

ANNOUNCEMENT

VISIT OF PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK TO SASKATOON, SK

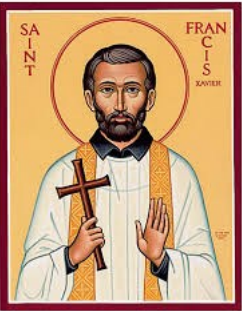
The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon is pleased to announce that the Father and Head of the world-wide Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude, the Most Rev. Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Patriarch of Kyiv-Halych, will be coming to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to lead our church community in the services 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.

**PALLIATIVE CARE AND END-OF-LIFE ISSUES:** St. John Bosco Parish in Saskatoon will host a two-part Horizons of Hope workshop about palliative care and end-of-life issues from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Saturday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 17.** To register, please call the parish at (306) 652-1045 (lunch will be provided). Everyone is welcome to this workshop held at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, 1202 Ave. O South in Saskatoon. This is the same program that was offered at St. Philip Neri Parish last weekend.

**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.



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

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

Ministries for January 28, 2024

Sacristans	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Jo-Anne Lund & Tina Nguyen
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	Guy Belliveau & Tony Nguyen
Cross Bearer	Noah Foster
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz
Coffee Preparation before Mass	June Furmanic
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	June Furmanic & Jane Isinger

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

If a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

Mark 1:21:28

Jesus ... said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” ... He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.

# The Fish that Didn't Get Away

Sr Dianne Bergant, CSA



We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy

was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

**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.

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](mailto: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.

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

**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**)

A **CONTEMPLATIVE MASS** led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held **5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2** 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. Relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

HE SAYS, "FOLLOW ME"  
AND THEY GO?  
JUST LIKE THAT?  
**UNBELIEVABLE!**



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WELL... JESUS'  
WORD MAKES  
THINGS HAPPEN,  
**EVEN NOW.**



REALLY?  
LIKE **WHAT!?**



LIKE, "THIS IS MY **BODY**"  
AND LIKE,  
"YOU ARE **FORGIVEN.**"



MARK 1:14-20

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