

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

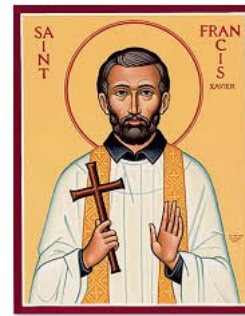
	2025		January	February
Collections	\$94,648.09		\$5,916.00	\$18,019.01
Diocesan Collections	\$2,889.80		\$10.00	\$705.00
Miscellaneous	\$30,223.56		\$195.10	\$30.15
Reimbursements	\$4,023.56		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$129,776.03		\$6,121.10	\$18,754.16

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

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Ministries for March 29, 2026

Sacristans & EMCH	Irene LeGatt & Loretta Weimer
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Kiply Yaworski
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Norah Foster, Irene LeGatt & Anna Vu
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Coffee Set Up and clean up	June Furmanic & Loretta Weimer

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY/PASSION OF THE LORD

Isaiah 50:4-7

The LORD God is my help; therefore I am not disgraced.

Philippians 2:6-11

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave [and] ... humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

CALLED FROM THE PITS

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



When I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, I need to go care about someone else. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then, I ask myself, Why didn't I do that sooner? The truth is, I don't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the Spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as St. Paul once wrote. (See Romans 8:9–13.) It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deader than dead, but then someone or something calls you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, I think about all the times when what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth?



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.

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.

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

CONTEMPLATIVE MASS WITH FR. KEVIN MCGEE – Because the first Friday of April falls on Good Friday, there will NOT be a Contemplative Mass in April, 2026. The next Contemplative Mass will be held at 5 p.m. on First Friday, May 1 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Saskatoon.

BIBLES, HOLY CARDS, ROSARIES, CROSSES – The diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Office is seeking donations of materials to assist with spiritual care outreach to patients at hospitals in Saskatoon. If you have Bibles, holy cards, rosaries, crosses or other small sacred items that would be appropriate to share with those facing illness, please consider donating them "Attention to Jackie Saretsky, Hospital Chaplaincy" at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, or call (306) 659-5839 for information.