

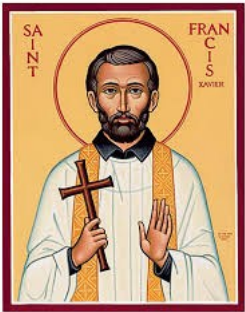
PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL – The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 pancake breakfast is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Sunday, September 21** at St. Joseph Parish Hall on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 8th Street East in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; Children 5-15 years: \$5, Family \$35.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The CWL Clothing Depot is always in need of volunteers who would be willing to help on the floor during store hours. This is only a three-hour commitment, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and/or 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the store located on the lower level of the Friendship Inn building, 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon. Your much-needed support as a volunteer would contribute to the continued operation of the non-profit CWL Clothing Depot where you would be warmly welcomed, much appreciated and part of a great service the depot provides to financially challenged members of our community. Volunteers do not have to be CWL members, and can be men or women. Call Bea at (306) 242-5042 for more information.

An **“AIM FOR HEALING”** event in the Eparchy of Saskatoon will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 13** at the **Millennium Pro-Life Cross** site north of Aberdeen (the day before the annual pilgrimage). “Aim for Healing” will include an optional 40-km bike pilgrimage to the site of the 100-foot cross north of Aberdeen starting at 10 a.m. Sept. 13 (registration is required before Sept. 7 by e-mailing: info@millenniumcross.ca). Then from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 13 there will be a Head and Heart program at the cross site, about deepening faith with the healing of significant relationships. Activities, prayer, and speakers address topics such as parents and siblings, friendship, leadership at work and in parenting, and cultivating a relationship with God. Hand and Heart speakers include:

- Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky: Parish priest in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, military chaplain, intrepid cyclist and wilderness trekker, husband and dad;
- Deborah Larmour: Catechist, canon lawyer, wife, mother and grandmother;
- Hudson Byblow: Teacher, Catholic speaker, sacred music enthusiast;
- Sofia Larmour: Staffing advisor for the RCMP, loves running and athletic pursuits, following Christ and sharing faith; and
- Logan and Elise Michallshen: Parents of active young children committed to passing on the faith in their family.

For more information and/or registration for the Aim for Healing events on Saturday, Sept. 13, please e-mail: info@millenniumcross.ca.



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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 7, 2025

Ministries for September 14, 2025

Sacristan & EMHC	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Nicky Curtis
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	Guy Belliveau & Anna Vu
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Koshinsky Family
Welcomers	Dave & Betty Schurman

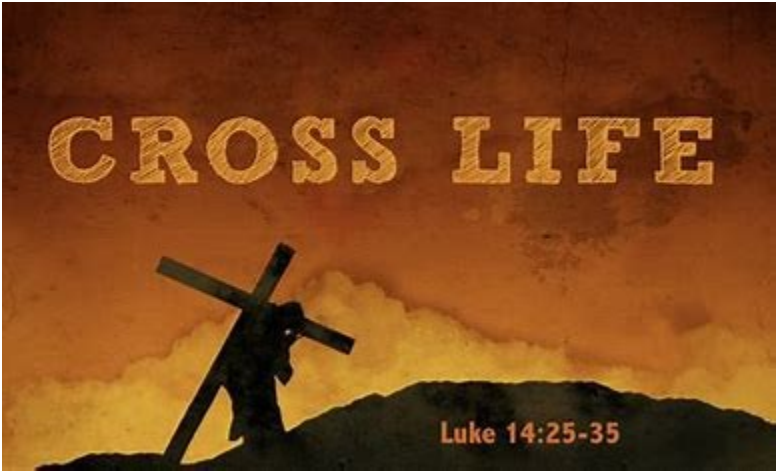
READINGS FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Numbers 21:4b-9: The LORD said to Moses: Make a seraph and mount it on a pole , and everyone who has been bitten will look at it and recover.

Philippians 2:6-11: [Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

John 3:13-17: “So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”

NO LONGER A SLAVE
Sr. Diane Bergent, CSA



Paul urged Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not as a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet, if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But

that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy, and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble, and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

A **PARISH TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE (TRC) GATHERING** will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Bishop Klein Room of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. A meal will be provided for participants at no cost. These ongoing gatherings are for parishes who have, are beginning, or would like to increase networks with other parishes to advance TRC efforts. For smaller parishes that may not have the capacity to create a TRC committee, the event is an opportunity to draw attention available opportunities to join the church in this historic journey. To assist with meal planning, please register before Sept. 22 online at: <https://form.jotform.com/252118673131249> or for more information, contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca. (Office of Justice and Peace is supported by the BAA.)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER encourages a scent free atmosphere for the comfort of those with sensitivities and allergies to perfumes. We ask that parishioners refrain from wearing products with fragrances to mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the foreseeable future, Ryan will be in the parish office Thursdays from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

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.

K OF C CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS: Starting June 8, Ron Ritz will be selling K of C Charity Appeal Tickets after Mass. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for a booklet. For more information, please see Ron Ritz.

Fr. Hoang will be away until the end of September for holidays. We will still have Sunday morning Mass as usual, but there will be no Wednesday morning Masses or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in September.

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 **October 9, 2025**. 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.

As many of the volunteers in the different ministries are away during the month of September, it won't be possible to offer coffee after Mass during the month of September unless there are additional volunteers. If you are able to help out during the month of September, please talk to June Furmanic.

