

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, January 21** 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:** February 18*)

Ministries for January 7, 2024

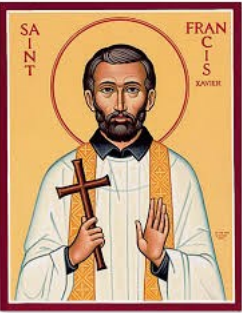
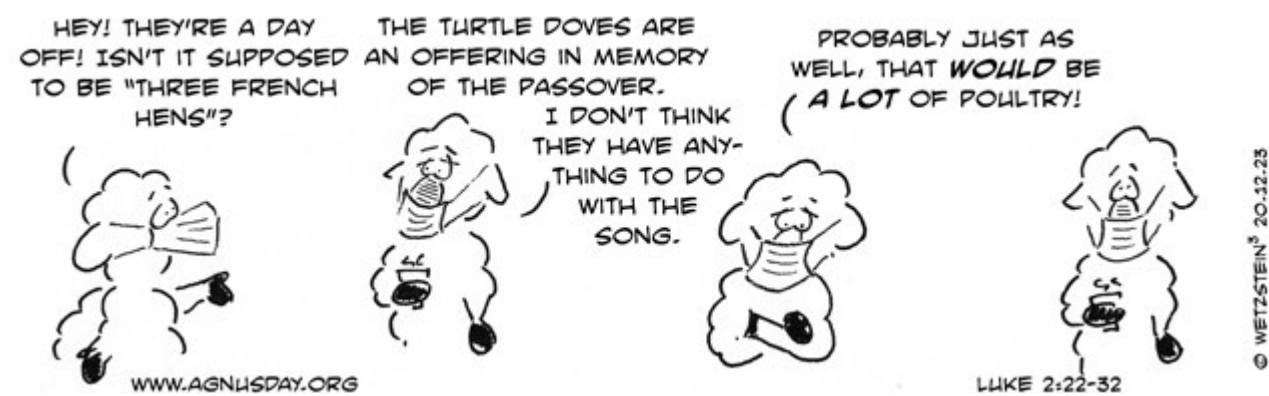
Sacristans	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Brian Colquhoun
Prayers of the Faithful	Anora Couture
Altar Servers	Loretta Weimer & Tony Nguyen
Cross Bearer	Irene LeGatt
Welcomers	Dave & Betty Schurman
Coffee Preparation before Mass	Marg Dewey
Coffee clean up after Mass	Ron & Brenda Ritz

READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6
Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12
They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



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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

Christmas Season 2023

December 24, 2023 & December 31, 2023

Ministries for December 31, 2023

Sacristans	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Keegan Barker & Anora Couture
Prayers of the Faithful	Brenda Ritz
Altar Servers	Loretta Weimer & Tony Nguyen
Cross Bearer	Irene LeGatt
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle

READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Those who honor their father will have joy in their own children, and when they pray they are heard.

Colossians 3:12-21
And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

Luke 2:22-40
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.



Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” (Mt. 2. 1).

Christmas is the time for Christians to follow the Star which leads us to the Newborn King, the Child Jesus. Like the Magi, let us courageously leave things behind so that we will meet Jesus in adoration and worship.

There will be obstacles on our way to meet our Lord: confusion on finding our true identity. Many are confusing because they deny the Divine Presence in the Child Jesus *“born of a woman, born under the law”* (cf. *Gal 4:4-5*). We only find our true identity when we humbly kneel down before the Child Jesus who offers Himself as a ransom for our liberty.

“Do not be afraid!” is the words of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary who will take us on her side. The faith that makes her mother of all nations. The faith that helps her to say an unconditional Yes which brings salvation to humanity through her Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, the Savior!

Let us bring Christ of Christmas into our families, working places and our nations!

Let us rejoice and be glad for the Emmanuel, God-with-us!

With great joy, I would like to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year of 2024 from the bottom of my heart. May the Lord bless us all!

Fr. Hoang Nguyen

Pastor of St. Joseph’s and St. Francis Xavier’s Parish

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Thank you to all who contributed to this year’s Christmas Hamper campaign. As a parish, we were able to raise \$475.00 to help support St. Mary’s Parish prepare over 300 hampers this year.

The **ENVELOPES FOR THE WEEKLY OFFERING** for 2024 are now available for pick up in the welcoming area. If you are set up for Pre-Authorized Donations, and would like a set of “Special Collection” envelopes, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca and he will prepare a set for you for 2024. If you are wanting to sign up for Pre-Authorized Donations, please email Ryan and he will send you a sign up form.

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 **January 11, 2024**. 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.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held at **5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Ave. O S. Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion 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.

