

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.

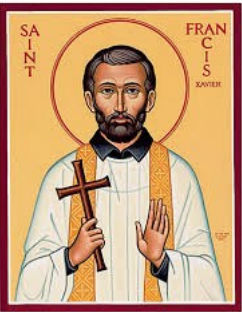
CENTERING PRAYER - All are welcome to gather in-person at Queen’s House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon, or virtually on Zoom on **Monday evenings** from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. This drop-in gathering includes a 20-minute time of prayer, as well as additional insights regarding contemplation and centering 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 to support the ministry of Queen’s House can be made at: <https://www.queenshouse.org/donate-today/>

40 HOURS FOR LIFE IN SASKATOON began **Wednesday, Sept. 20**, with a prayer vigil held on the corner of 4th Avenue and Queen Street from 9 a.m to 12 noon Monday to Friday, until Friday, Oct. 27. Signs will be provided. If you can volunteer for any of the one-hour time slots during this time frame, or if you want more information, please e-mail campaignlifesk@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.



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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

Ministries for November 12, 2023

Sacristans	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Brian Colquhoun
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Noah Foster & Anora Couture
Cross Bearer	Guy Belliveau
Welcomers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges

READINGS FOR 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:12-16
Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is ... found by those who seek her.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 25:1-13
[Jesus said,] “Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”



A Priest's Lot

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jewish people because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the

Old Testament is still valid today: so go the priests, so go the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive

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

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 **November 9, 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**)

NO MASSES will be held from November 13 to November 16 due to Clergy Study Days.

