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Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 4 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

## 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  
<http://stthomas.rccdsb.edu.on.ca>

## HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School  
835 First Street 613-432-5846  
<http://sjchsrenfrew.wordpress.com>

**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 Fr. Doug Morris, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Fr. John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

**2017 SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** may be picked up from the main foyer. Please call the office if you do not have envelopes and would like some. You may also consider the Automatic Debit Service. Forms on table in main foyer.

**SUNDAY MISSALS:** for 2016/2017 are now available at the church entrances. Price: \$5. We encourage you to write your name on the inside cover so that if left in the church it is easier for us to return it to you.

**2016/2017 YOUTH MISSALS:** The missal would be suitable for children from approximately grade 4 and up. This missal would make a lovely gift for a child or grandchild. Price: \$6

**\$MONEY\$:** for Missals may be placed in the containers on the tables.

**CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER**

All St. Francis Xavier CWL members are invited to join Our Lady of Fatima CWL members for the annual Christmas potluck dinner at Our Lady of Fatima church hall.

**Date:** Monday, Dec. 12, 2016; **Arrive:** 5:30p.m.; **Dinner:** 6:00p.m.

Bring your favourite dish. It will be an evening of prayer, fun and friendship.

**ADVENT: KEEP AWAKE!**

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,  
as we wait the advent of Christ your Son,  
so that, when he comes and knocks,  
He may find us watchful in prayer  
and exultant in praise.

*Collect for Monday of the First Week of Advent,  
Roman Missal*

**a Time to Prepare**

**Patronal Feast Day of Saint Francis Xavier  
December 3**

Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506. While studying the liberal arts in Paris, he became a follower of Ignatius of Loyola. In 1537 he was ordained at Rome and there devoted himself to works of charity. Francis went to the East in 1541 where for ten years he tirelessly proclaimed the Gospel in India and Japan, and through his preaching brought many to believe. He died in 1552 near the China coast on the island of Sancian.

*St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!*

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

**ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION**

Women interested in attending an Advent Evening of Reflection on **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** at Stillpoint House of Prayer in Springtown are asked to contact Carol Sulpher at 613-432-5060 to reserve a place. There is a 15 person maximum. Cost is \$20 per person. The evening begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Carpooling will be arranged. The evening will focus on the Family as discussed at the two most recent Synods with Pope Francis. Facilitated by Sister Betty Berrigan, CSJ.

**Reminder: NOVEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & RECRUITMENT MONTH:**

Women of the Parish, 16 years and older are invited to join our SFX CWL Team and experience an increase in faith, fun and fulfillment. Come join us and achieve a new level of commitment and dedication under the 2016 – 2017 CWL Theme: Year of Mercy. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall at 7:00pm.

We are requesting that the \$20 membership fee be paid by cheque if possible, to avoid cash handling. Please make cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL. Direct Deposit's also gratefully accepted. For more information contact Membership Chair Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at [debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** are selling religious "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards at the church entrances next Sunday. You may also contact Don Coyne at 613-433-9298 or Brian Long at 613-432-0887 to order cards.



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

**\* AURORA GRACE JACKSON, daughter of Tim & Emily**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Nov. 28 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)  
 TUES. Nov. 9  
**9:30 a.m.** Gertrude Lepine - Jan & Roy Leitch  
 WED. Nov. 30  
 8:00 a.m. Hannah Legirs - Elaine Turner  
 THUR. Dec 1  
 8:00 a.m. Sandra James - The Lapierre Family  
 FRI. Dec. 2  
 8:00 a.m. Diane Dutcher - Elaine Turner  
 8:30 a.m. Holy Hour  
 SAT. Dec. 3  
 4:30 p.m. Claire Larabie - Her Family  
 Martha Finnerty - Bob & Liz Mosco & Family  
 SUN. Dec. 4  
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The time of this Tuesday's Liturgy is **9:30 a.m.** St. Joseph's High School and St. Thomas the Apostle students and staff will be present to help us celebrate. We encourage as many as possible to attend this special Mass.

**ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS  
1ST RECONCILIATION**

A reminder that the "Show and Tell" session in preparation for celebration of the sacrament is on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 in the Church.**

**THE WORD AMONG US:** copies of the Advent edition of this publication which contains the complete Catholic Mass readings as well as daily meditations may be found at the church entrances. A donation of \$2 helps offset cost

**PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS:** The lighting of the Vern Yemen Memorial Nativity Scene will take place on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Lowe Square. Music and hot chocolate. All are most welcome to attend.

**THE CALABOGIE RENFREW PRO-LIFE** encourages you to watch **VULNERABLE -THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION** produced by Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. It can be seen on EWTN Nov 30, at 9:30 pm and Dec 3, at 4:00 pm. This is a chilling look at the effects recent euthanasia & assisted suicide laws have had, featuring personal testimonies, and legal and medical analysis.

EWTN can be found on Shaw, Bell FIBE and Cogeco.

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McCanna; K. Harris  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - Wayne & Maureen Remus;  
 L. & G. Curry  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mooney; D. Mantil  
 L. Gallagher; G. Curry  
 SERVERS - L. & S. Brown  
**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S.T.A. Student; N.Saumure  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S.T.A. Students  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Varrin; D. & B. O'Connor;  
 T. Fiebig; J. O'Gorman  
 SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk; A. Coyne  
 CANTOR - J. Belanger  
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - D. Cosier; K. Arbuthnot

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, fourteen of our young parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray that this beautiful encounter with our loving and forgiving Father will become a life long practice in the their lives. Please pray for these children and their families.

**THE CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHORUS:** directed by Jessica Belanger, present their Christmas Concert: "Just Believe" on **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 3:00p.m. at the St. Francis Xavier Church Parish Hall.** Tickets \$5.00 and available at the door. Come hear our 47 members (ranging in age from 9-16 years old) singing to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season! A Christmas planter raffle will be held and Christmas chocolates will be available for sale after the concert.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during November. We remember you and your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. May God Bless You All. Among those celebrating are:

- \* Gary & Lois Murphy (60)
- \* Don & Lore Coyne (56)
- \* Terry & Gwen Latendresse (55)
- \* Gerry & Cecelia Kusluski (55)
- \* Peter & Gail Hunt (53)
- \* Richard & Cindy Russell (40)
- \* Mark & Shauna Lemenchick (39)
- \* Tom & Pat Rousselle (39)

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

**SUNDAY OFFERING: Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> - \$3,723.05**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.**

- \* **Mon., November 28** Bereavement Group **Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1 7:30 p.m.**
- \* **Wed., November 30** R.C.I.A. **Small Hall 7:00 p.m.**
- \* **Thurs., December 1** Reconciliation Show & Tell **Church 6:30 p.m.**
- \* **Sat., December 3** Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation **Church 10:30 a.m.**

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