

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, 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.

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

Advance polls are April 8, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at:

- Saskatoon City Hall (Committee Room E), 222 3rd Avenue North
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic School, 886 Gordon Road

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



Happy Easter
HE IS RISEN

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

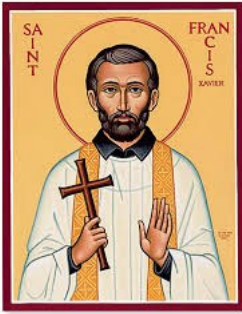
Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025



CELEBRATE

Easter



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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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

Ministries for April 12, 2026

Sacristan & EMCH	June Furmanic, K of C
Proclaimers of the Word	K of C
Prayers of the Faithful	K of C
Incense	K of C
Altar Servers	K of C
Cross Bearer	K of C
Gift Bearers	K of C
Welcomers	K of C

READINGS FOR THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:42-47

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

1 Peter 1:3-9

You may have to suffer through various trials, so ... the genuineness of your faith ... may prove to be for praise, glory, and honour, at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

John 20:19-31

These [signs] are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah ... and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

LEARNING “ALLEUIA”

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



I overheard this conversation in a coffee shop:
Child: Mom, I wouldn't have to go to school today. I could stay home with you.

Mom: I know, Joe, but I think Mrs. Burns would miss you.

Child: But won't you miss me, Mom?

Mom: Sure, Joe, but I know you'll be back in the afternoon, and I can be with you then.

Child: But I could help you in the kitchen.

Mom: What do you think you'll be doing in school today?

It's getting close to Easter. I bet Mrs. Burns will let you make bunnies.

Child: Yeah, maybe. Mom, I think my tummy hurts.

Mom: Oh, I think it'll get better once you're busy in school.

Child: Mom, couldn't I stay home with you today? I'll miss you.

Mom: I know you will, Joe, but it's only for a couple of hours. How's your apple juice?

Child: OK. Mom, I think it would be OK if I stayed home today.

By the time they left, it looked as if Joe was going to school. Joe was learning an important lesson in life. Sometimes we have to do what we don't want to; we have to go into what seems to be “the tomb of death” if we're going to find life.

Easter's gospel is that of Peter and John going and finding the tomb empty. Curiously, they didn't become believers until they entered the tomb, until they entered death's home. It's how faith happens: finding life when we expected only death and recognizing the hand of God in it.

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.