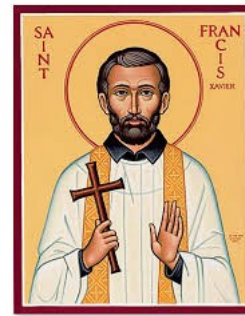


Do you have a heart for Christian unity? Would you like to learn more about ecumenism and share it with your friends and your church congregation? This group is for you! The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism is seeking interested Christians from all denominations to form an Ecumenical Contact Group (ECG) 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.



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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 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 January 4, 2026

Sacristan & EMHC	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Jane Isinger
Prayers of the Faithful	Guy Belliveau
Altar Servers	Noah Foster & Gloria McGee
Cross Bearer	Ron Ritz
Gift Bearers	
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Coffee Set Up before Mass	
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	



PRACTICING FAMILY VALUES

By: Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



“Do we have to go to Grandma’s?” Children aren’t the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that’s what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn’t come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today’s readings, we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children’s respect for and support of parents. Then, the gospel recounts parents’ protection of a vulnerable child. Together, these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other

members concern and care. Paul provides as short list of what I like to think of as genuine family values: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3:12–13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It’s not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It’s actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other. It’s a time for us to decide whether or not Paul’s list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?



READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; your light has come; the glory of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:1-12

An ancient mystery is revealed; Gentiles are fellow heirs in Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12

Following a star, wise men visit Jesus and bring him gifts.

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.

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.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held at **5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2** 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 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.