

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

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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  
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## HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School  
835 First Street 613-432-5846  
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Irene Dregas, Bernie Vincent and Angela Pigeon.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

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

**PARISH OFFICE:** The office remains closed to the public. You may reach us by phone at 613-432-5825 or by email at [sfx.parish@on.aibn.com](mailto:sfx.parish@on.aibn.com) or contact Father Brennan directly at [sfxpastor@bellnet.ca](mailto:sfxpastor@bellnet.ca).



I do not wish to sound repetitive but I continue to be impressed and humbled by the faithfulness of St. Francis Xavier parishioners. So once again, I sincerely thank you all.

**Sunday Offering May 3 & 10: \$6,515.34**  
**Easter: \$5,362.00 (to date)**  
**Lenten Mission & Development:**  
**\$4,922.00 to Date (to date)**  
**Care Fund: \$275.00**  
**Special Donations: \$500.00**  
**Parish Supper: \$350.00 (to date)**

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BURSARY

The annual recipient of the SFX Parish Bursary of \$500 will be chosen by the Parish Pastoral Council

- applications may be found at your high school online site.
- applications will be reviewed by the Pastoral Council;
- students from *either* Renfrew High School who are seeking higher education may apply.

The criteria for recognition of an appropriate recipient will be based on:

- the involvement of the applicant in our parish community;
- their witness to our Faith in their school and/or the Renfrew community;
- the applicant's intentions as to their future education.

Please return completed applications to your online high school site. Deadline is May 29, 2020.

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. May 18	Angela Legary - Mary & Angelo Graham
TUES. May 19	Holy Souls - P. & J. Spilchen
WED. May 20	John Burnett - Terry & Sandra Mosco
THURS. May 21	Laurette Cloutier - Daughter, Diane Dillon
FRI. May 22	Georgina Mahusky - Theresa & Angela Boudreau
SAT. May 23	Fr. Doug Morris; Msgr. Ambrose Pick & Fr. Charles Giroux - Fr. Kerry Brennan Pat Yantha - Wife, Debbie
SUN. May 24	Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**SUNDAY BULLETIN:** the next bi-weekly bulletin will be printed on Sunday, May 31. Important updates may be viewed on the parish Facebook page which may be accessed at <https://m.facebook.com/sfxrenfrew>. Please like our Facebook page and share so that as many people as possible are aware of it.

If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer and would like the bulletin mailed to them please contact the parish.

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Great feast that Easter is, one day (not even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord - the fortieth day of Easter. The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colours of the Easter spectrum.

These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that colour this feast: "Christ's ascension is our glory and hope." "The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world." "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." "Christ has passed beyond sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope." "Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life."

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community rejoices in the life we share with the risen Lord.



## MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC FATHFUL OF PEMBROKE

May 6, 2020

On the feast day of Saint François de Laval, patron saint of the Bishops of Canada, Pope François made public his decision to appoint me Bishop of Pembroke.

I gave my "yes" without hesitation and wholeheartedly when the Apostolic Nuncio informed me of the decision taken by the Holy See. Having lived more than thirty years in the Redemptorist community, I have learned to trust the decisions of my superiors when I am asked to move or take on new challenges.

I had had the opportunity to travel the roads of your beautiful region several times when I was preaching or when I celebrated "Evenings with Saint Anne" in several churches to make her known and loved. And these trips have already allowed me to meet some priests, religious men and women, and lay people living in this diocese for which I have recently been given responsibility. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I know that you have been waiting for a long time for the announcement of the appointment of your new Bishop. Being a native of the Gatineau Valley, I can at least reassure you that I will not feel like a stranger in your midst. I am looking forward to getting to know you and having the opportunity to fraternize with you as time goes by. But above all, I look forward to working with you, hand in hand despite COVID-19, in the great work of evangelization that the Lord has entrusted to us, each according to his own vocation and according to the talents and riches that he has deposited in each one of us to build up his Church.

The next few weeks will be spent preparing for my insertion into my new diocese. In the near future, I'll give you more details about the date of my official installation. Until then, I look forward to meeting you soon and to celebrate together, in a modest way no doubt, this joyful and family-friendly event. Receive my blessing †

*+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.*

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Bishop-designate of Pembroke Diocese

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. May 25 Tony Dotta - Randy & Karen Corbin  
TUES. May 26 Glenn Carr - Gloria & Family  
WED. May 27 Hedy Kedrosky - Barb McGahan  
THURS. May 28 Donna Enright - Michael Rouble  
FRI. May 29 Intentions of Hector Chugg (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday)  
- Barbara & Family  
SAT. May 30 Buelah Muselak - Francis & Family  
Eunice Meilleur - Her Family  
SUN. May 31 Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

### **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. NEWS**

**SFX CWL HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY:**  
SFX CWL awards 2 bursaries of \$500 each to graduates of our local high schools who are pursuing a post secondary education. Applicants are asked to outline their faith lives, involvement in the parish and the community. Applications are available online through the two local high school sites. Deadline for submission is May 29, 2020.

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