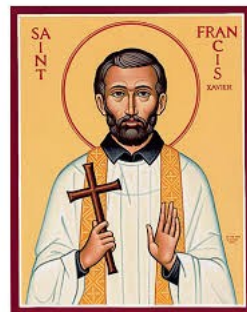


This Advent, we are collecting donations for Christmas food hampers with all donations going to St. Mary Parish's Hamper Program who is preparing hampers for the inner-city community. You can put your donation in an envelope marked with your name and Christmas Hampers in the collection basket. Cheques are to be made out to St. Francis Xavier Parish.

We are also collecting donations of \$20 each for poinsettias in memory of your loved ones. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. You can put your payment in an envelope marked with your name and poinsettias in the collection basket

The parish has a Winter Warmth Tree again this season. There is a basket under the tree in the Welcoming Area where you can place donations of socks, mitts, gloves and toques. The clothing will be donated to the Bridge and St. Mary's Parish hamper program.

A sign up sheet for the ministries during the Christmas season is located in the welcoming area. If you will be attending any of these celebrations, please consider signing up for the various ministries.



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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

## 1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Celebration/Date	St. Francis Xavier Parish	St. Joseph Parish
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation	Wednesday, December 17 at 5:30pm	Friday, December 5 at 7:00pm
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 8	9:00am	
Christmas Eve Wednesday December 24	5:00pm	7:00pm
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25	11:00am	9:00am
Friday December 26		9:00am
Saturday, December 27		9:00am
Sunday December 28	9:00am	11:00am & 5:00pm
Monday, December 29	9:00	
Tuesday, December 30		9:00am
Wednesday, December 31		5:00pm
New Year's Day Thursday, January 1	9:00am	

## Ministries for December 7, 2025

Sacristan & EMHC	Irene LeGatt & Brenda Ritz
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Loretta Weimer
Prayers of the Faithful	June Furmanic
Altar Servers	Gloria McKee & Irene LeGatt
Cross Bearer	Gawain Koshinsky
Gift Bearers	Jane Isinger & Marilyn Kowalski
Welcomers	Jo-Anne Lund & Guy Belliveau
Coffee Set Up before Mass	June Furmanic
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	June Furmanic



## THE WAITING GAME

By: Fr. Joseph Juknialis



If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—as children, for Santa to come with his sack of surprises and for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later, we eagerly wait to get our driver’s licenses and then to move out on our own and get our first real jobs and the independence this phase of life promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, yet we did, and still we do, as we wait for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then, one day, we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So, maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize that he is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves. Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God With Us.



### READINGS FOR 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

#### **Isaiah 11:1-10**

He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land’s afflicted.

#### **Romans 15:4-9**

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

#### **Matthew 3:1-12**

[John the Baptist said] “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

**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](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.

This is the last Sunday for the display in remembrance of our loved one. You are welcomed to take your photos after mass. Any remaining photos will be placed in the sacristy.

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS** – A gathering to pray, reflect and meditate upon the Holy Face of Jesus is held at 7:45 p.m. every first Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, with the next event on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The devotion consists of the Chaplet to the Holy Face, and prayers of reparation, and takes about 30 minutes. Participants typically stay afterwards for questions, shared stories, and personal meditation.

**Wednesday, December 3** is the **FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**. To mark the Feast Day, there will be a mass at 9:00 am, followed by coffee and treats. All are welcome.

**A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS** led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held **Friday, Dec. 5 at 5 p.m.** 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. 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..

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE** includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. For more information about the Cenacle events, please contact Edna at (306) 382-1680.

The **2025-2026 MISSALS** are now available and can be purchased in the welcoming area after mass. The cost is \$5.00.