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Mon to Thurs
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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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

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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

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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 Sylvie Lafontaine, Barb Patrick, John Ryan, Stella Shalla, Georges Blanchette and Sandy Massine.

DURING LENT our Liturgies are more subdued with less singing and more emphasis on quiet reflection. Lent is a good time to come a little early to Mass and reflect on the readings for the Eucharist on that particular day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW COUNCIL 1916: General meeting on **Monday, March 9th**. Members are asked to meet at **S.F.X. Church for Mass at 7 p.m. folowed by the general meeting at 7:30 p.m.** in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Noah Lesk, winner of the Altar Server draw for February.

ADULT FAITH LENTEN RETREAT:

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation Office and Leadership Development is sponsoring an **ADULT FAITH LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 100 Lisgar Avenue, Renfrew, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration and coffee at 9:30 a.m.** Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. The theme of the retreat is the *"Easter Triduum."* Our guest speakers will be Father Ryan Holly and Sister Sheila Whelan, G.S.I.C. Please join us for this very special day. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 2, 2020. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadriendchaput@pembrokediocese.com.

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH: will take place on Tuesday, March 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima parish hall. All are welcome!

FEAR

For almost every one of us it is a part of life, maybe a gnawing uneasiness, maybe a denied memory, maybe even a panic that paralyzes. Fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of risk, fear of looking foolish, and the list could go on. There are probably as many fears as there are possible human actions. What each of them has in common is a basic lack of trust in God's faithful love and endless generosity.

The readings for today, this Second Sunday of Lent, each contain an instance of fear. Certainly seventy-five-year-old Abram was fearful as he obeyed God's instructions to pick up and leave his home, family and country for a strange land. And there is Paul, encouraging a disciples not to be afraid of revealing publicly that he is a Christian, despite the consequences that may accrue. Finally, we read of Jesus, calming three very frightened apostles who have thrown themselves to the ground in the face of the vision, the searing brightness, and the very voice of God the Father at the Transfiguration. In each case, typical, maybe inevitable, human fears; in each case a God Who understands, accompanies, reassures and freely provides everything needed to overcome those fears and act.

Lent offers us a time to reflect on our own individual fears, to go deep within ourselves where we hide them, to accept them as human, to face them as hindrances to being and becoming the persons we are called to be. Although it's a trip to freedom, that interior journey can well be frightening in itself. But when we hesitate, when we stumble, even we fall during it, we can know for certain that Jesus will be right there beside us, gently reaching out His hand and saying once again, "Rise and have no fear."



We welcome to the Christian Community the child recently baptized into our faith. As the Parents and Sponsors make a commitment to share with this child our Catholic faith, we as a faith community offer our on-going support to:

~ DELLA ROSE CHRETIEN, daughter of Joshua & Heather ~

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 9
 6:30 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 7:00 p.m. Olive Lapensee
 - Robert & Doreen Dagensais

TUES. Mar. 10
 9:00 a.m. Cecile Florence Daly
 - Bill & Susan Ringrose

WED. Mar. 11
 8:00 a.m. Angela Legary
 - Mary & Angelo Graham

THURS. Mar. 12
 8:00 a.m. Lawrence Tracey - Leo Keon Family
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Terry Enright
 - Caroline Enright

FRI. Mar. 13
 8:00 a.m. Doug Rouble - Brenda & Family

SAT. Mar. 14
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. Mar. 15
 10:30 a.m. Fr. Charles Giroux, Fr. Doug Morris
 & Msgr. Ambrose Pick - The Family
 Urban Agnew - Anita & Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Third Sunday of Lent
 March 15th, 2020

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Freemark; M. Maloney
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Varrin;
 M. & B. Coulas

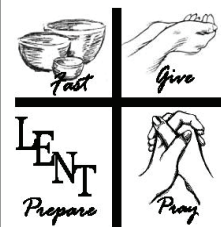
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mantil; S. Dregas;
 K. Coulas; D. Dillon

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; J. Valliquette
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;
 L. Hall; D. Dawkins

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST— S. O'Neil; N. Adam
 T. Fiebig; J. O'Gorman

SERVERS - T.B.A.
 CANTOR: L. Mahusky
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NO LITURGY

CONFIRMATION 2020: In the spring and fall of 2020 the Confirmation program, Decision Point, will be facilitated by Saint Francis Xavier Parish. Any questions please feel free to contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207 or Father Brennan @ 613-432-5825.



If your dream only includes you,
 it's too small.

Ava DuVernay

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW:

will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday during Lent from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. The first meal will take place on Friday, February 28 and the final meal will be Friday, April 3. Meals are \$12/person. Tickets available at the door and take out also available. Proceeds to charity. All are welcome.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. COUNCIL:

has decided to enhance our Seniors' Outreach Project to include visits to seniors in Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes and Shut-ins regardless of gender or religious affiliation. If you are/have a senior family member or neighbour who would like regular visits from our CWL Members please contact the Parish Office at 613 432 5825 or Elaine Turner at 613 432 5535. Members are also encouraged to volunteer to answer Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support Inc.'s request for providing company, friendship and security for those in need by phoning 613 432 7691. You will be required to attend an interview and provide a Police Check. Please bring a copy of the Police Check to the Parish Office.

Warm Clothing Needed in Ottawa! If you would like to donate warm clothing or other useful items that may be of value to the homeless or the Poorest of the Poor (men and women), we will ensure that all are delivered! Delivery is to Julian of Norwich Anglican Church, Ottawa. They in turn disperse the donations to the Poorest of the Poor, Nelson House Women's Shelter, and the Ottawa Mission for Homeless Men. Bags need to be labelled 'Women's' or 'Men's'. **We gather in during the Lenten Season.** To donate or volunteer, please contact Bruce at 613 584-3951 or Ron at 819 689-5440.

CHRISM MASS: at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, on **Monday** of Holy Week, **April 6th**, at 10:30 a.m. During the ceremony, the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed, and the Holy Chrism will be consecrated.

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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP: Open to Men 18 Yrs. or older who are practicing Catholics in good Standing with the Catholic Church

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