

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

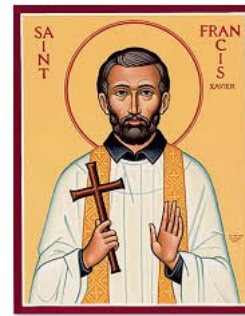
	2025	January	February
Collections	\$94,648.09	\$5,916.00	\$18,019.01
Diocesan Collections	\$2,889.80	\$10.00	\$705.00
Miscellaneous	\$30,223.56	\$195.10	\$30.15
Reimbursements	\$4,023.56	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$129,776.03	\$6,121.10	\$18,754.16

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
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

Palm Sunday/Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

Ministries for April 5, 2026

Sacristans & EMCH	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Jane Isinger
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Incense	Noah Foster
Altar Servers	Gloia McGee & Loretta Weimer
Cross Bearer	Ron Ritz
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges

READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 7-43

This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible ... to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance.

Colossians 3:1-4

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ n God.

John 20:1-9

Then the other disciples also went in , the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

THE ART OF DYING

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



When I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends who were about my age had the same experience. There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—or so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and housing. Many of us around the same age thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those

dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We've grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we're not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet, death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death, there is no life—in this life or in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, which is something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week, we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death.

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.

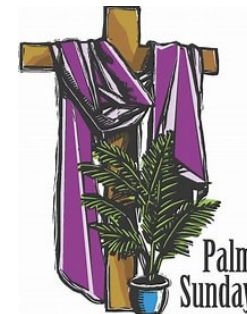
During the Lenten season, we will pray the Stations of the Cross before the **Wednesday morning masses, beginning at 8:30 am.** All are welcomed to join.

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.

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.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST is a time of prayer and reflection to be held at **11 a.m. on Good Friday, April 3** in the hall at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon. All are welcome.



Hosanna!

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
AUGUST 6, 2025

