

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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 be announced. All are welcome.

Children & Families: All Saints Costume Party

Saturday, Nov. 1, 1 - 3 pm Dress as your favorite saint or character (nothing scary please). No charge. Saint James is planning to come! Hope to see you there too! [Sign up to volunteer](#). Call Kristen, ext. 230, with any questions.

Sandwich Sunday, Oct. 19, 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.

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.

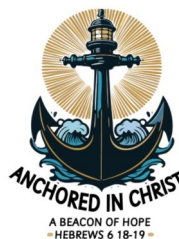
Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

October 18 - 26 Dates to Remember

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 JP II Room
Sun. 19: After 9 am Mass, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
Mon. 20: 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 21: 5 pm, Ignite, Meal for Shelters, Tranquille Hall
Wed. 22: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
Thurs. 23: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
Fri. 24: 7 pm, Ultreya, St. JP II Room
Sat. 25: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 26: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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". Raffles, and 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

Prayer for Catholic Education:



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 Asher Hopcraft and Aevient-Louise Danao 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 in the St JP II Room. This week we're learning all about the Rosary!
Next Youth Choir: Saturday, Nov. 1. Join us after Mass in SJPII Room for our annual Mystery Party. This year's theme: Masquerade. Sign up and receive a character role at saintjoseph.ca/youth. Please bring a snack to share.

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.



Blessing Bags - Annual service project for St. Lawrence Center. We are collecting warm mittens & socks, gloves, scarves, toques, hand warmers and candy. Please bring donations labelled "Blessing Bags" to the parish office, or to Family & Children's events. *Deadline for donations: Nov. 7*

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:

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

Mass Intentions

October 20 - 25

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 20, 12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes

Tues. 21, 7 pm: ✠ Mary Martin

Wed. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Manuel, Artoro, Renato,
Carlos & Carmen Siaga

7 pm, Claudette Heck

Thurs. 23, 7 pm: ✠ Jerry & Tee Backmeyer

Fri. 24, 12:15 pm: ✠ Terry Fitzpatrick

Sat. 25, 9 am: ✠ Pablo Liong

General Information



FORMED: Slaves and Kings

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare - Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain - this film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

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.

Coffee & Cookies, Saturday, Oct. 25, after 7 pm Mass. Join us in Tranquille Hall for fellowship and snacks.

CWL Christmas Tea & Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov. 15, Tranquille Hall, 2 - 4 pm. \$5/person
Special Guest: Saint Nicholas
Donations of baking would be appreciated. Bring your contribution between 6 & 8 pm Friday, Nov 14, or Saturday, Nov. 15, morning, 9 - 11 am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Mike Ratvay	Bernardita Aguiador
Doreen Brown	Rosaline Garin
Bill Petrie	Jane Haley
Ivan Romkes	Robert Major

The deceased, especially

Alice Brick	Teodore Ramada
Betty Kent	mother of John Kent

Catholics Returning Home You Are Called! You Matter! You Belong! This six week program will begin on Thursday, Nov. 6, after the 7 pm Mass in the Grouard Room. This is an opportunity for non-practicing Catholics, and those who are practicing but would like a "refresher" course, to learn about the Church. Register at the parish office.

Be Involved

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. Ask for 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.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or StJoesYoungAdults



ignite Young Adults 18+

Meals for St. Lawrence, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 5 - 7 pm, Tranquille Hall Join us in preparing meals for our shelters around town.

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

Ultreya, Friday, Oct. 24, 7 pm A short time of prayer, faith sharing and support. Speaker: Lucille Partington Make new friends (and bring some old). Everyone is welcome.

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

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TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

Exodus 17:8 - 13. Battle with Amalek

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2. Apostolic charge

Luke 18:1 - 8. The corrupt judge

Key passage: For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." *Lk 18:4 - 5*

Question: Whose needs might you be failing to listen to right now?

Child: How often do you put off chores until you are forced to do them? Who is hurt by this decision?

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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.