

**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.

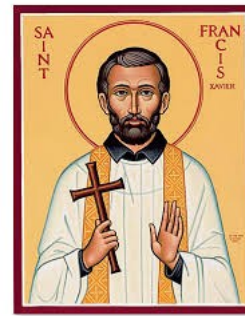
Annual diocesan **OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST** will be held at **1 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at St. Mary Catholic Church**, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The celebration will begin with Mass presided by Fr. Kevin McGee, St. Mary pastor and vicar-general of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. Mass will 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).

## St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	January	February	March	
Collections	\$5,916.00	\$18,019.01	\$9,401.70	
Diocesan Collections	\$10.00	\$705.00	\$840.00	
Miscellaneous	\$195.10	\$30.15	\$4,078.79	
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,121.10</b>	<b>\$18,754.16</b>	<b>\$14,023.49</b>	

**Total Collections for Jan—Mar 2026**      \$33,039.71  
**Total Income for Jan—Mar 2026**         \$38,898.75  
**Total Expenses for Jan—Mar 2026**       \$29,830.52  
**Operating Profit for Jan-Mar 2026**        \$9,068.23

If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at [rnbaker@rcdos.ca](mailto:rnbaker@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

## 5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

### Ministries for May 10, 2026

Sacristan / <b>EMHC (Communion)</b>	Irene LeGatt / <b>K. C.</b>
Proclaimers of the Word	K. C.
Prayers of the Faithful	K. C.
Altar Servers	K. C.
Cross Bearer	K. C.
Gift Bearers	K. C.
Welcomers	K. C.
Coffee before/after Mass	K. C.

### READINGS FOR 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people.

#### 1 Peter 3:15-18

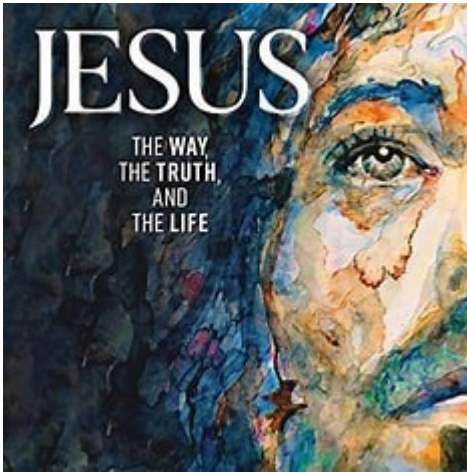
Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.

#### John 14:15-21

[Jesus said], “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth ... You know it, because it remains with you.”

## WHERE THE HEART IS

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Some would say that the purpose of life is to save one's soul. And certainly we should try, with the grace of God, to live our lives in such a way that we avoid evil and do good in order to do our part in building God's kingdom on earth. At the same time, we must remember that it is God who saves us. We don't save ourselves. Eternal life and happiness are by-products of loving others. If the focus of our lives is to be happy, we never achieve it. If we seek to serve others, however, happiness seems to find us. So it is also with eternal life.

Robert Frost's "The Death of a Hired Man" is a poem about Silas, an aging drifter farmhand, and Warren

and Mary, a farming couple who give Silas a room whenever he comes around. Silas comes when he is needed the least and leaves when his presence would be most helpful, all of which frustrates Warren. In the poem, Silas has returned, and Mary thinks it will be his last time—that he is dying. She says to Warren that theirs is the only home Silas has. Warren simply shakes his head as if to gently mock the idea of home: "Home is the place where, when you have to go there, / They have to take you in." Mary says it differently, "I should have called it / Something you somehow haven't to deserve."

Is that not also the promise of Jesus? "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" (John 14:2). Something we somehow haven't to deserve

**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.

During the **MONTH OF MAY**, we will be praying the **Rosary at 8:30 am before the Wednesday morning Mass**. 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.

**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.

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.

**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 24** 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.

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Thank you again to all of those who generously donated to help cover the cost of the lilies. Anyone who would like to take a lily plant home, please help yourself.

## A Word from Pope Leo XIV

We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped. Jesus saves us by showing us that asking is not unworthy, but liberating.

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