

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.

The monthly mass at **SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** will take place this **Thursday, February 12 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, February 15** 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.

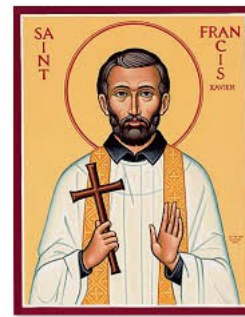
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS – In anticipation of Human Trafficking Awareness Day, which is marked both locally and provincially each year on Feb. 22, a “Shine the Light – See the Stories, not the Statistics” event will be held on **Friday, Feb. 20**, initiated by the Catholic Women’s League at Saint 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.

FOOD PANTRY APPEAL -- The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is appealing for donations to assist some of the most vulnerable in our community. Donations of food staples are greatly needed, including powdered milk, peanut butter (small sizes), coffee, tea, canned beans, meat and fish, canned soups and vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, and ramen noodles. Monetary donations permit the parish to purchase exactly what is needed. Contact Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at (306) 653-4945; the parish office is located at 426 Avenue J South, Saskatoon.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

TO THE “ARENA OF PEACE,” ROME,
MAY 30, 2025



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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 in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

Ministries for February 8, 2026

Sacristan & EMHC (Communion)	Irene LeGatt & June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Kip Yaworski & Jim Moorehead
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Irene LeGatt
Cross Bearer	Gawain Koshinsky
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz
Coffee Set Up before Mass	June Furmanic
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	June Furmanic

READINGS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zephaniah 2:3: 3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who have observed his law;/ Seek justice, seek humility.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong.

Matthew 5:1-12a

[Jesus said,] “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”.

A CALL FROM THE WILD

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Sometimes, as if by divine instinct, life draws us into new and uncharted lands, a kind of “call of the wild.” It happens when we leave childhood, when (if) we leave the single life, and when we grieve the loss of love or health. The call, then, is also to trust that God will walk with us and show us the way through the coming wilderness.

At other times, that wild, divine instinct is to go where we

would rather not go, but, somehow, we also sense we must, if for no other reason than to be true to ourselves. It happened to Jesus, as this week’s gospel begins with our Lord picking up where John the Baptist left off. “When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.... From that time on, he began to preach” (Matthew 4:12, 17). Who could know where that divine instinct would lead him?

Sometimes, that call pulls us into what life needs at this moment, whether we choose it or not. It may come in the face of the premature death of a spouse that finds us raising a young family alone, or it may be an aging spouse’s needs that require us to be a caregiver. It may be the daily grind of a job we can’t stand but have to keep for one reason or another, or it may be no job at all that forces us to reorganize our lives. The call of God may come out of the blue and from the many wilds of life.



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.

To close this year’s Week of Christian Unity, an **ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE** will be held at **3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25** at St. Andrew Presbyterian, 436 Spadina Cres., Saskatoon with Saskatoon Anglican Bishop Chad McCharles

TAX RECEIPTS: In order to complete the 2025 tax receipts, we are looking for the parishioners who used envelope 56, 62 and 65 during 2025. We are in the process of issuing charitable tax receipts, but have no names for these envelopes. Please contact Ryan at the office ASAP if this is you.

A Mass for the celebration of **THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** will be held on **Monday, February 2nd at 9:00at St. Francis Xavier Parish**. Fr. Hoang will bless candles and other small items that people would like to bring to the Mass to be blessed.

On **Tuesday, February 3**, Fr. Hoang will conduct a blessing of the throats at the **9:00am Mass at St. Joseph’s** as we celebrate the **FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE OF PRAYER includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, Feb. 5** at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. For more information about the Cenacle events, please contact Edna at (306) 382-1680.

CONTEMPLATIVE MASS with Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at **5 p.m. on First Friday, Feb. 6** at Saint Mary Catholic Church, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after Communion. It is designated 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.