

We are collecting **DONATIONS OF FOOD ITEMS** on an ongoing basis for **Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish** who operates a food pantry for the neighbourhood community. Please bring food items to the church and place in the baskets. The food items will be delivered to Our Lady of Guadalupe after the last Sunday of each month. Thank you very much for your support.

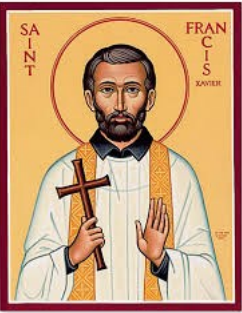
ROSARIES REQUESTED FOR PRISON MINISTRY - The diocesan Office of Restorative Ministry is seeking donations of sturdy rosaries (metal chains) for prayer with those who are in prison. Donations can be dropped off / sent to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (office hours are 9 am to noon, 1 p.m. to 4:30 pm weekdays). Prison ministry is supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

DIOCESAN WORLD YOUTH DAY will be marked on the Feast of Christ the King in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, including celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Hagemoen at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, with testimonies from young adults who participated in the international World Youth Day (WYD) held this summer in Portugal. Everyone is welcome. Testimony from WYD pilgrims will also be part of the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. The theme of the Nov. 26 World Youth Day is “Rejoicing in Hope” (cf Romans 12:12), announced earlier this year by Pope Francis.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS, led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held **Friday, December 1 at 5 p.m.** at **St. Mary Parish**, 211 Ave. O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle , steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion. It is designated to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ who comes to us through scripture and the Eucharist. Silence in this form of worship can feel uncomfortable or awkward, especially when experienced for the first time. We encourage you to relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR CHAPEL - ST. ANGELA MERICI RESIDENCE at 125 Cree Crescent, Saskatoon (Lawson Heights neighbourhood) needs volunteer help for the chapel. We are looking for lectors for 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, as well as singers, an organist and sacristans for Sunday Mass. Contact Judy Gatin at St. Angela Merici Residence at (306) 986-5993.

CENTERING PRAYER: All are welcome to gather in-person at Queen’s House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon, or virtually on Zoom on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. This drop-in gathering includes a 20-minute time of prayer, as well as additional insights regarding contemplation and centering prayer from the great teachers. Register online at <https://www.queenshouse.org/programs/> or call (306) 242-1916 Ext. 222 for further information. There is no fee to attend. Donations can be made at: <https://www.queenshouse.org/donate-today/>



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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
“A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel”

Sacrament of Penance:	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
Weekday Liturgies:	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
Eucharistic Liturgies:	Sundays at 9:00am

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

Ministries for November 19, 2023

Sacristans	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Kiply Yaworski & Jim Moorhead
Prayers of the Faithful	Betty Schurman
Altar Servers	Loretta Weimer & June Furmanic
Cross Bearer	Irene LeGatt
Welcomers	Marg Dewey & Nancy Greenizen

READINGS FOR 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; /the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. / Acclaim her for the works of her hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

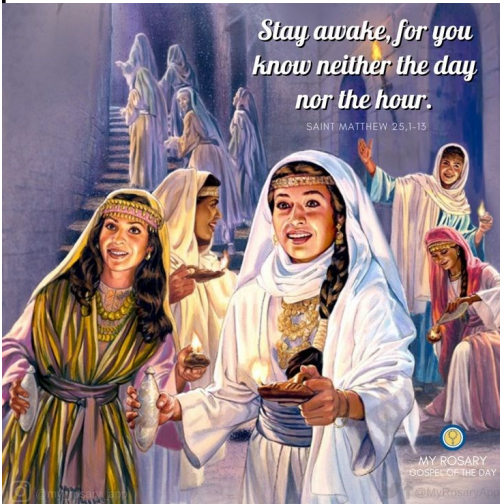
Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said,] “It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.”



Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't understand what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and

who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the foreseeable future, Ryan will be in the parish office Fridays.

E-TRANSFERS: Should you wish to donate to St. Francis Xavier Parish by using E-transfers, please use the following instructions:

1. Send an e-transfer using the following e-mail: sfxsaskatoon@rcdos.ca
2. Use the following question: What is the name of our favorite shrub? The answer is willow.
3. If you wish to use your own questions, please send an email to rnbaker@rcdos.ca with the answer.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

We will be having a display again for the month of November to pray for and to remember those loved ones who have passed away. We invite parishioners to bring photos of deceased family and friends to be included in the display if they would like to. Photos can be left in the sacristy or at the office

There will be no adoration and mass this Wednesday evening or a morning mass as Father is away for the diocesan clergy study days.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Classes for **1st Reconciliation** and **1st Communion** for children who are 9 years old began on **October 11th** with classes being held on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:30—8:30pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish**. Confirmation preparation for children who are 12 years old will begin on **October 24th** with classes being held on the **4th Tuesday of the month from 7:00—8:30pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish**. Registration forms can be picked up in the Welcome space, email rnbaker@rcdos.ca to receive a pdf copy, or call 306-244-1556 to register by telephone.

RCIA PREPARATION: Classes for RCIA began on **October 12th** with classes being held **Thursday evenings from 7:00—9:00pm at St. Joseph Parish**. Registration forms can be picked up in the Welcome space, email rnbaker@rcdos.ca to receive a pdf copy, or call 306-244-1556 to register by telephone.

St. Francis Xavier has resumed holding **Mass at Sunnyside Care Centre** on St. Henry Avenue on the **second Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm**. The next Mass is scheduled for **December 14, 2023**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the mass. Volunteers would serve as lectors and music ministers amongst other duties. If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please speak to Fr. Hoang or Jo-Anne Lund for details. All are welcomed to attend.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL – The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 is hosting a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Sunday, November 19** at St. Joseph Parish Hall on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 8th Street East in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; Children 5-15 years: \$5, Family \$35. (**Future dates:** January 21, February 18)

The **2023-2024 MISSALS** are now available and can be purchased in the welcoming area after mass. The cost is \$5.00.

