

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “IN SUPPORT OF LIFE” GALA FUNDRAISER will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and supper at 6:30 p.m.; includes a silent auction. For tickets contact Merv at (306) 961-2473.

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.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH On **Sunday March 8th**, Bishop Mark Hagemoen will confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00am Mass**. Please keep the following young candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament.

Armand Guillemain, Kaitlyn Maestro, Carl Ohams, Irist Sepina, Iana Sepina, Ardian Vocalan, Viviene Vocalan

The **Ash Wednesday** mass for **St. Francis Xavier** will be held on **Wednesday, February 18th** at **9:00 am**. There will also be a **5:00 pm** mass at **St. Joseph**.

RETURN OLDER PALMS: There is a basket in the welcoming area where you can return older palms.

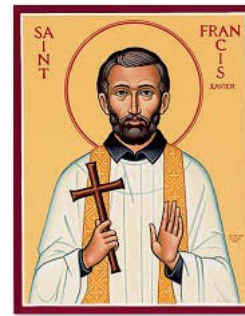
The **MINISTRY SCHEDULE** for the months of March and April will be available next week. If you will be away for any of those Sundays, please let Irene LeGatt know by Tuesday, February 10th.

SCAM ALERT – Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. **DISREGARD** all such messages! **Do NOT** reply or engage with the individuals sending these messages. **Do NOT** send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning “social” media, we risk being ever more alone.

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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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

Ministries for February 22, 2026

Sacristans	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Jane Isinger
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Marilyn Kowalski & Jane Isinger
Welcomers	Dave & Betty Schurman
Coffee Set Up before Mass	June Furmanic
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	June Furmanic & Natalie Rediger

READINGS FOR THE 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

The snake said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened.”

Romans 5:12-19

Through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus answered [the devil], “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’”

WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART?

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



In the past fifty years, there seems to have been a quiet but noticeable shift in the lived faith of Catholics in the pews. None of it has been officially or formally decreed, though it might very well be the natural unfolding of what the Second Vatican Council was about. It seems to have simply happened, perhaps by the workings of the Holy Spirit. I would highlight four common shifts.

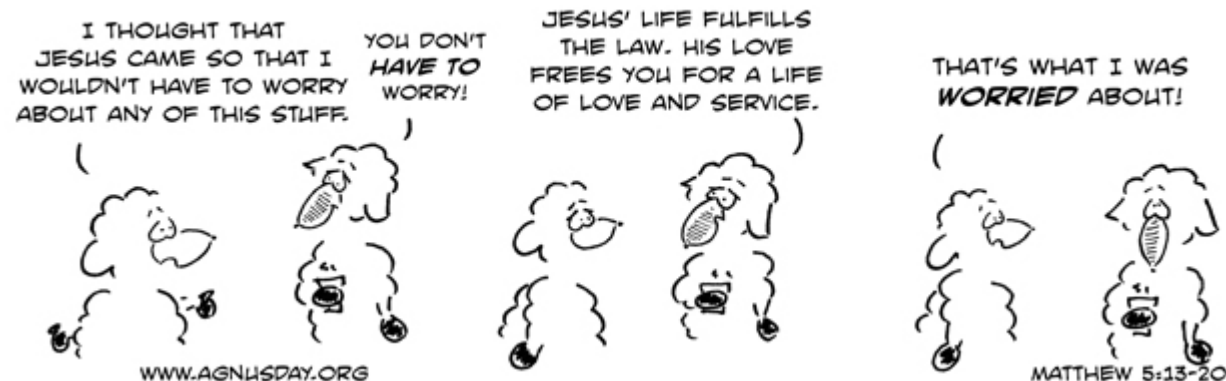
Our faith seems to have moved from a primary concern with doctrine, or what we believe, to spirituality, or how we live out what we believe as people of faith and recognize where God is in our lives. There is a greater focus on what is in our hearts.

This suggests that while actions are important, where our actions originate and what they say about who we are can also be important in trying to understand why we do what we do.

We pray differently. While the rosary and devotional prayer are nurturing to the faith of many, we have also discovered forms of meditation, quiet reflection, and praying with sacred Scripture.

Confession no longer seems to be only about reporting the kinds and numbers of sins; it is also about what is in our hearts and how we find themselves relating to others. We confess both actions and attitudes that are destructive rather than moral lists.

It seems that all of this echoes this week's gospel, which focuses on divisive anger, lustful lifestyles, and faking the truth, that is, what is in our hearts.



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: 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.

TAX RECEIPTS: In order to complete the 2025 tax receipts, we are looking for the parishioners who used envelope 56 during 2025. Please contact Ryan at the office ASAP if this is you. Tax receipts will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 15, 2026;

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.