

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023



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## The annual Archbishop's Dinner - Friday, Nov. 3

Hosted this year by Deanery One in McLennan at École Providence School. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Speaker: Archbishop Pettipas

Silent auction and egg raffle. Tickets: \$35

Contact the parishes in Deanery One (McLennan, Girouxville and Falher) to purchase, e-mail Karen nkben@iwantwireless.ca or call the Archdiocese office, 780-532-9766.

**A livestreamed dinner will be held** Friday, Nov. 24.

More information to come. Any questions, call the Archdiocese office.



## BLESSING BAGS

The Family & Children and Youth Ministries are collecting for this annual service project for St Lawrence Center. Donations of warm

mittens, gloves, scarves, toques, hand warmers and candy are needed. Please bring donations labelled "Blessing Bags" to the parish office, or to Family & Children's events.

## Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available [online](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments), until **September 30, 2023**. Go to [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments) to register.

In our archdiocese, children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate *Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6*. All children receiving sacraments in the 2023/2024 school year, whether they attend Catholic school or otherwise, must be registered online. You need to provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parish office.

## October 1 - 8 Dates to Remember

**Mon 2:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm, Eucharistic Minister workshop, church  
**Tues. 3:** 2:30 - 5 pm, Eucharistic Minister workshop, Church

7:45 pm, Ignite Emmaus Night, St. JP11 Room

**Wed. 4:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
4:15 - 5:45 pm, Altar Servers' Workshop, church

**Thurs. 5:** 10 - 11:30 am, Ladies "Walk with Me", Tranquille Hall

4:30 - 6 pm, Altar Servers, church

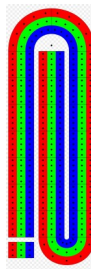
7:30 pm, La Posada meeting, Tranquille Hall

**Fri. 6:** 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, ST JP11 Room

**Sat. 7:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Eucharistic Minister workshop, church

7 pm, Youth Choir, church

8 - 10 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room



## Games Knight - Thursday, Oct. 12

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy Crib, Canasta & board games for kids.

5:30 pm: Beef on a Bun & Caesar salad supplied by Browns Social House

Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.

## Items Needed for our outreach program,

**Samaritan's Basket:** Travel sized shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes. As the weather is cooling, mittens, gloves and winter socks are also needed.

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca)

Our 2022 Annual Financial Report came out this summer. Copies available on the literature rack near the entrance to the church or on our website under News - Letters & Notices.

Donation options can be found on our website.

## SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 [sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca)

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Stephan Marchant, Lucas Del Rosario and Kade Kibayen into our family of faith. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with joy!

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. For information check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/) or call Beatriz at the parish office, ext. 228.



Ladies "Walk With Me", Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: October 5

Offertory Gift Bearers needed! This is a great way to make the Mass real for children and youth. Training provided after Mass October 21 & 22.



(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Volunteers needed  
Registration forms at Welcome Table  
Next gathering: October 12 - joining Games Knight

Liturgy of the Word With Children (age 4 - grade 3)  
Children gather during Sunday Mass to hear the Gospel and discuss it. Youth and adult leaders and helpers needed (screening required). Adult leaders and helpers attend one training session on October 10<sup>th</sup> - 10 am, 11<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm, or 14<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 pm. Youth Helper Training: after Mass October 14 & 15.

All Saints Costume Party October 28, 2 - 4 pm. Help us plan! Meeting: October 14, 1 - 2 pm, in the St. JP II Room.

La Posada: December 16. Help the Holy Family search for room at the Inn! Musicians, readers, game leaders and costume crew needed! Next meeting, Thursday, Oct. 5, 7:30 pm. RSVP Kristen



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)

### Youth Choir and High School Youth

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday, Youth Choir at 7 pm Mass in the church.

High School Youth (gr. 9 - 12) meet in the SJPII Room following mass from 8 - 10 pm.

Next gathering: October 7



EDGE (gr.7 - 9) 7 - 9 pm  
in the St JP II Room

Next gathering: October 6

All students in grades 7 - 9 join us for friends, faith, fun & food.

### Programs at St. Joseph HS

Music & Muffins: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel  
Encounter (faith leadership): Tuesday at Lunch in room 141

### Programs at St. JP II HS

Music & Muffins: Thursdays at Focus in the chapel  
Encounter (faith leadership): Thursdays at Lunch in room 1018

### Youth Ministry Leadership Workshops

Attend both sessions to learn more about youth ministry and how to lead and inspire young people in the parish community.

Part 1 (on Zoom): October 14th, 9:45am- 1pm

*Fundamentals of Youth Ministry by Fr. Santo Arrigo CSSR*

Part 2 (St. Joseph Church): October 21st 9:45-1pm

*Tools for Youth Ministry -*

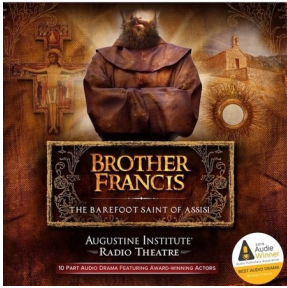
*Office of Catechesis and Evangelization*

Use the QR Code to Register or go to [archgm.ca](http://archgm.ca)



Emmaus Night: Tues, Oct. 3, 7:45pm - 9pm, in the St JP II Room presented by Caleb Binder

**ADULT FORMATION**



**FORMED - BROTHER FRANCIS: THE BAREFOOT SAINT OF ASSISI**  
 In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up

everything for the sake of Christ.

**Sign up for FORMED on our website:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

**“Our Father” Retreat** - Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 am  
 \$25.00/person includes lunch. Deepen your spiritual connection to our heavenly Father. Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery and reflection to enhance your understanding of this sacred prayer. This unforgettable experience that will rejuvenate your spirit and leave you with a renewed sense of peace and purpose.  
 For information contact Pat Deluca 780-263-1064.  
 Register online [www.patdelucafindingpurpose.com](http://www.patdelucafindingpurpose.com)

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** - If you already distribute communion at Mass, or would like to begin in this ministry, please plan to attend one of the workshops. It is important that all existing and new Extraordinary Ministers attend one session to update and renew your understanding of this important ministry. Sessions are:  
 Monday, October 2, 7 - 8:30 pm  
 Tuesday, October 3, 2:30 - 5 pm  
 Saturday, October 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2 - 7**

✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
 SH-Mass at a Senior's Home

- Mon. 2, 12:15 pm: ✠ Rita Grant
- Tues. 3, 7 pm: ✠ Jean Driver
- Wed. 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jozef Dzalaj
- 7 pm: ✠ Mrs. Mabel Nunes
- Thurs. 5, 7 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes
- Fri. 6, 10:30 am (SH): + Marbert Arapoc
- 12:15 pm: Cory Grattan & Linda Gordon/  
 ✠ Denise Hrushka
- Sat. 7, 9 am: ✠ Heny Dela Cruz

**GENERAL INFO**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**The sick, especially** Ken O’Shea  
 John Zintel Millie Wrzosek  
 Agnes Guenette Wilfred Wanihadie  
 Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerck  
 Ellis Kootenay, father of Ashley Gaboury  
 Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes  
**The deceased, especially** Jonathan Fontaine  
 Kevin Kresse, son of Jerry & Darlene Kresse

**Screen Volunteers Needed**

Our "Tech Team" operates our projector screens at each of the Sunday Masses. The time commitment is approximately once per month. Minor tech experience required - training provided.  
 If you are interested in joining our team email [stjoesmediagp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesmediagp@gmail.com)  
 Information/training session:  
 Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the church

**Quilting Bee-Levers** Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm in Liguori Hall. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Please contact the office for information.

**Ladies’ Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

**Altar Server Training Fall 2023**

If you have a child interested in serving please fill out a registration form, available in the altar server drawer by the Sacristy. Contact Donna 780-512-7667 (phone/text) or email [murrdonn@telus.net](mailto:murrdonn@telus.net)  
 If you have already filled out a registration form and have not heard from Donna, please contact her.  
**Adult Volunteers Needed to Assist with Altar Server Training** - Please reach out to Donna, 780-512-7667, or email [murrdonn@telus.net](mailto:murrdonn@telus.net)

**Canada-wide Rosary Rally**

Thousands of Catholics across Canada will gather on October 14 at 12 noon (local time) to pray the rosary. Gather in our parking lot just before noon to add your voice.

**Archdiocese 2022 Annual Report:** Statistics, finances and an overview of all the ministries in our churches. Pick up a copy in the back of the church or get your digital copy at <https://www.archgm.ca/annual-reports/>

**Items Needed at the Salvation Army Foodbank:**

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, body wash shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, pasta sauce, diced tomatoes, large beans, rice, crackers, snacks, tomato paste, oatmeal, jello/pudding, Kraft dinner, juice (1L), canned fruit, boxed soup, canned pasta (spaghetti, Alphagetti). Bring your donation on Sunday or drop it directly at the Food Bank.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only bring *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to Mass to donate to the Foodbank (no dairy, bread, fruit, vegetables, etc.)

**SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"**

There are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

## Sunday Readings

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
*The Challenge to Forgive***

**Ezekiel 18:25 - 28.** Personal responsibility

**Philippians 2:1 - 11.** Imitating Christ's humility

**Matt. 21:28 - 32.** Parable of the two sons

**Key Passage:** A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I am going, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, "The first."

**Question:** When have your actions not measured up to your promises? What was the outcome?

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**Please be mindful of our church neighbours:**

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot.

**Church Parking** Please do not park along curbs or in laneways and leave adequate space at the end of rows (at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners). *FYI:* any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Office Hours:** Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

**Regular Mass Schedule** (September - June)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:15 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

**Senior's Lodge Masses at 10:30 am:**

1st Tuesday - The Gardens

1st Friday - Heritage Lodge

2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor

3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

**Sunday Masses**

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, or by appointment (call the parish office)

**Devotions** to our Mother of Perpetual Help at Wednesday Masses.

**Baptism for Infants & Young Children:**

[saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/) or contact Beatriz at the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about Baptism Preparation for parents.

**Marriage:** Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church must begin preparation *at least 8 months* prior to their wedding date.

Call Darlene, ext. 224, or email [sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments?** Contact ext. 224, or email [sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca)

**Religious Gift Shop/Library:** Check after weekend Masses

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. [stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [st.joes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.joes.ppc@gmail.com)