

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JAN. 18 TO 25 -

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Ecumenical Morning Prayer Services Jan. 19-23 - 8 a.m. worship, light breakfast to follow:

- Monday, Jan. 19 - to be announced
- Tuesday, Jan. 20 - Trinity Lutheran Church ELCIC; 419 Avenue E North, Saskatoon
- Wednesday, Jan. 21 - St. Patrick RC Parish, 3339 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon
- Thursday, Jan. 22 - Grosvenor Park United Church, 407 Cumberland Avenue South, Saskatoon
- Friday, Jan. 23 - Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon

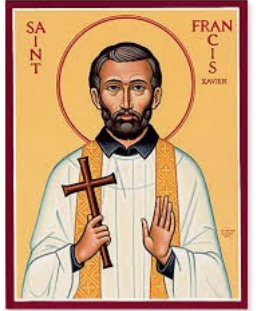
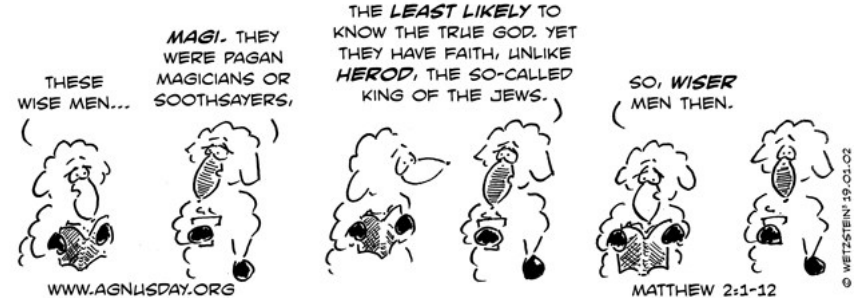
PRAYER SERVICE - 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19 followed by lunch (cash only) at Luther Heights, 11802 Alexandra Ave., Saskatoon. For information about cost and to RSVP, please e-mail: admin@pcecumenism.ca.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at St. Andrew Presbyterian, 436 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon with Saskatoon Anglican Bishop Chad McCharles.

DE MARGERIE LECTURE 2 in Saskatoon: "Christians Killing Christians: Reconciling Violent Pasts and Conflicting Martyrdoms" will look at one major barrier — the history of Christians killing Christians. During the Reformation, the execution of fellow Christians was justified on theological grounds, and some of those killed are honoured as martyrs by some churches. How do we reckon with this history in ways that do justice to the past, and promote reconciliation and unity in the future - Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon (also live-streamed)

DE MARGERIE SERIES PUBLIC WORKSHOP “CHURCH APOLOGIES, RITES AND WRONGS” – Friday, Jan. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Wildwood Mennonite Church, 1502 Acadia Drive, Saskatoon. A workshop will also be held in Regina (also live-streamed).

More information: Prairie Centre for Ecumenism <https://pcecumenism.ca/> or (306) 653-1633 or admin@pcecumenism.ca. Find resources at www.weekofprayer.ca (Ecumenism 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”

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

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

Ministries for January 11, 2026

Sacristan	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	K of C
Prayers of the Faithful	K of C
Altar Servers	K of C
Cross Bearer	K of C
Gift Bearers	K of C
Welcomers	K of C
Coffee Set Up before Mass	K of C
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	K of C



A TRIP CALLED LIFE

By: Fr. Joseph Juknialis



One way to pray with sacred Scripture is to ask, “How is this biblical story my story?” So, then, how is the story of the Magi our story? Like those journeyers from the East, we may sense there is more to our lives than what is now. Some inner angst can send us on a life search without really knowing where it will take us or even what we are really seeking. Yet, through it all, we are led by an inner star that lures us on. Some might call it a spiritual journey.

Like the Magi who stopped in Jerusalem and asked if anyone knew something about what they were seeking, we begin asking around. Some people we ask aren’t sure what we are asking, like Herod. Others seem able to offer suggestions, but, for our purposes, these are not answers; they only point the way.

Then, one day, we happen to stumble on what we’ve been looking for all along. Some people call it a religious experience. To describe it to someone else, we might be at a loss for words. Yet, it touches us so deeply that it seems to change our lives. We begin to let go of what we once thought was so important—the gold, frankincense, and myrrh of our lives. And, like the Wise Men, we journey on with our lives, except by a different route, sensing that the path we have traveled thus far is no longer a safe journey home.



READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.

Acts 10:34-38

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him.

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.

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.

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026 free resources are now available, focused on the 2026 theme: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling” (Eph 4: 4). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) is traditionally observed from Jan. 18 to 25. Find resources on the website <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/> which is a project of the Canadian Council of Churches, the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism in Saskatoon, and the Centre canadien d’oecuménisme in Montreal.

Do you have a heart for Christian unity? Would you like to learn more about ecumenism and share it with your friends and your church congregation? This group is for you! The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism is seeking interested Christians from all denominations to form an Ecumenical Contact Group (ECG) to breathe more life into our ecumenical community. If you are interested in joining the ECG, please contact the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism at (306) 653-1633 or admin@pcecumenism.ca.

The monthly mass at **SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** will take place this **Thursday, January 8th at 2:00 pm**. All are very welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact Jo-Anne Lund.

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, January 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.