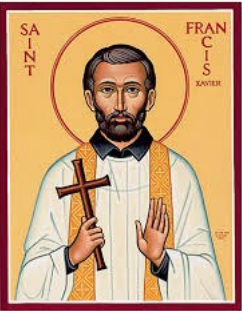
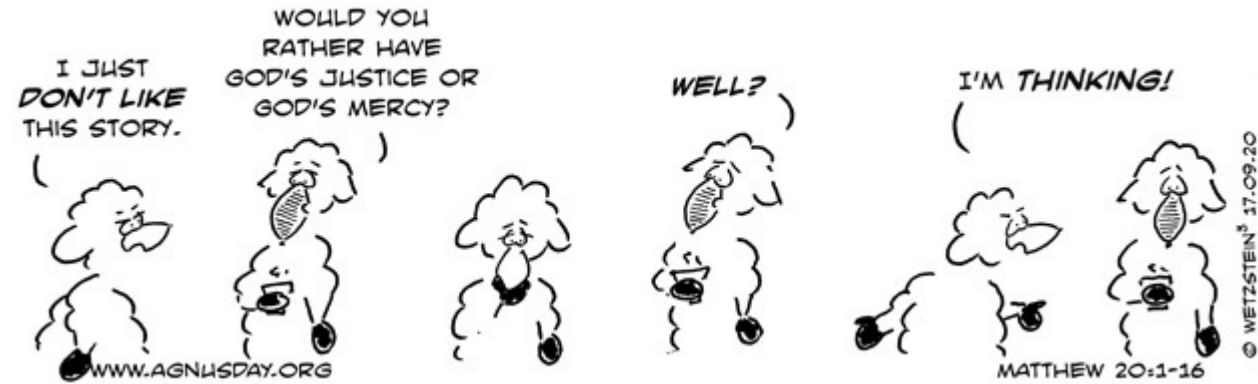


CONTEMPLATIVE MASS: A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. on First **Friday, Oct. 2** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2026

Ministries for September 27, 2026

Sacristan / EMHC	June Furmanic / Gloria McGee
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Jane Isinger
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Anna Vu & June Furmanic
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Koshinski Family
Welcomers	Ron & Brenda Ritz
Coffee before/after Mass	No coffee due to K of C Pancake Breakfast

READINGS FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Since they turned away from all the sins they committed, they shall live.

Philippians 2:1-11
Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

Matthew 21:28-32
[Jesus said,] “Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	May	June	July	August
Collections	\$7,722.80	\$7,238.00	\$5,362.85	\$8,520.00
Diocesan Collections	\$195.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$705.65	\$7303.61	\$12,481.95	\$60.20
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$14,023.49	\$14,550.61	\$17,844.80	\$8,580.20

Total Collections for Jan—Aug 2026	\$ 71,152.71	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—Aug 2026	\$122,717.06	
Total Expenses for Jan—Aug 2026	\$ 70,822.37	
Operating Profit for Jan-Aug 2026	\$ 51,894.69	

LATE BLOOMERS

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis

Human beings grow and mature at different paces. Turning twenty one is no marker of maturity. We've all known the ten-year-old whom people say is already an old man because of how he thinks and acts. Just as surely, we've known the forty-year-old who still acts and dresses like a teenager. If this is true with human growth, would it not be true as well with growth in faith?

This Sunday's parable of the landowner who pays all his laborers the same even though they have not all worked the same amount of time often sparks the comment that it's not good business sense. But the parable is not about business. It's about how we all come to faith at different times in life, all according to God's plan, not ours. Why then do some complain about death-bed conversions as being unfair? Who's to say when someone finally catches up to God's love and goodness? Too often, human wisdom and divine wisdom spin in different worlds.

Pope Benedict XVI once commented on this gospel's wisdom and how we should be patient with young people as they seek the sacraments. Jesus was patient with us, he said, so we should follow his lead. Federico Lombardi, SJ, the Vatican spokesman for Pope Benedict, reported that the Pope had commented, "I used to be more strict about this, but the example of Christ led me to become more welcoming in cases in which, perhaps, there is not a mature and solid faith, but there is a glimmer, a desire of communion with the Church.

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.

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

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
MARCH 11, 2026

