

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.

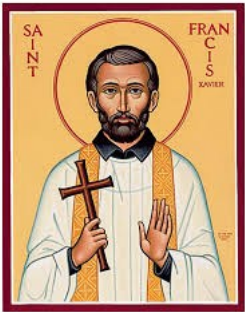
VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED FOR CHAPEL - ST. ANGELA MERICI RESIDENCE at 125 Cree Crescent, Saskatoon (Lawson Heights neighbourhood) needs volunteer help for the chapel. We are looking for lectors for 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, as well as singers, an organist and sacristans for Sunday Mass. Contact Judy Gatin at St. Angela Merici Residence at (306) 986-5993.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers to be held at 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb 14 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. For more information about the Cenacle events, please contact Edna at (306) 382-1680.

FROM MOURNING TO DAWN is a diocesan grief support program for widows and widowers. It is an eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering support and encouragement for bereaved spouses, led by those who have also experienced this loss. From Mourning to Dawn is open to participants who have been widows or widowers from between two months to two years. From Mourning to Dawn will again be offered in the diocese starting in late March/early April. Two sessions will be offered – one held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon and the second held at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. The day and time of sessions will be arranged jointly by facilitators and participants. Cost: \$35. Please contact Dianna Knaus at dknaus@sasktel.net or (306) 382-0535. (For those who have previously made contact, please do phone to confirm your attendance for this upcoming session.)

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.



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

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024

Ministries for February 4, 2024

Sacristans	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & June Furmanic
Prayers of the Faithful	Irene LeGatt
Altar Servers	Anora Couture & Gawain Koshinsky
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Welcomers	Jo-Anne Lund & Guy Belliveau
Coffee Preparation before Mass	Marg Dewey
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	Ron & Brenda Ritz

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Is not life on earth a drudgery, its days like those of a hireling?

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me.

Mark 1:29-39

[Jesus] told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

Teaching with Authority

Sr Dianne Bergant, CSA



Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning.

The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

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.

2024 TAX RECEIPTS are ready to be picked up this weekend in the welcome area. Please help us save the cost of postage by picking up your receipt.

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.

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, February 18** 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.

SCAM ALERT – Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. **DISREGARD** all such messages! Do NOT reply or engage with the individuals sending these messages. The e-mail addresses typically look like they could be real (using names, titles, etc.). Do NOT send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message. If you receive messages asking for help like this from our bishops or priests or other leaders, either contact their offices directly to check whether the messages are authentic, or just ignore. If you are the victim of fraud, contact your local police or RCMP office.

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.

