

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK Dec 23-29 2024

Monday Dec 23	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday Dec 24	5:30pm 11:50pm	Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass
Wednesday Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord	10:00am	Christmas Morning Mass
Thursday Dec 26	12:10pm	Ellen & Gordon MacKenzie (Family)
Friday Dec 27	11:00am 12:10pm	Holy Hour Ellen DeRyke (Joy & Tony Cook)
Saturday Dec 28	4:30pm	Intentions of George and Ruth Perera on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday Dec 29	9:00am 11:00am	Mass for Parishioners Mike Dwyer (Reine & Family)

IN OUR PARISH

Mon Dec 23	NO MASS
Thus Dec 26	After Noon Mass-Marian Cenacle
Fri Dec 27	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour After Noon Mass: Chaplet of Divine Mercy

ADORATION CHANGE-beginning in December Adoration will be on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Friday of the month and the 3rd Wednesday. Please be sure to check mass schedule weekly for any changes to mass or adoration times.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Ray Dubuc, Mary Jane Desmarais, John Davis, Mary Gilliard, Fila Kelba, Normand Buckle, Harry Kowlessar, Laureen Elliott, Jeanette De Dekker, Geraldine Secord, Bruce McDougall, Father Leo Byrne, Zoltan Zadory, Joseph O’Grady, Rev. Michael McCarthy, Margot Green, Claire Rousseau, Don Pickett, Joan Capener, Leona Dove, Suzette Cousineau, Douglas McCaul, Marilyn Smith, John Heuthorst, Jazmyn Boyer, Fr. Mac Burke, Bill Frankcom, Meara Deery, Ann Macdonald, Amber Legace

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Janet Molson, Pat Burns, Francis Finucan, Micheline McKeown, Jim Roy, Deshauna Kirk, Mike Dwyer, Michel Frappier, Brian & Sandra Terrance, Jean Kennedy, Lorie Secord

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK, HOSPITALIZED AND SHUT-INS

Holy Communion is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins. Please contact the office if you or someone you know would like a visit whether it be at home or in the hospital.

OFFICE CLOSED-Tuesday December 24, Wednesday December 25 and Thursday December 26.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Mass times for Christmas

Tuesday December 24 @ 5:30pm and Midnight Mass **beginning at 11:50pm**

Wednesday December 25 @ 10am

Mass times for New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Tuesday December 31 @ 4:30pm

Wednesday January 1 @ 10am

A few important notes to make regarding mass times and confessions: There will NOT be mass on Monday Dec. 23 or Monday Dec 30. Contact the office if you had a mass intention on either of those days. There will NOT be confessions available on Dec. 24 before the 5:30pm mass. Confessions will be available half an hour before the midnight mass (which begins at 11:50pm). There will be incense at the midnight mass so if you have sensitivities, you should consider that and perhaps sit at the back of the Church.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION is now underway. Confirmation will take place in the Spring of 2025. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk at the back of the Church, from the church office during office hours or on our webpage under the Sacraments heading. A parent/candidate information session will take place in January.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION is now underway. First Communion and First Reconciliation will take place in the Spring of 2025. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk at the back of the Church, from the church office during office hours or on our webpage under the Sacraments heading. A parent/candidate information session will take place in January.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CWL is always looking for new members. For more information, please pick up a brochure from the Welcome Desk

FORMED-Not yet on FORMED? It’s now **FREE** to everyone within the parish boundaries of St Francis Xavier Parish, our gift to you! Visit: **FORMED.org/signup**. Type our parish postal code K6V 3X6 or Brockville to bring up our parish name. Click on it. Register your name and email and you are in.

NEW YEAR’S EVE CONCERTS IN THE DOWNTOWN CHURCHES the concerts in our downtown Churches are back again this year. Concerts will be at the following Churches, St Lawrence Anglican beginning at 6pm, Wall Street United and St John’s United beginning at 7pm, First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church beginning at 8pm.

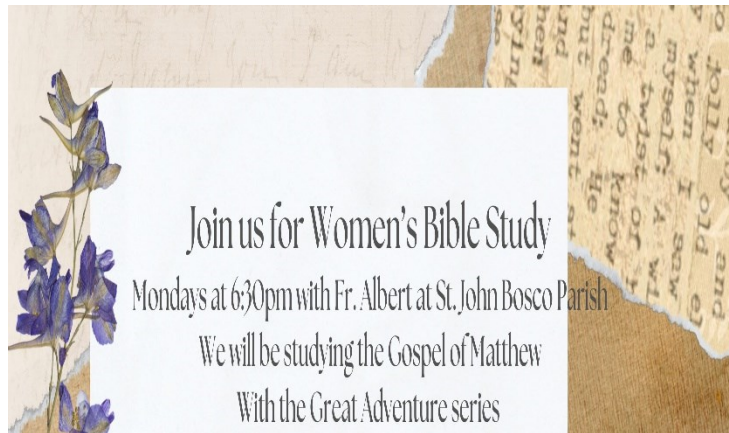
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. During this season, we celebrate Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; I pray that all four of these fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. Merry Christmas and God Bless you all,

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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22

WEEK FOUR OF ADVENT-LOVE The fourth candle on the Advent wreath symbolizes Love. Our season of preparation is ending and a new season of celebration begins. The last candle on the Advent wreath reminds us to reflect on God's great love for us. When we love others, we want to do what is best for them. We want their happiness just as we want our own. As St. John reminds us, God is love.



**Beginning on Monday
January 6 2025 at 6:30pm,**

Fr. Albert will be leading a Women's Bible Study Group.

The group will meet on Mondays at St John Bosco Parish and will be studying the Gospel of Matthew using the Great Adventure Series.

All are welcome to attend

In this 24-part study of Matthew's Gospel, Jeff Cavins explains how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live it.

NEW TO ST FRANCIS XAVIER: If you are new to our parish, **WELCOME.** Please introduce yourself to Father Shim, Father Albert or anyone at the welcome desk. If you wish to register you can pick up a registration card at the welcome desk.

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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December 22 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Weekend Masses:
Saturdays
4:30pm

Sundays
9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Masses
Mon, Wed-Fri
12:10pm

Office Hours
Monday-Fridays
8:30am-12:00pm
1:00pm-4:00pm

Pastor:

Rev. Andrew Shim

Associate Pastor:

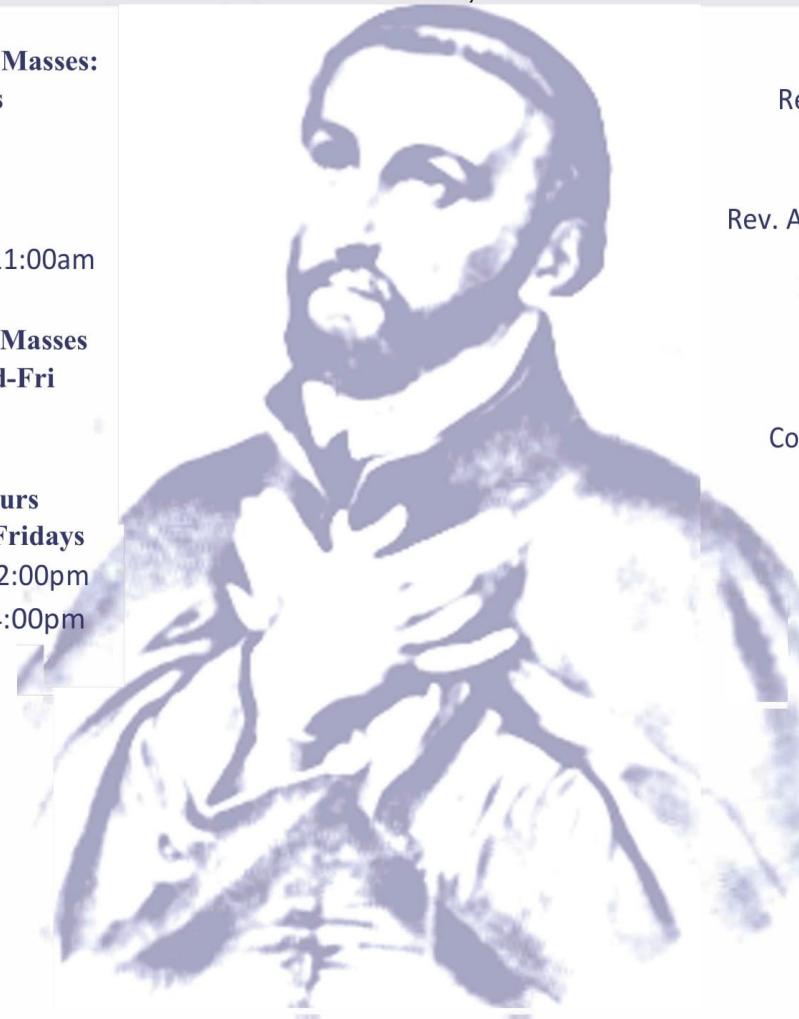
Rev. Adaikalaraj Albert

Music Director:

Rod McAvoy

Office:

Colette Thornycroft



Weddings & Baptisms:

By arrangement with the Priest

Confessions:

Mon, Wed-Fri: 11:30am-12:00pm

Saturdays 4:00pm

**"No one can excel in great things
who cannot first excel in small things"-**

<http://www.sfxbrockville.ca>