

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 13
Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

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 also be read 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.

World Mission Sunday, October 18/19, a global celebration of the universal church. Your prayers and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools and the training of priests. The donations that Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday will help them to be self-sufficient and flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most.

Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

Archbishop's Dinner, Friday, Nov. 28, 6:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Hosted by Deanery 3. Tickets are \$35/person, available at the parish office. Archbishop Charles Duval, CSsR will speak on the theme "Called to Serve, Anointed to Lead". There will be silent and live auctions. If you, your group or business, would like to donate for the auction, please contact Joanne at the parish office or email finance@saintjoseph.ca

October 11 - 19 Dates to Remember

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

Mon. 13: Thanksgiving Day

9 am Weekday Mass

Tues. 14: 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church

7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall

Wed. 15: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

Thurs. 16: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,

Tranquille Hall

7 pm, Mass followed by Prayers for Healing, church 7:45 pm, Ignite, Mr. Mike's Steakhouse

Sat. 18: 9:30 am, Jubilee of Health Care Workers, Tranquille Hall

5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice 8 pm, High School Youth, St JPII Room **Sun. 19:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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

Saturday, Oct. 18, from 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.

Catholic Education Week, Oct. 18 - 24.

Prayer for Catholic Education Week:



Heavenly Father, You are the source of our hope and joy. We pray for our students, teachers, staff and families so they have the courage to share their reason for hope with others. May their words and actions reflect Your light and inspire those around them to seek

and find the hope only You can offer. Amen

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 Skyler Belcourt and Kenji Saraum to our family of faith. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with 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) - Oct. 18

Join us for pizza at 5:30 pm, followed by choir at 7 pm Mass. Join us after Mass for High School Youth Group in the St JPII Room. This week we're learning all about the Rosary!

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!

Catechesis of Good Shepherd, for children 3, 4 & 5 years old. CGS is a Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. Register on parish website under Ministries.

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

Join us for these Family Friendly Events:

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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

if you plan to come!)

The sick, especially Leah Sietsma

Mike Ratvay Bernardita Aguibiador

Dorothy Brown Rosaline Garin Fr. Cyril Joseph Bill Petrie Jane Haley Alice Brick Ivan Romkes **Robert Major** The deceased, especially **Shirley Gorman**

Mass Intentions

October 13 - 18

⊕ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a senior's home

Mon. 13, 9 am: ⊕ Rose Mae Laframboise Tues. 14, 7 pm: CWL / ⊕ Jason Halwa

Wed. 15, 12:15 pm: ⊕ Joseph Vavrek

7 pm, Cook & Goulet Families

Thurs. 16, 7 pm: ⊕ Alice Caspar

Fri. 17, 10:30 am (SH): 🕆 Germaine Fortin

12:15 pm: ⊕ Pinto & Nunes family

Sat. 18, 9 am: Isidra Joson

General Information

FORMED: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Learn about this remarkable saint, who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

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). Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email

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Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Oct.16, after 7 pm Mass in church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

CWL Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:00 pm Begins with Mass in the church. All ladies welcome!

K of C Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7:30 pm, in Liguori Hall. All men are welcome!

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.

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 during Mass. 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 calling first.

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



@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

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.

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.

Sunday Readings

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAYING THANK YOU

2 Kings 5:14 - 17. Elisha's cure of Naaman 2 Tim. 2:8 - 13. Paul's faithfulness to the Gospel Luke 17:11 - 19. Ten Lepers

Key passage: Then one of [the lepers], when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. *Lk* 17:15 - 16

Question: Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?

Child: When have you failed to say thank you? Why does this matter?

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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.