

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

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.” (Ephesians 4:4)

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

- Monday, Jan. 19 - St. Matthew Anglican Church, 35-109th Avenue, Saskatoon
- 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

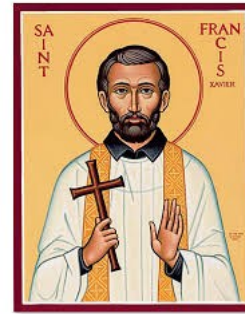
PRAYER SERVICE - 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19 followed by lunch (cash only) at Luther Heights, 11802 Alexandra Ave., Saskatoon. For information about cost and to RSVP, please e-mail: admin@pcecumenism.ca.

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

Ministries for January 25, 2026

Sacristan	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Brian Colquhoun
Prayers of the Faithful	June Furmanic
Altar Servers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Rediger Family
Welcomers	Jane Isinger & Marilyn Kowalski
EMHC (Communion)	Irene LeGatt
Coffee Set Up before Mass	Gloria McGee
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	Brenda & Ron Ritz



WHO'S CALLING?

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



God called Isaiah: “You are my servant.... I will make you a light to the nations” (Isaiah 49:3, 6). God called John the Baptist: “The one who sent me to baptize with water” (John 1:33). God called St. Paul: “Called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus” (1 Corinthians 1:1). And Paul says God calls us: We are “called to be holy” (1 Corinthians 1:2). Given that call, the question is, “What are we called to do with our lives?”

Frederick Buechner, an author, suggests that we are called to wherever our deep hunger and the world’s great need meet. As he explains, the world’s great need may be to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, but if we become depressed helping the poor, that is not where God wants us to

be. On the other hand, we may love designing sandcastles, but the world has no great need for sandcastles, so that surely is not what God calls us to do. Rather, God calls us to the place where what we love doing and what the world desperately needs intersect.

Adults are often inclined to ask children what they want to be or do when they grow up. Perhaps asking them what they think God wants them to do might be a question laced with greater wisdom. To turn the question may call forth a more thoughtful answer.



READINGS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Upon those who lived in a land of gloom, a light has shone.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I urge you ... that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you

Matthew 4:12-23

[Jesus said,] “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”.

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.

THANK YOU - The Christmas Hamper Committee at St. Mary’s Parish Saskatoon, extends profound thanks all those who volunteered, donated, and supported the Christmas hamper ministry at St. Mary Parish this year, which provided 355 hampers to those in the parish area who needed help during the Christmas season. Thanks to all the many, many volunteers who took registrations, packed the hamper boxes, and delivered the hampers. A special thank you to all the parishes, schools, and organizations throughout the diocese who continually assist in giving time and donations to the hamper program. This year St. Francis was able to send \$1,015.00 to the Christmas Hamper program because of your generosity.

WHY ARE SOME PEOPLE HOMELESS? Talking to children and youth about hard things will be presented as a panel discussion from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 at St. Philip Neri Parish, 1902 Munroe Avenue, Saskatoon. All ages are welcome. Come learn more about how to engage young people in the conversation about homelessness, and find out how you can create space in your family, school, parish, and community that encourages a holy curiosity leading to service and justice.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS – In anticipation of Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which is marked both locally and provincially each year on Feb. 22, a “Shine the Light – See the Stories, not the Statistics” event will be held on **Friday, Feb. 20**, initiated by the Catholic Women’s League at Saint Anne Parish in Saskatoon. The Human Trafficking Awareness event begins at Saskatoon City Hall civic square with a flag raising at 11:15 am Feb. 20, followed by a silent walk to the Parktown Hotel, with lunch there from noon to 1 pm., followed by a panel discussion from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. hosted by Stephen Moorgen. For more information, email: cwlhta@gmail.com.

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.