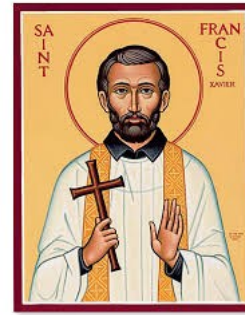


The ministry schedules for the Christmas season and for the months of January and February are available for pick up in the welcoming area. Please note that we are still looking for volunteers for the Christmas season celebrations and it is not too late to sign up. There is a sign-up sheet in the welcoming area.

On **Monday, December 22**, there will be a 7:00 pm mass at St Francis Xavier for **SIMBANG GABI**. This is a music filled devotional mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary coordinated by the Filipino community in preparation for Christmas. All are invited to attend.

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.



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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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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	

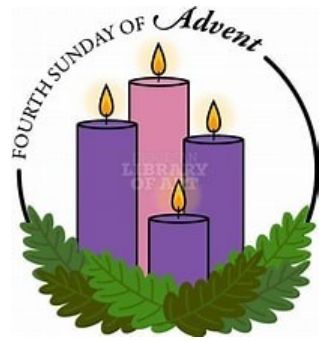
Ministries for December 28, 2025

Sacristan & EMHC	Irene LeGatt & June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz
Prayers of the Faithful	Guy Belliveau
Altar Servers	Irene LeGatt
Cross Bearer	
Gift Bearers	
Welcomers	
Coffee Set Up before Mass	
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	



HOLY VOICES

By: Fr. Joseph Juknialis



Instincts come in various shapes and sizes. They may simply be gut feelings, or dreams that seem to speak more than a nighttime fantasy trip. Sometimes, they appear in the form of daydreaming that takes us to another place, or they can be the silent voice of God. Whatever they may be, there are times when they demand our attention.

In Saint Joan, a play by George Bernard Shaw, Joan of Arc has a conversation with Robert about her conviction regarding what God is calling her to do. Joan says to him, "I hear voices. They come from God."

Robert disagrees. "They come from your imagination."

"Of course," says Joan. "That is how messages of God come to us

Joseph, the husband of Mary, placed a heavy credence on his dream, believing that the dream to keep pregnant Mary as his wife was the voice of God, and so Joseph does just that. Much later, he again listens to a dream and takes his young family to the safety of Egypt and then back home to Nazareth. Those nighttime dreams could have easily become daytime nightmares. Yet, for Joseph, there was something that kept him from simply dismissing them.

Sometimes our inclinations and inner voices may not seem practical, and yet, even as we find ourselves second-guessing them, we think we need to listen to them. When the inclination is one toward goodness, that may very well be the voice of God.



READINGS FOR THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Those who respect their father will live a long life, those who obey the Lord honor their mother.

Colossians 3:12-21

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt

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.

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.

The **ENVELOPES FOR THE WEEKLY OFFERING** for 2026 are now available for pick up in the welcoming area.

We will be **DECORATING THE CHURCH** for the Christmas season immediately after mass. All are welcomed to stay to help. Please see JoAnne Moorhead for instructions.

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.