

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.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

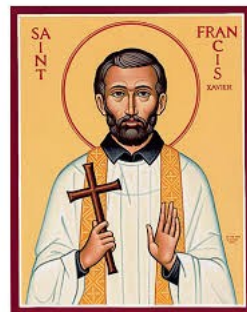
	2025		January	February
Collections	\$94,648.09		\$5,916.00	\$18,019.01
Diocesan Collections	\$2,889.80		\$10.00	\$705.00
Miscellaneous	\$30,223.56		\$195.10	\$30.15
Reimbursements	\$4,023.56		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$129,776.03		\$6,121.10	\$18,754.16

Total Collections for 2025	\$94,648.09	Total Collections for Jan—Feb 2026	\$23,935.01,
Total Income for 2025	\$129,776.03	Total Income for Jan—Feb 2026	\$24,875.26
Total Expenses for 2025	\$145,584.38	Total Expenses for Jan—Feb 2026	\$11,607.58
Operating Loss for 2025	\$15,808.35	Operating Profit for Jan-Feb 2026	\$13,267.68

If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca

St. Francis Xavier Parish Lenten Schedule

	St. Francis Xavier Parish	St Joseph's Parish
Palm Sunday , March 29	9:00am	11:00am & 5:00pm
Holy Thursday, April 2	5:30pm Joint Liturgy with St. Joseph's at St. Francis . Adoration to follow	
Good Friday, April 3	Service at 3:00pm	Morning Prayer 9:00, Service at 5:00pm
Easter Vigil, April 4	Morning Prayer 9:00am	Joint Liturgy 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 5	9:00am	11:00am & 5:00pm



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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 Lent

March 15, 2026

Ministries for March 22, 2026

Sacristans & EMCH	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Brian Colquhoun
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	June Furmanic & Anna Vu
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Koshinsky Family
Welcomers	Marilyn Kowalski & Jo-Anne Lund
Coffee Set Up and clean up	No coffee due to pancake breakfast

READINGS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Ezekiel 37:12-14

You shall know that I am LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!

Romans 8:8-11

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1-45

Jesus told [Marta], :I am the resurrection and the life, whosoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

COMING OF AGE, COMING OF FAITH

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



It is said we never become believers before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says that the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable

of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting—sometimes trusting an unseen power who feels absent at times—and about surrendering control over our lives to God as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a 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
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.

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.

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 **LENTE PENITENTIAL SERVICE** will be **Wednesday, March 18th** at 5:30 pm and will include confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament but no mass. There will be a 9:00 am morning mass that day.

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!

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 22** 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.

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

EASTER LILLIES: We are collecting donations of \$25.00 for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. The lilies will be used to decorate the church during the Easter season. Donations can be made by cash or cheques made out to St. Francis Xavier and placed in the collection.

The sign-up sheet for the ministries for the Triduum and Easter weekend is now available in the welcoming area. Please consider signing up as we need many volunteers for those services.

LENTE 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 koshmanw@gmail.com or Deputy Grand Knight Rob Magnell at (306) 381-6766 robert.magnell@sasktel.net.