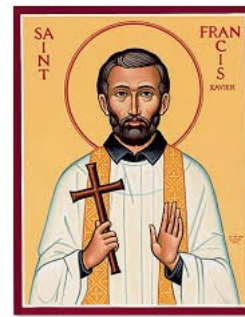


SCAM ALERT – Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. **DISREGARD** all such messages! Do **NOT** reply or engage with the individuals sending these messages. Do **NOT** send gift cards, money, or cash transfers if requested to do so over e-mail or via text message.

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.

Annual diocesan **OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST** will be held at **1 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at St. Mary Catholic Church**, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The celebration will begin with Mass presided by Fr. Kevin McGee, St. Mary pastor and vicar-general of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. Mass will be followed by the traditional outdoor procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which came from Fatima, Portugal, as participants pray the rosary and sing together. A potluck gathering will follow the procession, and all are encouraged to bring food to share. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. Participants are also invited to come dressed in cultural clothing and to bring flags for the procession. Anyone interested in volunteering or providing entertainment for the potluck gathering is invited to e-mail jnunes@rcdos.ca. NOTE: All CWL councils, Knights of Columbus councils, and parishes across the diocese are asked to send representatives to the Our Lady of Fatima celebration, and bring their banners for the procession. Councils and parish representatives only are asked to please confirm attendance by e-mailing Jennifer Nunes jnunes@rcdos.ca.



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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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Ministries for April 26, 2026

Sacristans	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Betty Schurman
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Rediger Family
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz
EMHC (Communion) & Coffee before/after Mass	June Furmanic

READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Peter [said] to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 2:20b-25

For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

[Jesus said,] “The sheep hears his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.”

THE GIFT OF DOUBTS

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



A multiple-choice question: Life is (a) purgatory, (b) a party, (c) drudgery, (d) a maze, or (e) a trial. Many of us might be inclined to answer, “All of the above.” Life takes us along many paths, through many fields, and down many blind alleys.

The Camino de Santiago is a hiking trail of about 500 miles that begins in France, makes its way through Spain, and ends at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where tradition has it that the remains of St. James are buried. Many walk the journey to discover who they are and what their lives are about. Walking ten to fifteen miles a day with little to think about other than one’s life tends to turn the hike into a pilgrimage that thousands have made over the centuries for just that purpose. The pilgrimage is arduous, often plagued with rain, blisters, shin splints, and a discovery of how to travel light. But then, such is all of life.

This week’s Emmaus gospel recounts a similar journey compressed into one day. Like life, it begins in confusion, is scattered with insights and revelations about what has just taken place, and ends with the discovery that the Lord has been the one walking with them. Faith does not solve one’s problems nor eliminate one’s difficulties. It does help us understand life and find meaning in the midst of it all, and somehow it brings us to realize that we do not travel alone, making the journey worthwhile and blessed.

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.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held **5 p.m. Friday, May 1** at St. Mary’s Parish, 211 Ave. O S. 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.

The monthly mass at **SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** will take place **Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 pm**. All are very welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact Jo-Anne Lund.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war.... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
JUNE 18, 2025

