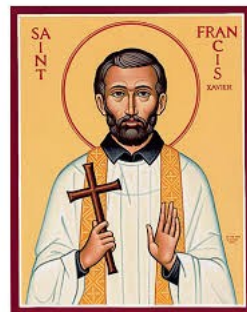


**SCAM ALERT** – Fraudulent messages continue to circulate via e-mail, as well as via text and message apps, allegedly coming from our priests, bishop, or others in the Catholic community, asking for money, gift cards, or other gifts. **DISREGARD** all such messages! Do **NOT** reply or engage with the 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](mailto: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](mailto:jnunes@rcdos.ca).



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## MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

**“A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel”**

<b>Sacrament of Penance:</b>	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
<b>Weekday Liturgies:</b>	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
<b>Eucharistic Liturgies:</b>	Sundays at 9:00am

## 4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

### Ministries for May 3, 2026

Sacristan / <b>EMHC (Communion)</b>	Irene LeGatt / <b>Brenda Ritz</b>
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Loretta Weimer
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Irene LeGatt & June Furmanic
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Ross & Karen Omelan-Davis
Welcomers	Dave & Betty Schurman
Coffee before/after Mass	June Furmanic/Ron & Brenda Ritz

### READINGS FOR 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Acts 6:1–7

The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly.

#### 1 Peter 2:4–9

Come to him, a living stone...and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

#### John 14:1–12

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## SAVED BY LOVE, NOT BY SUFFERING

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



I'm not sure there is any value in suffering in and of itself. Nor do I think God wants us to suffer. That would make him sadistic. Nor is it, then, Jesus' suffering and death that saves us, but rather his love even to the point of suffering and death that saves us. It is his love that reveals the greatness of God's love for us that is so unbelievable. The basis of our faith is Jesus' trust in God, who would bring about life even through death. We also hear the wisdom of St.

Peter today: "If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God" (1 Peter 2:20). Such is the shepherd's voice that teaches us and leads us.

Does anyone ever choose to suffer for doing what is good? Yes. Every day. Spouses become caregivers for husbands or wives robbed of their memories. Each day, people go to jobs that are pure drudgery, and they do so because they love their families. Some choose to live simply, to be countercultural in a consumer society. Others help their community by living in neighborhoods many avoid. Some parents willingly postpone a career in order to be present to their growing family. Teachers often go beyond expectations for students who need extra help. It is never the suffering of these people that captures and reflects the image of Jesus, but the love even to the point of suffering

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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, May 10** 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

Our faith is authentic when it embraces our whole life, when it becomes a criterion for our decisions, when it makes us women and men committed to doing what is right and who take risks out of love, even as Jesus did.... Jesus is the true measure of our faith; he is the gate through which we must pass in order to be saved.

ANGELUS, ROME,  
AUGUST 24, 2025

