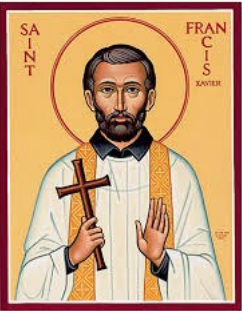


NEW RESOURCE FROM CHAS A Guide to Compassionate Conversation: When members of our faith community face life-threatening illness, knowing how to respond can be difficult. To help you offer meaningful support, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) has released a new brochure: "Accompaniment Through Serious Illness: A Guide to Conversations on Death and Dying." This guide provides practical tools for navigating these sacred conversations with grace. Download the guide <https://chassk.ca/conversation-guide-death-and-dying/>.

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. (Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.)



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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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2026

Ministries for September 6, 2026

Sacristan / EMHC	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodges/ Gloria McGee
Proclaimers of the Word	Loretta Weimer & Jane Ising
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Rosalyn Kohle & Arlene Hodge
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Brenda & Ron Ritz
Coffee before/after Mass	June Furmanic & Natalie Rediger

READINGS FOR THE 23TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Elisha promised, “This time next year you will be cradling a baby son.”

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

Matthew 10:37-42
[Jesus said,] “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	April	May	June	July
Collections	\$7,979.35	\$7,722.80	\$7,238.00	\$5,362.85
Diocesan Collections	\$1,319.15	\$195.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.75	\$705.65	\$7,303.61	\$12,481.95
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$18,754.16	\$14,023.49	\$14,550.61	\$17,844.80

Total Collections for Jan—July 2026	\$ 62,632.71	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—July 2026	\$114,136.86	
Total Expenses for Jan—July 2026	\$ 65,703.89	
Operating Profit for Jan-July 2026	\$ 48,433.17	

CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Somewhere in every life, along its twisting, curving path, each of us finds ourselves wondering if we would not be better off somewhere else, doing something different, as if we could live a parallel life with the flip of the channel. Except that changing life is never that simple. And so we live on, with our foibles and our insecurities. We make do for one more day in a job that is less than

satisfying, or in a relationship that is worn and fraying, or caring for aging parents as we juggle the needs of two households. In every niche of life, we may find ourselves dealing with difficult people, listening to others' woes, wondering if anyone cares. Like the prophet Jeremiah, we can feel we've been duped by the Lord God.

We don't need to go looking for crosses. They come our way. And it is our crosses that allow us to save our lives by losing our lives. It is these very same lives we wish we could escape that bring each of us to holiness, if for no other reason than that we do struggle not to have our own way all the time. Spirituality has been defined as an inner set of values by which we live an outer set of circumstances. As people of faith, that is what we try to do—to live in the style of Jesus. Somehow, in each of our lives, it seems that God brings us to where we should be

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.

LANDSCAPING: We are currently in the process of having the flowerbeds removed and no-maintenance landscaping installed. The project began August 25.

On the third Wednesday of each month, which for October is October 21, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation beginning at 5:30 pm followed by mass at 6:30 pm. On those Wednesdays, there is no morning mass at 9:00 am.

FR HOANG WILL BE ON HOLIDAYS from **September 2 through September 28**. During this period, Wednesday morning Masses will be canceled. Weekly Masses will resume September 30.

The annual **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS** are on sale. They are \$1.00 each or a booklet of 10 for \$10. Proceeds go to charities such as Coats for Kids, Teen Life and Pro Life. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see Ron Ritz in the Welcoming Area after mass. Tickets are available until the end of September.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. on First **Friday, Sept. 4** at St. Mary Parish 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ.

DONATIONS NEEDED: The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Indigenous Catholic Parish in Saskatoon 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 preferred), 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.

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, kettles, and coffee makers, pots and pans, clocks, sheets, comforters, and towels. Drop off donations at the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 20th St. W., 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. For donation inquiries contact Bea at (306) 242-5042.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026

