

Memorial of the Faithful Departed Mass Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 pm

At our annual memorial Mass the name of everyone whose funeral was celebrated in our church will be read aloud. If you have an immediate family member (parent, sibling or child) who died in the past year, we invite you to call the office with their name before noon on Wednesday, October 29. Their name will be read also aloud. If you have other loved ones who have died in past years, this Mass is a way to remember and pray for them, though their names will not announced. All are welcome.

We're hiring: Building Coordinator Needed!

We are seeking a dedicated and organized individual to serve as our Building Coordinator. This vital role ensures our facilities are well-maintained, safe and ready to support the many ministries and events that happen throughout the year.

Some responsibilities include overseeing building maintenance and repair, coordinating facility use and scheduling. We are looking for someone with a heart for service, strong organizational skills and a hands-on approach to problem-solving. Position is three quarter time with flexible hours. Full job description is available on the parish website and from the office. Resumes accepted until position is filled. Submit resume to Joanne at finance@saintjoseph.ca or to the parish office.

Jubilee of Health Care Workers (Feast of St. Luke):

Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 9:30 am - noon. in Tranquille Hall. For all health care workers, e.g. doctors, nurses, lab workers, EMS, mental health therapists, etc. Ending with lunch at noon. RSVP to the parish office by October 15.

October 4 - 12 Dates to Remember

Sat. 4: 2:30 pm, Jubilee Mass/Celebration of Archbishop's succession, McLennan

Sun. 5: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 6: 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 8: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

Thurs. 9: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,

Tranquille Hall

5:30 pm: Games Night, Tranquille Hall

Sat. 11: 11:45 am, Rosary Rally, outside church

1 - 4 pm, K of C Drive-Thru Food Drive, parking lot

Sun. 12: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Games Night, Thursday, October 9

Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games. Cost by donation. 5:30 pm Supper (sponsored by Major's Family Restaurant): Ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, carrots, buns & carrot cake. Games begin after dinner until 8 pm.

Proceeds go to Discovery Youth Camp.

Reverse Drive-Thru Food Drive, Saturday, Oct. 11,

1 - 4 pm, in the church parking lot. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Salvation Army Food Bank. *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. Organized by the Knights.



Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, **Eucharist & Confirmation.** Registration is 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.

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

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Aiden Collantes, Jacob Camacho, Moaye Dje, Paul Toivonen & Marco Tagalog 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/

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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



(Gr. 7-12) & HS Youth (gr. 9-12) - Oct. 4 Join us for pizza at 5 pm, followed by choir at 7 pm Mass. Join us after Mass for High School Youth Group in the St JPII Room.

Come to the next Games Night on October 9,

beginning at 5:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Proceeds will go to support Discovery Youth Camp.

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!

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 family@saintjoseph.ca

Please note Kristen's new email



These ministries rely on many volunteers. Time commitment can be as little as 5 - 10 minutes, a few times per year. Speak to Kristen if interested. We are grateful for any and all help.

Liturgy of the Word with Children (ages 4 - grade 3) 7 pm Saturday and Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass. Older kids, youth & adult volunteers needed Mom's Group - Thursdays 10 am-12 noon. Women and children welcome! Play, visit and pray! Children's Bookshelf - prayerful books to help your little ones encounter God's love during Mass Work Bees: Thursdays 10 am - 12 noon (RSVP Kristen if you plan to come!)

Join us for these Family Friendly Events:

October 8, 7 - 8:30 pm, Posada Planning October 9, 7 - 8:30 pm, Gr. 3 - 6 Parent Input Session November 1, 2 - 4 pm, All Saints Costume Party November 11, 2 - 4 pm, Blessing Bags Service Project

November 15, 2 - 4 pm, Vacation Bible School Parent & Volunteer Planning Session

November 29, 2 - 4 pm, Piñata Decorating Workshop December 21, after 11 am Mass, Posada with Piñata December 24, Christmas Eve Mass - Children's Choir Procession & Treats!

Catechesis of Good Shepherd, New Program starting this week. Now accepting ages 3, 4 & 5 year olds. 2 hours once/week (Thursday or Saturday mornings). Register on parish website under Ministries

Mass Intentions

October 6 - 12

⊕ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a senior's home

Mon. 6, 12:15 pm: ⊕ Lech Kwiatkowski

7 pm: ⊕ Jean Driver

Wed. 8, 12:15 pm: ⊕ Anita Smith

7 pm: Carrie Heitrich

Thurs. 9, 7 pm: ⊕ Aurora Pinto

Fri. 10, 10:30 am (SH): PRichard Lachance 12:15 pm: ⊕ Lucy, Casey & Derrick Glodek

General Information



FORMED: The Joyful Mysteries -

St. Padre Pio said, "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." This incredible film series takes viewers right to the Holy Land, where these Mysteries actually

happened, encouraging deeper reflection and meditation on them.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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).

Christian Meditation - Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. All are welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity.

For information contact Mia, miklge@telus.net

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JPII Room. All ladies welcome.

Rosary Rally 2025

Together, thousands of Catholics across Canada will gather as one body to bring our Lady of Fatima's Message of Hope, with special emphasis on the Holy Rosary. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 11, 11:45 am outside the Church to profess our faith and ask for the intercession of our Holy Mother to bring unity and peace to our beautiful country and the world.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR The sick, especially

Fr. Cyril Joseph Leah Sietsma
Bill Petrie Jane Haley
Alice Brick Ivan Romkes
Robert Major Shirley Gorman

Be Involved

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 if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

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.

Instructors needed to help prepare our children to receive Sacraments. Share & grow in your faith and help children to grow in theirs. All materials and lessons provided. Please contact Anastasia, ext. 228.

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

Gift Shop volunteers - Help people with purchases after 7 pm Saturday Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass.

Offertory Gift Bearers bring the Bread & Wine to the altar. Families and individuals welcome.

Occasionally provide bag lunch supplies for our emergency food service. These lunches contain specific items, so please do not drop off a donation without first calling.

Holy Communion to the Sick - Take Holy Communion to those who are homebound, in the hospital and other care centers.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults





Bible & Beer, Thursday, October 16, 7:45 - 9 pm, at Mr. Mike's Steakhouse

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

Donation options: Envelopes

Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church PAP (Personally Approved Payments): monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account

Credit Card: monthly donation

Online donation through our website

E-transfer: email to sjc.etransfer@gmail.com

Foundations for Life Fall Banquet, Nov. 1, 5 pm at Grande Prairie Holiday & Suites - Supper, program, live and silent auction. \$60/ticket or \$420/table of 8 Questions? Email office@myfoundations.ca or www.myfoundations.ca/events for information or to purchase tickets.

Our Emergency Food Service, Samaritan's Basket, gratefully accepts gift cards for grocery stores and toiletry items for both men & women. (Travel and regular sizes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, etc.)

Sunday Readings

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS

Habakkuk 1:2 - 3, 2:2 - 4. Habakkuk's complaint **2 Tim. 1:6 - 8, 13 - 14.** Exhortation to faithfulness **Luke 17:5 - 10.** Sayings on the requirements of faith

Key passage: [Jesus said,] "So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" Luke 17:10

Question: When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others? *Child:* When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

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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: 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.