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Deacon: Dcn. Douglas Tien



Welcome Home!

DECEMBER 2023

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Sunday @ 9:00 am

Sunday @ 11:00 am

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Parish Office Staff

Admin Assistants: Koreen C. & Judy S.— Ext. 5

Bookkeeper: Rose B.— Ext. 6

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: DECEMBER 26-DECEMBER 29

At A Glance ...

Weekday Masses at St. FX Church

Tuesday @ 6:30 pm

(no Mass on 1st Tuesday of each month)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9 am

Adoration

1st Friday following Mass until 7pm

Remaining Fridays: 9:30am—10:30am

Confession

By Appointment at Any Time

During Adoration:

*1st Friday 9:30am - Noon

Remaining Fridays: 9:30am-10:30am

Saturday: 3:00 pm –3:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call emergency number ASAP anytime;

DAY OR NIGHT

Fr. Kris 780-995-3930



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via email & text.

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to 514-900-0130

to sign up

READINGS

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2 & 3

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Mark 13.33-37

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9 & 10

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3.8-14

Mark 1.1-8

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16 & 17

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

John 1.6-8, 19-28

4th Sunday of Advent

December 13 & 24

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

The Nativity of the Lord

December 24

Isaiah 62.1-5

Acts 13.16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1.1-25

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25

Isaiah 52.7-10

Hebrews 1.1-6

John 1.1-5, 9-14



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Online News & Information Sources:



WEBSITE:

<https://caedm.ca>



WINDOW

NEWSLETTER:

<https://caedm.ca/window>

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Fr. Kris's Homilies & Vlogs

<https://soundcloud.com/frkrissschmidt>

<https://www.youtube.com/grandinmedia>



NEW PARISHIONERS ...



Registration forms
are available at the Parish Office
during office hours. Contact
information can be found on the
front of this Bulletin.

We look forward to meeting you!

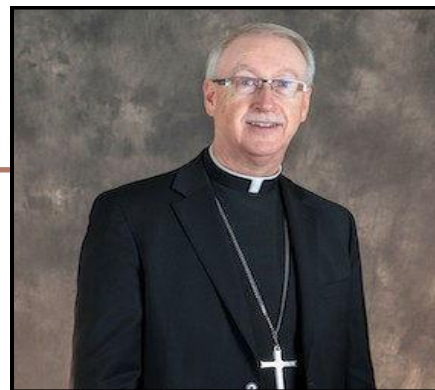
Marriages: Please contact Fr. Kris Schmidt at least **1 year** prior to the marriage date.

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office for information on Baptisms & Baptism Preparation

CWL: Please contact Virginia Rogers, CWL President at (780) 672-2323 or via Email: vrogers@telusplanet.net

K of C: Please contact James Kohlman, Grand Knight at (587)322-8455 or via Email: jfkohlman56@gmail.com

WELCOME Archbishop Smith
St. Francis Xavier
Parish Pastoral Visit
December 1-3, 2023



Friday, Dec. 1:

11:00am Visit St. Patrick's School
 1:00 pm Visit Our Lady of Mt. Pleasant School
 2:30 pm Visits to nursing home & hospital
 6:00 pm Confessions & Benediction **Everyone Welcome**

Saturday, Dec. 2:

8:30 am Mass celebration **Everyone Welcome**
 9:15 am Feedback group with PPC/Finance
 10:30 am 1st Confessions: retreat & Celebration
 11:30 am Visit St. Thomas Church-Duhamel and Fr. Bellevaire's grave
 5:00 pm Evening prayer & Catechesis **Everyone Welcome**
 6:00 pm Parish Potluck Supper **Everyone Welcome**
 7:10 pm Parish Q & A **Everyone Welcome**

Sunday, Dec. 3: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Everyone Welcome

9:45 am Pre mass video on parish history
 Testimonial from Dcn. Doug
 10:00 am Mass for 1st Sunday of Advent
 11:00 am Parish Festival



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
ADVENT
PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION
December 20
6:30 pm



Friday December 8
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
6:30 pm Mass

! **All donations for 2023 tax receipts**
are due by December 25/23.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER FINANCIAL REPORT: October 2023

	Cost of Operating The Parish	Building Fund Target Amount—Interest Only	Together We Serve Target Amount
Average month Amount required (based on 2023 budget)	\$41,654.00	\$32,500.00	\$2084.00
Donations this month	\$43,060.00	\$23,009.00	\$2502.00
This months surplus/shortfall	+\$1406.00	- \$9491.00	+\$418.00



*A humble & heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to support the financial needs of the parish
 With POP, PayPal, E-transfers (please use: sfx.etransfer@caedm.ca)
 or by bringing your Sunday Giving Envelopes to the church.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS ...

KofC Regular Meeting: Wednesday, Dec 13 @ 7:30pm
KofC Breakfast: December 17 – 8:30am to 1:00pm

CWL Christmas Cookie Walk

December 9th & 10th
 Following Weekend Masses
 6 cookies for \$2.50
 Choose as many as you wish!
 Cookies will be pre-packaged to reduce handling.



CWL News

- December 5th: Potluck Supper & Advent Reflection
 - Advent Reflection in parish @ 5:00 p.m. Supper @ 6:00
 - Please bring: A – G = meat H – L = dessert M – Z = salad
- December Executive Mtg. CANCELLED
- January 9th: Regular Mtg. Guest speaker: Emma Hamm



The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

On this map you can find 52 reasons to become a CWL member.
 Can you find them all?



Consider the words “**PURPOSE**” and/or “**SERVICE**”

PURPOSE: Faith, service, and social justice are cornerstones of the Catholic Women's League. They give purpose to our lives. Come and grow with us.

SERVICE: Baptism calls us to witness to God's love – especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world – be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways. Come be a part of this compassionate service.

GROCERY, GAS & GIFT CARDS

Available at the parish office during the week.

\$100.00: Safeway/Sobeys, CO-OP, Superstore
\$50.00: Pizza 73

PIZZA 73 GIFT CARDS

\$50.00 VALUE FOR \$40.00!!

Please pray for these young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **December 2.**



Hannah B.	Noah M.	Leo P.
Sophie B.	Harvey M.	Yinna P.
Khian C.	Tessa M.	Paxton R.
Kassandra C.	Kelsi M.	Josephine R.
Cassey D.	Zek M.	Julius R.
Annabelle D.	Sasha M.	Sofia R.
June D.	Esteban M.	Rovyn R.
Aaron E.	Emma M.	Lincoln S.
Galvin G.	Joseph N.	Zoie T.
Amber H.	Frances N.	Matthew U.
Audrey I.	Elisabeth O.	Charlie V.
Jaxstin K.	Marce P.	Adrianna W.
Abigail L.	Sam P.	Kaylin Y.
Chase M.	Francheska P.	

HOLIDAY HOURS

**Parish Office: Closed between Christmas Day & New Year's Day,
 December 26-December 29
 The office will re-open on January 2.**

**NO DAILY MASS
 December 26-December 29**

POINSETTIAS

Christmas is approaching & soon our church will be filled with faith, hope, joy, love & poinsettias! The Arts & Environment committee is asking for donations to help cover the cost of the flowers & other décor for the season. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one who has passed away. Names will be compiled & published in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you



Sunday Missals:
\$5.00



Sunday Missal
 for Young Catholics:
\$10.00



2024 DONATION ENVELOPES:
 Check hallway across from coat racks.

THANK YOU

to Bugar Funeral Home and the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the 2024 Calendars.
 Available in the Gallery and Parish Office



FALL SAUSAGE SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION

Revenue: \$11,940.00

Expenses: \$2524.00

Net Profit: \$9416.00

Many thanks to all the volunteers, donors and of course to those who attended.

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Donations for 2023 tax receipts are due by **December 25/23.**

Time is required to process donations.

If you have any questions please contact Rose at the Parish Office: (780) 672-1131.



December 17 after the 9am Mass.



FATHER,

Just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions that block me from the worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day when I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me how I must be refined, purified, and forgiven today. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and then change my ways.



THE WISDOM OF GORDON NEUFELD

"Anxiety in Youth"

AND

"Making Sense of Parenting II"

BEGIN IN JANUARY

If interested, please contact Wendy at 780-232-5300, so she can choose evenings that work for most people.

All are welcome!



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY
COFFEE AND
FELLOWSHIP

THERE'S SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE!

**All are
Welcome!**

Mary's Lambs
Pre-k - Grade 2

Catholic Kid's Club
Grades 3 & up

Youth Room
Grades 5 - 12

Beginning Sundays
in October

**ALL BETWEEN
9AM AND 11AM
MASSES!**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Winter

**BOTTLE DRIVE
& BBQ**

**SATURDAY
JANUARY
13**

BBQ Details
in the
January
Bulletin

**11am
to
3pm**

Cargo Trailer will be available in the parking lot
BBQ will take place in Church Hall

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7-9 pm

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YOUNG ADULT
Group**

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Socials, community, faith-based
discussions, catechesis and more!

Text "Camrose" to 514-900-0130 and sign up under "Young Adult"
to stay up to date

YOU ARE INVITED

**WOMEN'S
BOOK CLUB**


**THURSDAYS, AFTER MORNING MASS
Meeting Room 3**

➡ "Walking with Mary"
by Dr. Edward Sri

Women of all ages are welcome

➡ Children welcome,
distractions expected

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Anne
driverfam2.0@gmail.com
Text: (780) 270-0821





CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 23rd & 24th

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

December 24th

Christmas Eve: Nativity of the Lord

7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 12 Midnight

December 25th

Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am

December 30th & 31st

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

December 31st



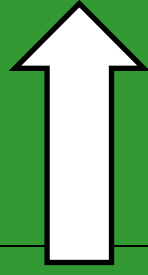

New Year's Eve: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:00 pm

January 1st

New Year's Day: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00 am, 11:00 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 10:00 am Mass Feast of St. Francis Xavier 11:00 am Parish Festival  1st Sunday of Advent	4	5 CWL Advent Potluck & Social 5:00 pm: Advent Reflection 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Young Adults	6 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 7:00 pm Making Sense of Parenting	7 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 9:30 am Women's Book Club 1:30 pm Adult Chr. Practice 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA	1 9:00 am Mass Confession till 10:30 am Adoration to 6:00 pm 6 pm Confessions & Benediction 1	2 8:30 am Mass 10:30 am 1st RECONCILIATION RETREAT & CELEBRATION 5:00 pm Prayer & Catechesis 6:00 pm Parish Potluck 2
10 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mary's Lambs, Catholic Kids Club 11:00 am Mass Cookie Walk 4:00 pm KofC Advent Celebration 2nd Sunday of Advent	11	12 6:30 pm Mass	13 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 10:00 am Providence Associates 10:30 am: Mass @ RoseAlta 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:00 pm Maria Practice 7:30 pm KofC Regular Mtg.	14 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 9:30 am Women's Book Club 1:30 pm Adult Chr. Practice 5:30 pm SETH Practice 6:30 pm RCIA	15 9:00 am Mass 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession 11:00 am: Mass @ Bethany Meadows 15	16 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass CWL Cookie 16
17 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mary's Lambs Nativity Play, Catholic Kids Club 11:00 am Mass KofC Breakfast 3rd Sunday of Advent	18	19 6:30 pm Mass	20 9:00 am Mass 10:00 am Centering Prayer 4:45 pm MYCAH Practice 6:30 pm PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION	21 9:00 am Mass (Divine Mercy) 9:30 am Women's Book Club 1:30 pm Adult Chr. Practice 5:30 pm SETH Practice 7:00 pm Longest Night (United Church)	22 9:00 am Mass 9:30-10:30 am Adoration/Confession 22	23 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass 23
24 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 4th Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00 pm Mass 9:00pm Mass Midnight Mass	25  CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 am Mass	26	27	28 CLOSED JANUARY 2, 2024 MASS	29 	30 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass 30
31 9:00 am Mass 10 am Mary's Lambs 11:00 am Mass NEW YEAR'S EVE 4:00 pm Mass	2024 NEW YEAR'S DAY 9am Mass 11am Mass	26	27	28 OFFICE (WILL RE-OPEN NO MASS	29 	30 3:00 pm Confession 4:00 pm Mass 30

DECEMBER

Let heavens rejoice and earth be glad. Psalm 96:11

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the 3rd Wednesday
Of each month at Noon.
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Parish Office for approval**

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

God of Consolation,
Every time we mark an anniversary that recalls a time
of war or act of violence, we struggle to make sense of
our world.
As time moves on, remind us of the all to remain
open-hearted.
May our memory not harden into fear & anger, but
pulse with compassion & generosity.
Give us the collective voice to speak for healing &
forgiveness, & bring the peace we long for.
We hope in your steadfast love, we pray.
Amen



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