

**DECEMBER 31, 2022
JANUARY 1, 2023**



WELCOME to all who have come to worship and pray with us this weekend. We are glad you are here!

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Fr. Ross Campbell, Pastor
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Deacon Brian Prieur
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Offered during 11:00 a.m. Mass
(Sept - June)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
**Or by appointment*

ADORATION (1 HOUR)

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 8:00AM

- Intentions of Bishop Douglas Crosby on his 25th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Bishop

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 8:00AM

- + Martha Shubert
- + Maria & Luigi Agostini
- + Sam Petrella
- + Rinoldo Storti & Family
- + Benedetto Asrneicr & Family
- + Letizia Rosa
- Intentions of John Onemheghie

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 8:00AM

- + Deceased Members of the Kolich Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 8:00AM

- + James Gallacher

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 5:30PM

- + Carmen Colalello
- + Angelo Giglia
- + Martin Thien Phu Nguyen
- + Cecile Amorosi
- + Zbigniev Borzecki
- + Giuseppe De Santis
- + Ada Calcagni
- + Sam Petrella
- + Christopher Gallo
- + Elio Varrasso
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- + Teresa Borreggine
- + Joyce Innocente
- + Concetta Tam
- + Maria Iulianella
- + Leslie Taylor
- + John Kingdon
- + Angela Dastice
- + Michele Marsilo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 9:00AM

- + John & Kay Kwiecien

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 11:00AM

- Mass for the Parishioners

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Welcomes YOU!



Fr. Ross Campbell

Whether you are new to our parish, or have been with us for many years, your presence leaves a unique mark on the life of our church. As your Pastor, I am excited you are with us today to build an even stronger parish community now and into the future.

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

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| Monday | Most Rev. Douglas Crosby |
| Tuesday | Rev. Piotr Machnacki |
| Wednesday | Diocesan Priests |
| Thursday | Rev. Ranjan D'Sa |
| Friday | Rev. Joseph Ahilan |
| Saturday | Rev. Louis Lenssen |

OFFERTORY

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| Envelope Contributions | \$ 6,792.75 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 1,947.05 |
| Online Donations | \$ 1,515.18 |
| Total Collection (Sunday) | \$10,254.98 |

Christmas Collection \$ 9,187.35

Total Christmas/Weekend Collection \$19,442.33

Thank you!

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DECEMBER 31, 2022 & JANUARY 1, 2023

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

1 John 2.22-28; Psalm 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
John 1.19-28

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

1 John 2.29; 3.1-6; Psalm 98.1, 3cd-4, 5-6;
John 1.29-34

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

1 John 3.7-10; Psalm 98.1, 7-8, 9;
John 1.35-42

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

1 John 3.11-21; Psalm 100.1-2, 3, 4, 5;
John 1.43-51

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

1 John 5.5-13; Psalm 147.12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mark 1.4-5, 7-11++

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

1 John 5.14-21; Psalm 149.1-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b;
John 2.1-12

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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| Monday | |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm - RCIA 6:45 pm - Card Club |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm - CWL General Meeting 7:00 pm - K of C 7969 General Meeting |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm - K of C 868 General Meeting |
| Friday | 7:00 pm - Adult Youth Ministry Team ZOOM Meeting |
| Saturday | 4:00 pm - Youth Choir Practice |

THANK YOU

Fr. Ross, Fr. Peter, our Deacons and staff would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many parishioners and friends of the St. Francis community who were extremely kind to offer cards and gifts over the Christmas Season. May God bless you and keep you safe through 2023.

2023 Weekly Donation Envelopes

The 2023 Donation Envelopes are still available for pick up in the Narthex. We would appreciate it if, for the next few weeks, you write your names on the envelopes. This will help to facilitate an easy transition in the books for the new year. Thank you for your assistance.

BLESSINGS WITH RELICS

"In faith, we hold out the hope that when we pray in the presence of a relic of a saint's body (which was once a temple of the Holy Spirit) with an open mind, an open heart and an open spirit, we are disposed for the grace of God to help us to live the virtues exemplified by the faithful disciple of Christ whose body we venerate," (from Why do Catholics Venerate Relics, The CatholicSpirit.com).

Here at St. Francis Xavier, we are so blessed to be in the presence of many 1st class relics from 24 saints. Upcoming blessing this week following the morning masses:

Tuesday, January 3 - St. Genevieve

Wednesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Thursday, January 5 - St. John Nepomucene Neumann

OFFICE CLOSURE

Reminder the office is **CLOSED** Tuesday, January 3. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 4 @ 9:00 am

YOUTH MINISTRY

GOSPEL ACTIVITY



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YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Most of our activities for students and families are pausing over the Christmas break and resuming in January. It's never too late to join in - you are welcome anytime! Current activities include youth groups for Grades 3-12, Youth Choir (Grade 3 and up), Children's Liturgy of the Word (geared for JK-Grade 2 and offered at the 11:00am Sunday Mass), and prayer nights and Rosaries on Zoom. For more information, schedules, etc., you are invited to visit the Youth Ministry page on our parish website!



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Children's Liturgy - Jan 8
Liturgy of the Hours
(Zoom) - Jan 10
SPARK & IGNITE - Jan 11
ABLAZE - Jan 14

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the shepherds meeting Mary, Joseph, and the newborn Jesus!

- ♥ What do you think it was like for the shepherds to see the baby Jesus?
- ♥ The shepherds told others about the good news of Jesus' birth. What does this good news mean to you in your life today?
- ♥ Mary prays on our behalf to Jesus. What are some prayers you'd like to share with her?



SANTY SUPERHEROES

St. Genevieve (422-512)
Feast Day: January 3
Patron saint of: Paris

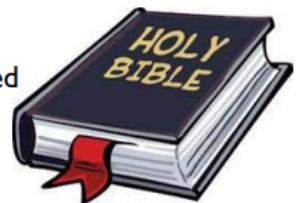
"We only need to open our eyes to see the gifts that abound all around us. These are the simple joys in life."

BIBLE TRIVIA!

What are the names of the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents?

Last week's answer:

The census



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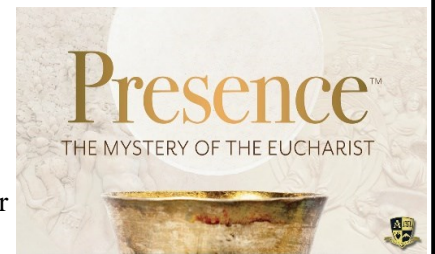


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BIBLE STUDY 2023

Ever think about joining a Bible Study?

Make this your new years resolution.... listen to that call in your heart and sign up for our next session....and bring a friend!!! Everyone is welcome!!



You are invited to join our next Bible Study entitled, *Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist*.

These sessions are a wonderful way to meet new people, to come together in fellowship and community and to discover something new about your faith.... see where God leads you.

This 5-week study of *Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist* explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

When: Thursday, January 19th – February 16th (5-week study)

Time: 7:00pm – approx. 8:30pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish Centre

Cost: Free. A workbook, at no cost, is available to help guide you through the study and available either in pdf format or printed copy.

To register for the session or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Marianne at mariannegrgurec@cocego.ca or by phone 905-870-6554. Please register by Tuesday, January 17th.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - THANK-YOU!!

A big thank-you to the students and volunteers who so generously shared the gifts of their time and talents to make this year's Christmas pageant so special!

Student actors and readers: Luna Baez, Maia Castellani, Ellie Cruz, Giuliano DiMambro, Mackenzie Erickson, Alisha Fernandes, Harper Fortuna, Jonah Fortuna, Lily Kennedy, Isaiah Lemmen, Michaela Manzin, Gabby Manzin, Dumkene Okemefuna, Onyeka Okemefuna, Barnabas Onemheghie, Daniel Przerwa, Vincent Sciullo, Juan Velasquez

Volunteers: Lindsay Adoranti, Beatrice Basco (also a reader), Corrina Centritto, Nancy Centritto, Virginia LeMasurier, Felicia Pereira, Victoria Pereira, Dominick Przerwa

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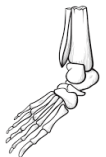
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