

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.

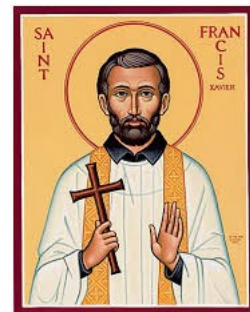
SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE BYELECTION APRIL 15: A byelection for a vacant Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools’ Board of Education trustee position in Saskatoon will be held April 15, 2026. Information about candidates, voter eligibility, and poll locations and times can be found at www.gscs.ca/elections

Election day is April 15, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at:

- Saskatoon City Hall (Committee Room E), 222 3rd Avenue North
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School, 886 Gordon Road
- St. Anne School, 102 Ravine Court
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- St. Nicholas Catholic School, 530 Manek Road
- St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic School, 1023 Hampton Circle
- St Dominic School, 3301 Dieppe Street



The **CWL Clothing Depot** in Saskatoon is requesting donations of much-needed items in order to provide affordable good quality household items and clothing to community members with limited funds. Items needed include summer clothing (any age), jeans, kitchenware, cutlery, working toasters, working kettles, working coffee makers, pots and pans, Rubbermaid containers, clocks, sheets, comforters, and towels. Drop off donations at the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 20th Street West, Saskatoon (located on lower level of Friendship Inn) -- please ring the bell at the back door in the alley of the depot; drop off times are 10:30 a.m. to 3: p.m. Monday-Friday. Thank you for your kindness in making a difference for someone in need. For donation inquiries please contact Bea at (306) 242-5042.



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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

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Ministries for April 19, 2026

Sacristans & EMCH	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Kiply Yaworski &
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Loretta Weimer & Anna Vu
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Couture-Barker Family
Welcomers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Coffee before/after Mass	K of C Breakfast

READINGS FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-23

God raised [Jesus] up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it.

1 Peter 1:17-21

He was ... revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

Luke 24:13-35

He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened.



THE GIFT OF DOUBTS

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often, the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet, when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer

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.

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.

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.

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, April 19** 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: “Jesus I Trust in You” -A holy hour of special prayers, hymns, and reflections, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 12 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. There will also be a Divine Mercy hour starting at 2:45 p.m. April 12 at St. Augustine Parish in Humboldt, SK. The Divine Mercy devotion is centred on the mercy of God and our trust in Jesus Christ, growing out of the revelations and writings of St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). Divine Mercy Sunday was established 25 years ago by St. John Paul II, celebrated each year on the Sunday after Easter.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
OCTOBER 1, 2025

