

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

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Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM  
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First Friday before 8 AM mass  
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## COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

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Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

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Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Sandy Massine.

***ETERNAL REST GRANT  
UNTO THEM O LORD***

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

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

### **Archbishop Mulhall's Pastoral Letter Fourth Sunday of Lent                      March 22, 2020**

My dear faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston and the Diocese of Pembroke,

I am writing to you on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Across each of our dioceses, the provinces, the country and the continent, Sunday Mass has been celebrated in private by our pastors. This Sunday has been a unique experience as we feel the absence of a Sunday Mass together. Many other ordinary activities in our communities have been cancelled while citizens are being asked to remain at home as much as possible. There is a growing realization that this state of affairs could continue for some time.

With this letter, I wish to ask for your fervent prayers for those in every branch and aspect of health care. The vocation of health care has always been dear to the Church's ministry and these individuals will be asked to generously give of themselves for the care of those expected to be infected with the virus. Let us also pray for those in public office and for, those in positions of authority in religious houses, homes, institutions, parishes and dioceses as they struggle with many challenges including the health and financial care of all. These are unprecedented times in our lives, and we pray that the Lord's wisdom be abundantly granted.

The speed with which these events have developed has been breathtaking. Perhaps the most disturbing and disquieting aspect of this past week has been the sense of uncertainty and insecurity which has been created. Faced with the prospect of living in such uncertainty for some time, we each experience the anxiety of the unknown. Knowing that no simple answers are available, it is vital that we ask the Lord to grant the grace to heal this anxiety with a true sense of consolation. Let us first be thankful to the Lord for His continued blessings and never cease to give Him proper praise. And let us pray for the grace to place our absolute confidence in the providence and care of the Lord. We know in faith that He wishes us to receive His abundant gifts. We also know that it is difficult to accept such gifts unless we humble ourselves in His presence. I warmly invite you to pray with me the psalm given to us this week in the Sunday liturgy, the well-known and well-loved Psalm 23.

What a paradoxical gift it is that we are confronted with this reality in the very heart of Lent! This season of grace provides a blessed opportunity both to experience our utter dependence upon the Lord, in addition to forming a true religious sentiment of petition. Let this sentiment of petition be strong and pure. Let it be the petition of the people of Nineveh so beautifully upheld by the Lord in the Gospels. With such a grace there can be no room for division. Let our communion be strong, our charity constant, and our humility a fragrant offering to the Lord.

The cancellation of our public Easter celebrations is hard to imagine; yet, it is a provision which is very likely to take place. Our Holy Father has provided guidelines and assistance for the living of our faith in these days. The Bishops of Ontario will continue to assist one another, and the Archdiocese/Diocese will provide guidelines in the coming days and weeks for the faith life, as well as the financial concerns for our parishes.

My dear faithful, please know of my blessings and prayers in these difficult days.

+Michael Mulhall  
Archbishop of Kingston  
Apostolic Administrator of Pembroke

**CHURCH:** As per a directive from Archbishop Mulhall effective immediately all churches in Pembroke Diocese will be closed - even for private prayer - until further notice.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The office is closed to the public until further notice. You may however contact the parish office if you have any questions or special needs. You may reach us by phone at 613-432-5825 and by email at [sfx.parish@on.aibn.com](mailto:sfx.parish@on.aibn.com).

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:** I understand that we are living in a time of crisis and we are all touched in one way or another by COVID-19. In prayer, we invite you to evaluate how you can continue to financially support our parish to ensure that it can carry on—maybe some of you will be able to do a little bit more while others need to scale back. You can do your part in one of many ways:

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You may wait and “play catch up” upon return to normal Mass schedules.

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### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



*Pope Francis has asked that we pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary for protection during the COVID-19 pandemic. I encourage you to pray the Rosary daily and also offer this prayer:*

O Mary, you strive continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of all People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 30	John Burnett - Betty Carol
TUES. Mar. 31	Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch
WED. Apr. 1	Special Intention - A Parishioner
THURS. Apr. 2	Molly Vincent - Rita Holden
FRI. Apr. 3	Todd (T.J. Vibert - Sheila Letts & Family
SAT. Apr. 4	Intentions of the Parishioner - Fr. Brennan
SUN. Apr. 5	Jennifer Hardie - Irene & Paul Kumli

#### **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FACEBOOK PAGE:**

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