

The Exultation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025



Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 September 30, 2025 at 5pm or until position filled. Submit resume to Joanne at finance@saintjoseph.ca or to the parish office.

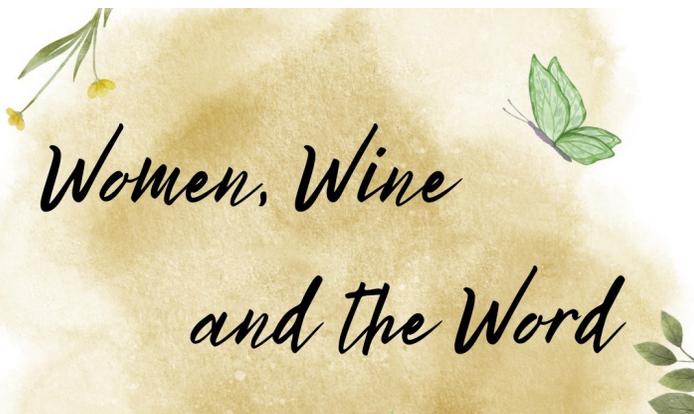
September 14 - 21 Dates to Remember

- Sun. 14:** 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
- Mon. 15:** 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Wed. 17:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- Thurs. 18:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 19:** 6:30 - 9 pm, Women, Wine & the Word,
Tranquille Hall
- Sat. 20:** After 7 pm Mass, Coffee & Cookies,
Tranquille Hall
- Sun. 21:** Following 11 am Mass, Fr. Ed's 25th
Anniversary Celebration, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Sandwich Sunday, September 14. After 9 am Mass. Help assemble sandwiches for the less fortunate. If you can't join us, ingredients for the sandwiches would be most appreciated: sandwich meat, cheese, peanut butter, jam, mayonnaise, ziplock bags.

Fr. Ed is celebrating his 25th Year of Ordination!

We will be gathering to celebrate him after 11 am Mass, Sunday, Sept. 21, in Tranquille Hall. Join us for cake and refreshments.



Theme: Connection Speaker: Joanne Chiasson

Friday, 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.

Ticket deadline, Monday, Sept. 15 by noon.

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

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 Jhayce Fuentes, Zoey Lamai & Maddex Martel 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) – Sept.20,
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 JP II Room.

Jubilee of Choirs- Saturday, Sept. 20, 9:45 am- 12 pm
All youth who have been a part of our Youth Choir are
invited to join us for the Jubilee of Choirs event at the
church. Please RSVP with April.

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

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

We Praise God for another wonderful week of Vacation Bible School this past summer! Nearly 130 children and 110 volunteers came together - hearts were filled, faith warmed, and friendships kindled on this Great Journey with Jesus! So blessed! Thank you to all who helped this ministry flourish!

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

Volunteer for Family and Children's Ministry. Come to the display at the back of church before or after Mass and learn about:

- Liturgy of the Word with Children (ages 4 - grade 3)
Time commitment flexible. Be enriched as you serve!
- Sharing and Learning Together (SALT) youth group (grades 3 - 6) Older Youth/Adult volunteers needed. Also, register your child!

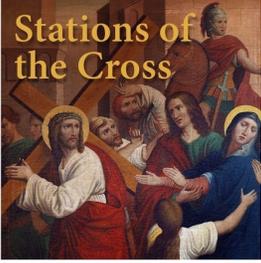
Registration forms available on Family & Children's bulletin board or email Kristen. Place in collection basket, information center, or parish office.

Catechesis of Good Shepherd, *New Program* starting at the end of September. Now accepting ages 3, 4 & 5 *year olds*. 2 hours once/week (either Thursday or Saturday mornings). Register on parish website under [Ministries](#)

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

General Information

Stations of the Cross



FORMED: Stations of the Cross by St. Francis Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola

Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

New Bible Study: Follow Me Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. Begins Monday, Sep. 29, 7 pm in St. JPll Room. Register at 402guene@telus.net

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.

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

Mass Intentions

September 15 - 20

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 15, 12:15 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski/

✠ Anna & Frank Blaszcak

Tues. 16, 7 pm: ✠ Angela Wiebe

Wed. 17, 12:15 pm: Carrie & Doug Heitrich

7 pm: ✠ Oliver Pinto

Thurs. 18, 7 pm: ✠ Lucille & Rosario Normandeau

Fri. 19, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Oliver Pinto

12:15 pm: Tracy Grattan / ✠ Peter Guest &

✠ Denise Hruska

Sat. 20, 9 am: ✠ Helma Fletcher

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Annette Cymbaluk

Leah Sietsma

Colleen Cooke

Bill Petrie

Jane Haley

Alice Brick

Tessie Foster

Ivan Romkes

Robert Major

Shirley Gorman

The deceased, especially

Tom Tenszen, brother-in-law of Theresa Uzelman

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

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.

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.

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

Help out at Mass in a small way - Offertory Gift Bearers bring the Bread & Wine to the altar. Families and Individuals welcome. Contact the parish office.

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.

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.

Young Adults

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



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page.

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 or virtually from your own home.

Registrations limited. Details on the flyer at the back of the Church. Confidential financial assistance available. Deadline to register: Monday, Sept. 15

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.

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. Place food donations in the creche in the entrance to our church, or drop them at the Food Bank, 9615 102 St.

Our Emergency Food Service, Samaritan's Basket, also provides bag lunches. If you are interested in occasionally donating supplies, 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 appreciated.

Sunday Readings

The Exultation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4 - 9. The poisonous serpents

Philippians 2:6 - 11. Christ humbled himself

John 3:13 - 17. Jesus and Nicodemus

Key passage: For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Question: When have you extended to someone else the same compassion and forgiveness that you received through Christ's sacrifice on the cross?

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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.