

# St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

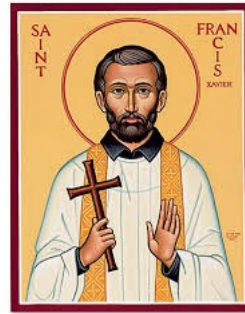
	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov
Collections	\$6,719.30	\$7,275.00	\$5,356.00	\$8,287.00	\$7,702.20	\$7,402.00
Diocesan Collections	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$275.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,248.71	\$38.15	\$11560.54	\$3,187.57	\$425.90	\$432.40
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$9,093.01</b>	<b>\$7,313.15</b>	<b>\$16,957.14</b>	<b>\$11,467.57</b>	<b>\$8,298.10</b>	<b>\$8,109.40</b>

Total Collections for Jan—Nov \$80,305.75  
 Total Income for Jan—Nov \$108,914.94  
 Total Expenses for Jan—Nov \$106,186.18  
 Operating Income for Jan—Nov \$2,728.76

If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at [rnbaker@rcdos.ca](mailto:rnbaker@rcdos.ca)

## St. Francis Xavier Christmas Schedule

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	<b>5:00pm</b>	
New Year's Day Thursday, January 1		<b>9:00am</b>



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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

**“A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel”**

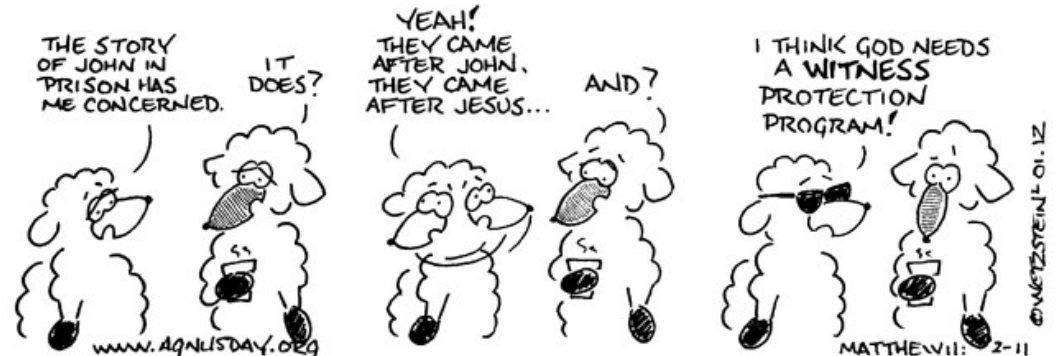
<b>Sacrament of Penance:</b>	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
<b>Weekday Liturgies:</b>	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
<b>Eucharistic Liturgies:</b>	Sundays at 9:00am

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

### Ministries for December 21, 2025

Sacristan & EMHC	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Proclaimers of the Word	June Furmanic & Betty Schurman
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Koshinsky Family
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz
Coffee Set Up before Mass	TBD
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	TBD

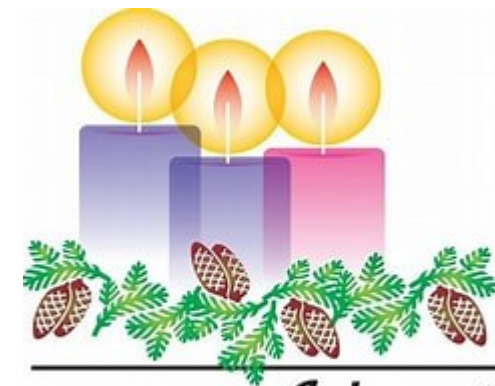


## JOY: A SIGN OF GOD

By: Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Once, as I was teaching a college theology course, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. The students were shocked. “What’s wrong with being happy?” they protested. “Nothing,” I said. “It’s simply not the purpose of life.” “But God wants us to be happy,” they insisted.

Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that’s simply not what life is about. Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back door of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow, and mourning would flee away. (See Isaiah 35:10.) Joy is God’s doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.” God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality— peaceful, serene, and nurturing—even when life may be unsettled

### READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

#### Isaiah 7:10-14

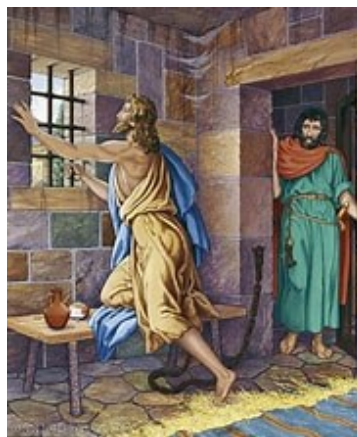
The Lord himself will give you a sign.

#### Romans 1:1-7

Through [Jesus Christ] we have received the grace of apostleship.

#### Matthew 1:18-24

“Behold the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”



**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.

The **MINISTRY SIGN-UP SHEET** for the Christmas season liturgies is now available in the welcoming area. Please consider signing up for the various ministries as we need volunteers during this Christmas season.

On **Wednesday, December 17th**, there is **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND RECONCILIATION** beginning at 5:30 pm followed by mass at 6:30 pm. **There will be a morning mass at 9:00 am that morning.**

The **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH** is traditionally the day when there is a blessing for married couples who are marking a milestone anniversary. We invite those parishioners celebrating milestone anniversaries this year to sign their names on the sheet in the welcoming area and Father will give a blessing to them at the **9:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 28th.**

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.

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.