

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

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.

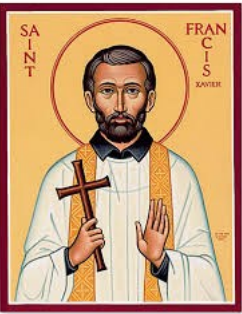
**ROSARIES REQUESTED FOR PRISON MINISTRY** - The diocesan Office of Restorative Ministry is seeking donations of sturdy rosaries (metal chains) for prayer with those who are in prison. Donations can be dropped off / sent to the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (office hours are 9 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”

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

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

### Ministries for November 26, 2023

Sacristans	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Proclaimers of the Word	Keegan Barker & Anora Couture
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Cross Bearer	David Schurman
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz

<b>READINGS FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>
<b>Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17</b> For thus says the Lord God: Look! I myself will search for my sheep and examine them.
<b>1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28</b> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
<b>Matthew 25:31-46</b> “Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones you did not do for me.”



## “Ready or Not, Here I Come”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today’s readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that “the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night” (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, “Ready or not, here I come!” The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they “are children of the light” (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for

what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, “Ready or not, here I come!”

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** For the foreseeable future, Ryan will be in the parish office Fridays. If calling and there is no answer, please email him at [rnbaker@rcdos.ca](mailto:rnbaker@rcdos.ca).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**BAA UPDATE:** Thank you to those who have generously contributed to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal campaign. We have received \$7,910 towards our goal of \$21,370. There is still time to make your donation to this year’s campaign, if you wish.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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)

