schedules.

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*In a letter to the editor in today’s Citizen Trevor Shaw from Ottawa had some thoughts about the COVID-19 virus and how we might see a ‘silver lining’ in this sad and serious situation.*

*During the pandemic he suggests an upside like:*

- Having more time to rest, decompress and stop all the crazy running around;
- Savouring things such as time at home with family and getting to know your children even more and your children learning more about you;
- Catching up on the “to do” list at home;
- Counting our blessings and realizing we do not need half the things we think we do;
- Truly appreciating health-care workers, public servants, and social support programs;
- Taking nothing for granted and valuing our health more than anything else;
- Seeing we can come together when facing a common problem.

MARCH 22, 2020

My dear Priests, Deacons, Religious and Faithful,

The civil authorities in Ontario have announced that the Province is under a state of emergency effective immediately. Accordingly, all Sunday Masses, weekday Masses and public church events will be cancelled until further notice. Pastors and Administrators are to celebrate Sunday Mass privately in keeping with *CIC* canon 534 (*Missa pro populo*).

Public funerals are cancelled. A private funeral service can be arranged with the immediate family and funeral director.

Baptisms may take place in the presence of a priest or deacon, the parents and godparents.

Weddings, if they take place, are to be in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses.

The Chancery Office will be closed to all but emergency services. Parish Offices could follow the same procedure.

It is with great regret that I announce these measures, but they are necessary to minimize loss of life, especially among those most vulnerable to the virus. I would ask that you consult the Archdiocesan/Diocesan website for further developments and clarifications.

Please continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19, and for those who find isolation a source of great hardship.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Michael Mulhall

Archbishop of Kingston

Apostolic Administrator of Pembroke

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FACEBOOK PAGE:**

Please go to <https://m.facebook.com/sfxrenfrew> and like our new parish facebook page. The site will better enable us to keep you informed of events as they unfold.

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Mar. 23 Martin, Dad & Sandy - Leona Barr  
TUES. Mar. 24 Dec'd Members of the Spilchen Family  
- P. & J. Spilchen  
WED. Mar.25 Special Intention - A Parishioner  
THURS. Mar. 26 Arden Hay - Bea & Family  
FRI. Mar. 27 Raymond Roach - Dorothy & Family  
SAT. Mar. 28 Clarence McIntyre  
- Jason & Tina Dedo & Family  
Dec'd Members of the Shalla & Kluka  
Families - Stella Shalla  
SUN. Mar. 29 Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**SUNDAY OFFERING - Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$2,874.75**  
\$2,477.00 - Envelopes \$215.00 - Weekly EFT  
\$182.75 - Loose

**A CARETAKER** is required at **St. Francis Xavier Cemetery** in Renfrew. Applicants must be physically fit, and able to operate a riding mower, small tractor and small excavator. Guaranteed 30 hours per week, possibly 40 hours, between mid-April through to end of October/November each season. \$16.00/hour. Interested applicants may send resume to Box 396, Renfrew, ON, K7V 4A6 or e-mail [bobgervais@bellnet.ca](mailto:bobgervais@bellnet.ca) or drop it off at 331 Plaunt St. S., Renfrew, ON, by March 31, 2020.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** may be picked up at during regular office hours or you may call and your receipt will be placed in the mailbox outside the office door.

**"The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want."**

Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, (R.1)

**TELEVISED MASS**

A spiritual communion may be made through the **Daily Mass at EWTN**. This airs every day in Canada at 8 am Eastern Time (with repeats at noon and 7 pm), and is available via cable tv, or live streamed free at [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com) or EWTN mobile apps. Daily Mass readings can also be accessed at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings> and the Spiritual Communion Prayer at: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/act-of-spiritual-communion-11891>.

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