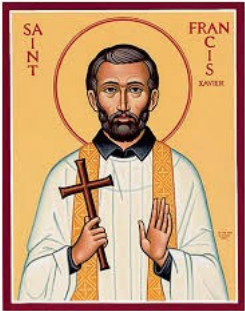


NEW RESOURCE FROM CHAS A Guide to Compassionate Conversation: When members of our faith community face life-threatening illness, knowing how to respond can be difficult. To help you offer meaningful support, the Catholic Health Association of Saskatchewan (CHAS) has released a new brochure: "Accompaniment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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2026

Ministries for September 13, 2026

Sacristan / EMHC	June Furmanic/ K of C
Proclaimers of the Word	K of C
Prayers of the Faithful	K of C
Altar Servers	K of C
Cross Bearer	K of C
Gift Bearers	K of C
Welcomers	K of C
Coffee before/after Mass	K of C

READINGS FOR THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults.

Romans 14:7-9
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s.

Matthew 18:21-35
Jesus answered, “I say to you, [forgive] not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

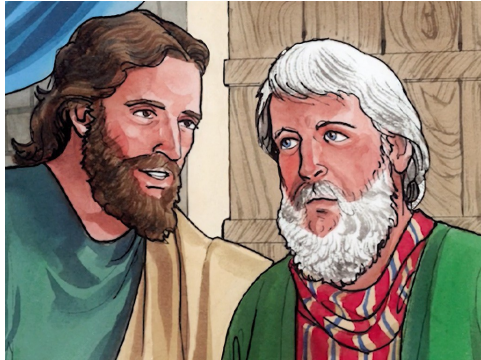
St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	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	

TWEAKED BY GOD

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which “Cynthia” takes it upon herself to make sure everyone is abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that do not meet standards, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

None of us want a “Cynthia” for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we become adults—well, thanks, but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The gospel adds the ingredient of community to the “cake batter.” Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinions, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects “Cynthia” thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growing in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives.

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.

WATER ADVISORY: Currently, the church is under a boil water advisory from the city. Please do not consume any water from the church.

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

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 4, 2026

