

**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**

**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.

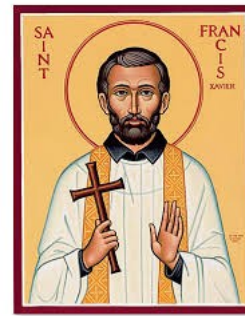
**LENTEN FISH FRY AT CATHEDRAL:** The Knights of Columbus Denis Mahoney Council presents a Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 27 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with two seatings: 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Menu includes fresh steelhead trout, baked potatoes, French fried, coleslaw, and dessert. Tickets are \$35/adult and \$25/children 12 years and under. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will go towards the Bishop's Annual Appeal and Mission and Outreach Ministry at St. Mary Catholic Church, Saskatoon. For tickets, contact Grand Knight Wayne Koshman at (306) 381-3330 [ko-shmanw@gmail.com](mailto:ko-shmanw@gmail.com) or Deputy Grand Knight Rob Magnell at (306) 381-6766 [rob-ert.magnell@sasktel.net](mailto:rob-ert.magnell@sasktel.net).



**A Word from Pope Leo XIV**

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, “We want peace in the world!” Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today’s world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE,  
ROME, JULY 29, 2025



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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

## 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

**Ministries for March 8, 2026**

Sacristans	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	K of C
Prayers of the Faithful	K of C
Altar Servers	K of C
Cross Bearer	K of C
Gift Bearers	K of C
Welcomers	K of C
Coffee Set Up and clean up	K of C

**READINGS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Exodus 17:3-7**

[The LORD answered,] “Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.”

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

The love our God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**John 4:5-42**

[Jesus said,] “The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

## ONCE UPON A MOUNTAINTOP

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Many people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James, and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often, it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because, if we tried, we fear others would think us strange.

And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet, we always remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him, it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us, it is to a life of service, caring, and treasuring all of life now in a new way.

**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.

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.

**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;

**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!

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

**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.