

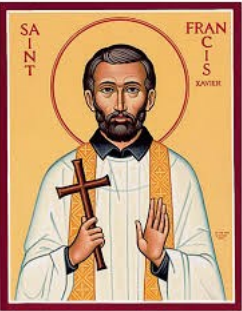
ANNOUNCEMENT

VISIT OF PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK TO SASKATOON, SK

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon is pleased to announce that the Father and Head of the world-wide Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude, the Most Rev. Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch of Kyiv-Halych, will be coming to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to lead our church community in the services of nominating, consecrating, and installing the Very Rev. Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R., as our sixth Eparchial Bishop.

The Co-consecrators will be His Grace, the Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, O.S.B.M., Archbishop of Winnipeg and Metropolitan of Canada and His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R., Eparchial Bishop of Toronto and Eastern Canada, and former Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon. Msgr. Antons Prikulis, First Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature will be present to represent the Nuncio to Canada, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Ivan Jurkovič. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon as well as many other bishops, priests and dignitaries will be in attendance for this momentous occasion.

Further to these services, the Patriarch has already accepted a full itinerary of activities. These include an encounter with newly arrived Ukrainians on January 21, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. George, and a meeting with staff and students and tour of Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School on January 23, 2024.



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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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

Ministries for January 21, 2024

Sacristans	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Keegan Barker & Anora Couture
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Noah Foster & Tony Nguyen
Cross Bearer	Guy Belliveau
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Coffee Preparation before Mass	N/A K of C Pancake Breakfast
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	N/A K of C Pancake Breakfast

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3:1-8, 10

The people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers, the time is running out ... For the world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him



Seeking the Truth in the Digital Age

Fr. Michael Brehl, CSsR



God's most important communication with humanity is Jesus Christ. In and through him, the Holy Trinity is revealed—God's very self. This Word is living, active, and present among us.

The New Testament developed from the oral tradition of early Christian communities. Founded on the life and preaching of Jesus, the written Word was received by the community after years of listening. At that time, most people couldn't read or write. A few could conserve copies of the written word.

This changed dramatically with the development of the printing press. Ordinary people could then own books, including the Bible. Today information can be shared almost simultaneously. Words now are on paper and computers, phones, and tablets. This new world of universal access has obvious advantages. But some material on the internet is suspect, at best. Even so, some readers continue to think that if information has been published, it must be true.

When reading online, especially spiritual works, I suggest:

- Read with a critical eye. Let common sense and yr own experiences guide whether you should check something.
- Talk with others about what you're reading. In community, the written word helps us discern the will of God.
- Does the content stir you to greater love, patience, and tolerance? Does it call you to personal conversion and change? Does it motivate actions on behalf of the abandoned and the poor? Does it judge others?
- Does it lead you to more profound relationships, or does it contribute to loneliness and isolation?

It's important to measure the content of our communication in the light of the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ.

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**)

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.

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 **February 8, 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.

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.

PALLIATIVE CARE AND END-OF-LIFE ISSUES - St. Philip Neri Parish in Saskatoon will host a two-part Horizons of Hope workshop from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan 20**, at **St. Philip Neri Church**, 1902 Munroe Ave. S. Saskatoon. Register at (306) 343-0325 (lunch is provided). As Catholics, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well. Horizons of Hope is a resource about palliative care created by the Canadian Catholic bishops.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SASKATOON** and Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan will be hosting a screening of the documentary film called "Roe Canada", on **Monday, January 22nd** at 7 pm, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family hall. Admission is by free will offering. The film discusses how Canada can effect the change of hearts away from abortion, in a post Roe v Wade era, and how we can transfer some successes in the USA to Canada. For more information contact Louis - 306-249-2764