

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 7, 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](mailto:finance@saintjoseph.ca) or to 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, 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.

**September 7 - 14 Dates to Remember**

**Sat. 6:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

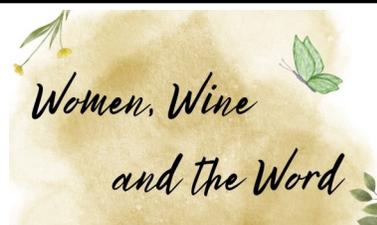
**Sun. 7:** After 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast,  
Tranquille Hall  
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Tues. 9:** 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church  
7 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall

**Wed. 10:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

**Thurs. 11:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,  
Tranquille Hall  
5:30 pm, Games Night, supper followed by games,  
Tranquille Hall

**Sept 14:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel



**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.

## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [finance@saintjoseph.ca](mailto: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](mailto:sjc.etransfer@gmail.com)

## Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 [sacraments@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:sacraments@saintjoseph.ca)

### Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available online, until **October 31, 2025**. To register go to [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/registration](http://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](mailto:baptism@saintjoseph.ca)

**Through the waters of baptism we welcome** Millicent Zenner & Eliana Yu 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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/) The next preparation class will be in the fall.

## Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 [family@saintjoseph.ca](mailto: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).

**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.

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 [youth@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:youth@saintjoseph.ca)

Check out our programs for youth at [saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth](http://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)



**ignite** Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for gatherings.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

<b>The sick, especially</b>	Leah Sietsma
Colleen Cooke	Bill Petrie
Jane Haley	Alice Brick
Tessie Foster	Ivan Romkes
Robert Major	Shirley Gorman
Tom Tenzsen, brother-in-law of Theresa Uzelman	
Gerhard Schaefer, father of Helen Walker	
<b>The deceased, especially</b>	Fr. Joseph Choji

## General Information



**FORMED: The Boy from Milan** You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving “gamer saint” of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist and quiet acts of charity, Carlo’s life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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

**New Bible Study: Follow Me** Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John. Begins Monday, Sep. 29, 7 pm in St. JP II Room. Register at [402guene@telus.net](mailto:402guene@telus.net)

**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. 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 78<sup>th</sup> 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. Information at [archgm.ca/succession](http://archgm.ca/succession) Everyone is invited to attend.

## Mass Intentions

September 8 - 13

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 8, 12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes

Tues. 9, 7 pm: CWL/ ✠ Henry Sliger

Wed. 10, 12:15 pm: ✠ Joseph Vavrek

7 pm: ✠ Ernie & Hannah Gnass

Thurs. 11, 7 pm: ✠ Sandra Van Schaick

Fri. 12, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Henriette Joubarne

12:15 pm: ✠ Lucy, Casey & Derrik Glodek

Sat. 13, 9 am: ✠ Henriette Jourbarne

**Ladies Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11am, St. JP II 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](mailto:miklge@telus.net)

**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](mailto: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.

**CWL Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 9, after 7 pm Mass in the Grouard Room. For details email: [cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com) New members welcome.

**Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7:30 pm in Liguori Hall.

**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.  
5:30 pm Supper sponsored by Brown's Socialhouse - Beef on a Bun, Caesar salad & mashed potatoes.

Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.  
Cost by donation to support meals for the homeless.

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

**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.

**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](mailto:office@myfoundations.ca) or [www.myfoundations.ca/events](http://www.myfoundations.ca/events) for information or to purchase tickets.

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

## Sunday Readings

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### Discerning God's Will

**Wisdom 9:13 - 18** Solomon's prayer  
**Philemon 9b - 10, 12 - 17** Pleas for Onesimus  
**Luke 14:25 - 33** Sayings on discipleship

**Key passage:** For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail. *Wisdom 9:13 - 14*

**Question:** When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost their way?

**Child:** Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

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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/](http://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](mailto:adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing Sacraments for adults?** Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email [adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca)

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

**Catholic Women's League:** [cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus:** [kofc3241gp@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3241gp@gmail.com)

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. [stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/). Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.