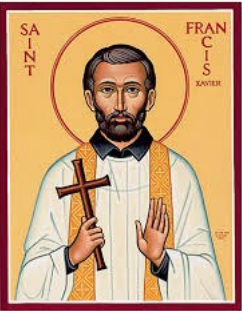


NEW RESOURCE FROM CHAS A Guide to Compassionate Conversation: When members of our faith community face life-threatening illness, knowing how to respond can be difficult. To help you offer meaningful support, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) has released a new brochure: "Accompaniment 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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2026

Ministries for September 20, 2026

Sacristan / EMHC	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle/ Brenda Ritz
Proclaimers of the Word	June Furmanic & Betty Schurman
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Jo-Anne Lund & Jane Isinger
Coffee before/after Mass	TBD

READINGS FOR THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:6-9
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

Matthew 20:1-16a
[Jesus said], “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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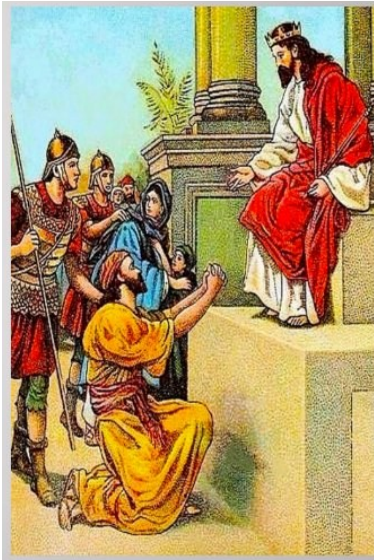
St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	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	

FORGIVE AND FORGET?

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Terry Anderson was an American reporter in Lebanon when he was abducted by terrorists in 1985. He was held captive by them until his release in 1991. After his release, he was asked if he forgave his captors. His response? “I’m a Christian and a Catholic, and it’s really required of me that I forgive, no matter how hard that may be.”

It’s been said that forgiveness is the most difficult thing we have to do, simply because all too often we do not feel like forgiving. Nor is forgiveness about overlooking the injury as if to say, “Oh, that’s OK. Don’t worry about it.” Forgiveness may not even mean being able to be nice. Sometimes the pain may be too much.

Forgiveness as Jesus lived it is a choice one makes to care about the other. It is the gift of wanting what is best for the other even at times in the midst of our own pain. “Forgive and forget” is not always possible. At times, the pain not only lingers but also

throbs as if the wound continues to ooze and weep. Then we cannot forget. Yet it is possible to make the choice to care. What do we do if we cannot even bring ourselves to do that much? Perhaps then we can at least ask God to bring goodness into that person’s life. And if that seems too difficult, then ask God to do what we cannot. That simple choice may very well be the seed that eventually sprouts into healing and peace in our own spirit

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.

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.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, September 27th** in the St. Francis Welcoming Area following Mass to mark the Feast of St. Lorenzo Ruiz. The cost of the breakfast will be by silver collection and your very generous donation.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CAMPAIGN: - This fall, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada (DPCC) has introduced the “Is Canada on Track for Justice” campaign calling on the Government of Canada to increase funding for official development assistance at a time when the world is facing multiple crises and aid for impoverished countries is becoming increasingly scarce. Take action by becoming a member of DPCC, contacting your Member of Parliament, or organizing an awareness-raising event in your community. A webinar launch for the campaign will be held **Sept. 26 at 11:30 a.m. SK time**. Panelists from the Global South and the Global North will discuss international aid and Canadian engagement. To learn more or to find fall campaign resources, visit devp.org/campaign.

FALL CONGRESS 2026 will be held **Thursday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with Brett Powell and Eric Myatt of Divine Renovation. This diocesan inspirational formation event is open to clergy, staff, religious, lay leadership, and the general public! All are welcome to come and learn more about preparing for Jubilee 2033 – marking 2000 years since the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ! - <https://form.jotform.com/262037155248254>. Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
MARCH 11, 2026

