

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025



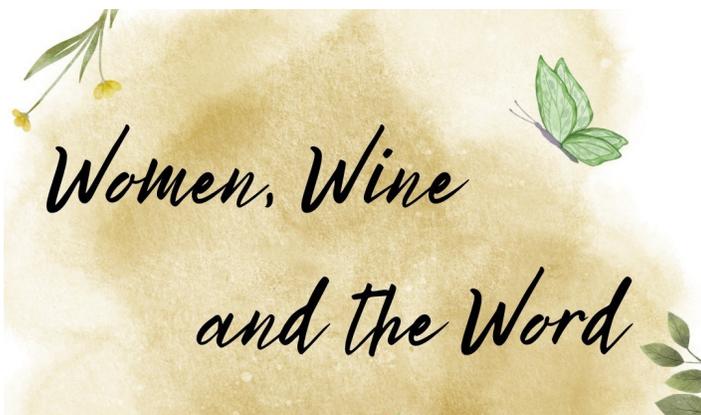
Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Monday, September 1: Labour Day

Parish office closed.

Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.



Theme: Connection Speaker: Joanne Chiasson

Save the Date: September 19, 7 - 9:30 pm. Age 18+

Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$30/person

An inspiring evening of prayer, music, fellowship, raffles, catered charcuterie, refreshments and, of course, wine! Tickets available on Eventbrite and in the back of the church after Mass.

Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available [online](#), until

October 31, 2025. To register go to

saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/registration

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 2025/2026 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. For information contact Anastasia, ext. 228.

God does not call us to be a Pew Potato! He calls us to service. We have many volunteer opportunities, during and outside of Mass. Call the parish office.

Is the Lord stirring your heart to explore life in the Catholic Church? Individuals **16 years of age and older** who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a baptized Catholic but have not yet received all the sacraments are invited to discern and prepare for full communion through the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).**

Mentors on the OCIA journey are indispensable.

Active parishioners: Is God calling you as a sponsor/companion? Deepen your own faith as you help others discover the incredible love of our God.

Our Emergency Food Service, Samaritan's Basket, also provides bag lunches. If you are interested in occasionally donating supplies, please call the parish office. These lunches contain specific items, so please do not drop off a donation without first calling. In addition for this ministry, *gift cards for grocery stores and toiletry items* (travel and regular sizes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes) for both men & women are always appreciated.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

2024 Income Tax receipts are available from the office during office hours. Call to make other arrangements if you cannot pick them up.

2025 Donation envelopes - Available from the parish office during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - noon and 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Donation options: Check our website

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Certificates for Parish-based sacraments: If you have not yet picked up your child's certificate, please drop by the office during office hours, or give us a call. If they are not picked up by September 3, they will be destroyed.

Baptism Jean-Marc ext. 229 baptism@saintjoseph.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Daisy Arinas, Desmond Lawless, Robin Jr. Levins and Zelie Rasay to our family of faith. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy.

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ The next preparation class will be in the fall.

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 family@saintjoseph.ca

Check the bulletin board in the church for Family & Children events.

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Call the parish office for information.



Watch the bulletin for startup this fall.

Year-Round Work Bees Thursday mornings 10 am - noon. Prep for special events. Contact Kristen (you may also help prep outside of these workbee times).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Jane Haley	Alice Brick
Tessie Foster	Ivan Romkes
Robert Major	Shirley Gorman

The deceased, especially

Lee Merlo
Josephine Purcell, mother of Fr. David Purcell, C.Ss.R.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

Check out our programs for youth at saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth.



Youth Choir (gr. 7-12) & HS Youth (gr. 9-12) – Sept. 6, Join us for pizza at 5pm, followed by choir at 7pm Mass. Join us after Mass to watch “Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality” in preparation for his canonization **THE NEXT DAY!**

DID YOU KNOW?

On **Sunday, Sept. 7**, Pope Leo XIV will canonize **Carlo Acutis** - the first millennial saint known for using technology to share Eucharistic miracles - and **Pier Giorgio Frassati**, a passionate young layman devoted to social justice and the outdoors. This historic event brings together two inspiring young role models to sainthood. Look for the link to the Canonization Mass on our Facebook page!

Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StJoesYoungAdults)



Check their Facebook page for gatherings.



Mass & Adoration

Friday, September 5, 7 - 8:15 pm

Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Mass: 7 pm followed by Adoration

General Information



FORMED: Mother Teresa

See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy and smiles to everyone in this moving film.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Jubilee Year Mass and celebration of succession for the 6th Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan – Most Rev. Charles Duval, CSsR. Saturday, Oct. 4, 2:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan. Dinner and entertainment to followed at Centre Chevaliers (The Pink Elephant) in Falher at 5 pm. This celebration will honour the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year, commemorate the 78th anniversary of the dedication of our cathedral, and will offer a fond farewell to Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, CSsR as he hands off his crozier to Archbishop Duval and prepares for retirement. Information at archgm.ca/succession Everyone is invited to attend.

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11am, St. JPll Room. First gathering this fall: September 10. All ladies welcome.

Christian Meditation - Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. All are welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity. Fall start-up: September 7 For information contact Mia, miklge@telus.net

Know someone who can't come to Mass due to illness or infirmity? Our Communion Team takes the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound, in the hospital and senior's homes. Please call the parish office for details.

Screen Volunteers - Our Tech Ministry operates our projector screens at Sunday Mass. With enough volunteers the time commitment will be approximately once/per month. Tech savvy, or just eager to help, we would love to have you join the team.

Screen Ministry coordinator - schedules volunteers and creates slides for Mass. No experience necessary, just a willing heart and basic computer skills. Call the office or email church@saintjoseph.ca

A Wonderful Volunteer Opportunity! Take Holy Communion to those who are homebound, in the hospital and other care centers. For information, come to an organizational meeting in the church, Thursday, Sept. 18 after the 7 pm Mass.

Gift Shop Coordinator Needed (volunteer position)
Duties include: managing volunteers and inventory. Contact the parish office.



K of C Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 7
after 9 & 11 am Mass, in Tranquille Hall
\$10/person \$30/family
Gluten free available.

Games Night: Thursday, Sept 11



Everyone is welcome to come enjoy Crib, Canasta & board games for kids.
6 pm Supper sponsored by Brown's Socialhouse - Beef on a Bun, Caesar salad & mashed potatoes.
Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.
Cost is by donation to support meals for the homeless.

Mass Intentions

September 1 - 6

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 1, 9 am: ✠ Trinidad J delos Reyes
Tue. 2, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Helen Rice
7 pm: ✠ Martin Leong
Wed. 3, 12:15 pm: Doug & Carrie Heitrich
7 pm: ✠ Alice Sempowich
Thurs. 4, 7 pm: ✠ Sandra Van Schaick
Fri. 5, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Richard Lachance
12:15 pm: ✠ Jose Suarez
7 pm: ✠ Emidio Sanchez Arroyo
Sat. 6, 9 am: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Family

Peace Retreats is offering the **Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola** for anyone who wishes to strengthen their relationship with Jesus. Participate in-person in Grande Prairie or virtually from your own home. Registrations are limited.

Details on the flyer at the back of the Church. Confidential financial assistance available for those who may need it.

Sexsmith CWL assists newcomers to our area. If you have any dishes, cutlery, pots and pans, etc., you would like to donate please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and a committee member will contact you.

The Salvation Army Food Bank is very low on supplies. *Items needed:* Canned - soup/meat/vegetables/tomatoes/fruit, tomato sauce, beans, Kraft dinner, 1L juice, pasta, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, baking goods, rice, cookies, crackers, kids snacks/juice boxes, peanut butter/jam, condiments, jello/pudding, etc. If everyone donates a little it can add up to a lot. Please place food donations in the creche in the entrance to our church, or drop them at the Food Bank, 9615 102 St.

Sunday Readings

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Seeking Humility

Sirach 3:17 - 20, 28 - 29. Humility

Hebrews 12:18 - 19, 22 - 24a. God the judge; Jesus the mediator

Luke 14:1, 7 - 14. A lesson in humility

Key passage: [Jesus said,] "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." *Luke 14:13 - 14*

Question: Has the hunger for status and influence in the world around you endangered your life as a Christian?

Child: Does it make you a better person to be chosen first for a team or some other honour? Why, or why not?

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Frequently Asked Questions

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

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

Daily Masses (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

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:

Check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or call Jean-Marc, ext. 228 (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 Karen G, ext. 224, or email adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Interested in joining the church or completing Sacraments for adults? Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: kofc3241gp@gmail.com

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Irregular hours in summer. Check after weekend Mass.

Information Centre in church New? Know of any newcomers/visitors to our parish? Questions/need information? On weekends see volunteers at the Centre.

Event Promotion: Fill in a Request to Promote form on our website saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/. Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.