

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.

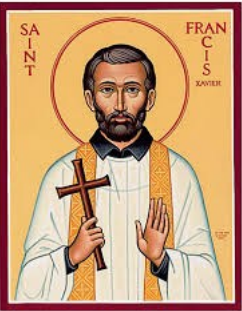
FOOD PANTRY APPEAL: The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is appealing for donations to assist some of the most vulnerable in our community, including those who came to Saskatoon because of wildfires in our northern communities. Donations of food staples are greatly needed, including powdered milk, peanut butter (small sizes), coffee, tea, canned beans, meat and fish, canned soups and vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, and ramen noodles. Monetary donations permit the parish to purchase exactly what is needed. Contact Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at (306) 653-4945; the parish office is located at 426 Ave. J S., Saskatoon

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 at St. Mary Parish, 211 Avenue O South Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after Communion. It is designated 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.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.
Collections	\$5,795.40	\$5,691.90	\$6,719.30	\$7,275.00	\$5,356.60	\$8,287.00
Diocesan Collections	\$1,045.80	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$91.40	\$93.50	\$2,248.71	\$38.15	\$11,560.54	\$309.95
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Collections	\$6,932.60	\$5,920.40	\$9,093.07	\$7,313.15	\$16,957.14	\$8,596.35

Total Collections for Jan—Sept 2025	\$65,201.55	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—Sept 2025	\$89,636.22	
Total Expenses for Jan—Sept 2025	\$88,023.74	
Operating Profit for Jan-Sept 2025	\$1,612.48	



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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025

Ministries for November 2, 2025

Sacristan	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	June Furmanic & Betty Schurman
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	Loretta Weimer & Guy Belliveau
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Rediger Family
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
EMHC	Brenda Ritz
Coffee Set Up before Mass	Gloria McGee
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	Ron & Brenda Ritz

READINGS FOR THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18: Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18: [Paul said,] “I have competed well, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Luke 18:9-14: [The LORD said,] “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

RIGHTEOUS OR SELF-RIGHTEOUS

By: Sr. Dianne Bergant



“O God, I thank you that I am not like...this tax collector.” The words of the Pharisee in today’s gospel might look like a prayer of thanksgiving. However, it is not prayer, nor does it express gratitude. It is an arrogant statement of self-congratulation. One might think that he had a right to boast. After all, he did observe certain religious obligations and refrain from forms of public immorality. Why did Jesus say that he was not justified?

First, he haughtily presented himself in the Temple as a prayerful man. As we saw last week, the fundamental character of prayer is acknowledgment of human neediness and a trust in God’s loving care. This man did not see himself as needy or requiring God’s care. Second, he did not realize that as important as religious observance and good works might be, they are not requirements fulfilled to earn God’s love. Rather, they should flow from one’s inner relationship with God. Third, he judged the inner disposition of others by observing the outer circumstances of their lives.

On the other hand, Jesus praised the tax collector. Why? First, he acknowledged he was a sinner in need of God’s mercy. After all, as tax collector, he worked for the hated Romans who occupied the land. Most likely, he made his own living by adding a commission to the taxes he collected from others. Second, he made no claim of being righteous and deserving God’s mercy. Third, overwhelmed by his own unworthiness, he compared himself to no one. His was genuine prayer.

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.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to Ron Ritz and the San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 for putting on a delicious pancake breakfast last Sunday. It was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you.

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 **November 13, 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.

We will be having a display for the month of November to pray for and to remember those loved ones who have passed away. We invite parishioners to bring photos of deceased family and friends to be included in the display. Photos can be left in the sacristy.

The **BOOK OF LIFE** has been placed in the welcoming area and we welcome you to write the names of those loved ones who have passed away since November 1, 2024. The names will be read at the mass on the first Sunday of November which is also All Souls Day.

The **MASS FOR ALL SAINTS DAY** will be held on **Saturday, November 1** at 9:00 am at St. Joseph Parish.

“NO OPTIONS, NO CHOICE” - Writing the Government to Ask for More Resources for Palliative Care: World Hospice and Palliative Care Day was recently marked on Oct. 11 as a global call to ensure that every person can receive comfort, care, and dignity at the end of life. Here in Saskatchewan, the need for quality palliative care continues to grow far faster than the resources provided. When families cannot access support at home or in care facilities, their loved ones can feel abandoned or forced into choices they never wanted like medically-provided death (known as MAiD) Together, we can urge provincial leaders to strengthen palliative care, invest in home supports, and ensure that every person receives care that honours life at every stage. Take one minute to make a difference: visit the “No Options, No Choice” website to send your letter to the government: <https://www.nooptionsnochoice.com/english/take-action-saskatchewan-consent>.

