

# 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  
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## 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

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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Evelyn Wren, sister-in-law of Arnold Wren.

**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.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS  
MAY 3**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to all couples of the Parish who celebrated a Wedding Anniversary in April. Father Brennan will remember you and your intentions at Mass this weekend. May God Bless You All. Among those who celebrated are:

Ivan & Freida Beauregard ( 5 9 )  
Brian & Shirley Proulx (38)

**VIRTUAL NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE, MAY 10-14, 2020.** The program will include high profile movies and interviews streamed online from May 10-12; a virtual candlelight vigil on Wednesday, May 13; online pro-life Masses and religious services Thursday, May 14, and a livestreamed "virtual" rally, with guests from Canada and around the world. All events will be hosted on [MarchForLife.ca](http://MarchForLife.ca) and various social media platforms. A pro-life special is planned to be broadcast on May 14 on the Eternal Word Television Network ([EWTN](http://EWTN)).



**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

Again, I wish to express my deep gratitude to you, the parishioners, who have shown such generosity and faithfulness during these unprecedented circumstances. Since March 15/16, the last date of our gathering as a parish family, the following amounts have been received:

**Sunday Offering: \$15,669.34**

**Easter: \$5,247.00**

**Lenten Mission & Development:  
\$4,862.00**

**Care Fund: \$1,825.00**

**Special Donations: \$820**

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

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**MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020**

We ask God's gracious blessings on all mothers as they daily strive to live out their vocation of motherhood. We especially pray for mothers this year under these difficult circumstances:

those working to alleviate the problems brought on by the pandemic;  
those in long term care facilities without the comfort of their children;  
those who have been self-isolating with young families;  
and those mothers who cannot share Mother's Day with their families this year.

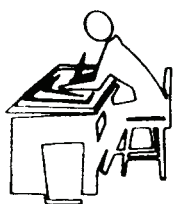
**GOD BLESS YOU ALL!**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. May 4 Carmel Tallon - Rev. Kerry Brennan  
TUES. May 5 Mom, Dad & Grandmother - Darlene & Fay  
WED. May 6 Mabel Eady - Bev & Tom Marciniac  
THURS. May 7 Dec'd Members of the Frank & Elsie Beatty Family - Mary & Angelo Graham  
FRI. May 8 Jim Michaud - Ed & Mary McCann  
SAT. May 9 Emmett Gray & Eunice Meilleur  
- Jerry & Maxine Lapierre  
SUN. May 10 Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**SUNDAY BULLETIN:**

As it presently stands, the next bi-weekly bulletin will be printed on Sunday, May 17. 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.



## from the Pastors Pen

A parishioner recently recommended a book called “The Hope of Glory” by Jon Meacham. One of his reflections is his acknowledgement that St. Paul says...”now we see through as a glass dimly” the story of Christianity begins “with confusion, not with clarity, with mystery, not with certainty.” He’s referencing here the puzzlement of Mary Magdalene and the two women with her who saw the empty tomb and then the incredulity of the disciples when they related what they had found. Remember the women went to tell the disciples about the risen Lord who were locked in a room afraid to come out because of fear. Sound familiar? Are we now not unlike those disciples because of Covid-19? It was not until they saw the empty tomb and Jesus appeared to them that their fear turned into joy. We too have seen the Risen Lord, not physically like the disciples, but in each other as we are temples of the Holy Spirit through our Baptism. During this pandemic I have noticed the care and concern we have for each other. Last week I was walking downtown and I saw a woman speaking to a mentally challenged person asking how she was and if she could do anything for her. That was Christianity in action! Every day I hear of the care and concern we have for each other. Just today I met someone who said she was making masks for people. Let us continue to support each other and pray for each other, especially first responders, doctors, nurses, support staff in our hospitals, homes for the elderly, Hospice, all who work in the food industry, pharmacies and countless other people who look after our needs.

Pope Francis has encouraged us to pray the Rosary during the month of May. Many have been doing this for a while. As well, Pope Francis has published two prayers to Our Lady specifically focusing on the pandemic. These prayers may be found on our Facebook pages for both parishes.

I encourage you to fulfill this request in your families during the month of May. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our mother intercede for us during this pandemic to give us peace and patience as we practice self-distancing and support each other in whatever way we can. *Fr. Kerry Brennan*

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. May 11 Felix Weiss - James Dunbar  
 TUES. May 12 Clare Hawkes - Jason & Tina Dedo & Family  
 WED. May 13 Michael & Yvonne Brennan  
 - Rev. Kerry Brennan  
 THURS. May 14 Jack Windle - Irene Rekowski  
 FRI. May 15 Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch  
 SAT. May 16 Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan  
 SUN. May 17 Don Letts (Anniversary) - Sheila & Family  
 Aileen Villemure - Margaret & Trudy

### SUNDAY BULLETIN:

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. We are striving to keep as many parishioners as possible up to date.

**The Lord is my  
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