

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025



Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Office Closed: Tuesday, September 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

Celebration of Retirement for Archbishop Pettipas, C.Ss.R. A drop-in Open House at the Chancery will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 12:30 - 3 pm. Before the Open House he will celebrate Mass at 11 am here in our church.

Deanery 3 Farewell to Archbishop Pettipas, C.Ss.R. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at St. Rita's Parish in Valleyview. Mass: 4 pm Dinner: 5 pm. RSVP to the parish office, 780-532-2351, or church@saintjoseph.ca

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 Sept 30, 2025 at 5 pm or 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 in Tranquille Hall. For all health care workers, e.g. doctors, nurses, lab workers, EMS, mental health therapists, etc. Ending with lunch. RSVP to the parish office.

September 28 - October 5 Dates to Remember

Sun. 28: 11 am Mass, Archbishop Gerry presiding
12:30 - 3 pm, Retirement Open House, Chancery
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 29: 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm, Bible Study, St JP II Room

Tues. 30: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
9 am, weekday Mass, church
4 pm, Deanery Farewell, St. Rita's Church,
Valleyview

Wed. 1: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs. 2: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
Tranquille Hall

Fri. 3: 6:30 pm, Thanksgiving Bingo, Tranquille Hall
7:30 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church

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

Sun. 5: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Thanksgiving Bingo, Friday, Oct. 3 in Tranquille Hall

Prizes: Turkey, Ham, Pie

\$10 for 5 sheets/5 games

Join us for an evening of fun!

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

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

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 JP II 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!

Young Adults

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



Young Adults 18+
Check their Facebook page.

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.

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.

These annual events are right around the corner: All Saints Costume Party, Blessing Bags and Posada (The Inn). Please tell Kristen if you plan to attend, so we can decide which of these annual events we will run this year.

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](#)

Mass Intentions

September 29 - October 4

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a senior's home
Mon. 29, 12:15 pm: ✠ Ed Duke
Tues. 30, 9 am: Jerome Bowen
Wed. 1, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jean Driver
7 pm: ✠ Hernane Valguna
Thurs. 2, 7 pm: ✠ Anita Smith
Fri. 3, 10:30 am: ✠ Doris Parker-Doyle
12:15 pm: ✠ Pinto & Nunes Family
7 pm: ✠ Mary Golden
Sat. 4, 9 am: ✠ Conception Gallego

General Information



FORMED: St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and the Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca



Mass & Adoration

Friday, October 3, 7:30 - 8:45 pm (Note time change) Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Mass: 7:30 pm, followed by Adoration

New Bible Study: Follow Me Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. Begins Monday, Sep. 29, 7 pm in St. JP II Room. Register with 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)**.

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. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, call the parish office.

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. Contact the parish office.

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. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Leah Sietsma	Colleen Cooke
Bill Petrie	Jane Haley
Alice Brick	Ivan Romkes
Robert Major	Shirley Gorman

The deceased, especially

Lita Lomosbog	Juanita Montilla
Marc Michaud, brother of Joel Michaud	

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is this weekend, September 27/28:

Support the Bishops of Canada in proclaiming the Good News. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

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, Always accepted: gift cards for grocery stores and toiletry items for both men & women. (Travel and regular sizes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, etc.)

Sunday Readings

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THE RICH & THE POOR

Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7. Third woe

1 Timothy 6:11 - 16. The good fight of faith

Luke 16:19 - 31. The rich man and Lazarus

Key passage: There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. *Luke 15:19 - 21*

Question: What are the "rewards" of caring for the needs of the poor?

Child: What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

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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.