

**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.

The monthly mass at **SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** will take place **Thursday, March 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, March 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.

Mark your calendars, there will be a **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Friday, **March 20th at 5:30** followed by soup and a bun supper. A silver collection will be taken for Development and Peace, all are welcome!

During the Lenten season, we will pray the Stations of the Cross before the **Wednesday morning masses, beginning at 8:30 am**. All are welcomed to join.

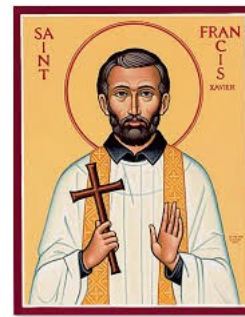
**RETURN OLDER PALMS:** There is a basket in the welcoming area where you can return older palms.

**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**

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 202



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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

**“A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel”**

<b>Sacrament of Penance:</b>	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
<b>Weekday Liturgies:</b>	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
<b>Eucharistic Liturgies:</b>	Sundays at 9:00am

## 1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

**Ministries for March 1, 2026**

Sacristans	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	June Furmanic & Betty Schurman
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	Loretta Weimer & Anna Vu
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Couture-Baker Family
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Coffee Set Up before Mass	June Furmanic
Coffee Clean Up after Mass	June Furmanic & Natalie Rediger

**READINGS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

The LORD commands Abram to leave his homeland and go to a new land that God will show him.

**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

Paul encourages Timothy to join in suffering the gospel, reminding him that God saved and called them to a holy life, not because of their own deeds

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain where he transfigured before them, shining with a bright light, and they see Moses & Elijah talking with Jesus.

## THE GIFT OF BOREDOM

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Boredom is not a bad thing. It's a good thing. In fact, boredom is a gift. Lost in boredom, we begin to explore new interests and develop unrealized talents. We daydream and begin to form new hopes for our future. For these reasons, periods of boredom are especially good for children, and computers and mobile phones become distinct drawbacks for children and adults alike. It is also in the reverie of boredom that we find ourselves recognizing our limitations, faults, and weaknesses as human beings—the beginning steps to growth and wholeness.

Being bored can be like living in a desert, and that's not a bad thing to do once in a while. Deserts and their absence of anything to distract us become places where we come to know ourselves. It's what took place in Jesus on his journey into the desert. There, he was confronted by his humanity in the temptations he experienced. There, he came to realize his calling and the beginnings of where it would take him. There, in the desert, he came to know himself.

The season of Lent, then, becomes an opportunity for us to create a desert for ourselves. Putting limits on our television and computer time can create a desert. Snacking between meals can become a mindless distraction; thus, fasting can become another desert. Setting aside time for quiet and prayerful reflection becomes one more such desert experience. A grace of this Lent would be a fuller and more honest knowledge of ourselves—a kind of resurrection

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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;

The **ICON OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS** will be at our parish next week on **February 24th and 25th**. Father has agreed to have a Mass for this event on the 24th at 7:30pm. Additional time for adoration will be February 25th following the 9:00am Mass.

**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.

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE** includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, **7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 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

A **CONTEMPLATIVE MASS** with Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at **5 p.m. on First Friday, March 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.

**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, Vivienne Vocalan**

