

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025



Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Appreciation and Farewell - As many of you know Jon Moffat, our current operations manager, is retiring at the end of October. We offer a sincere "Thank you" to Jon for his many years of service to our Catholic community. Conscientious and reliable, Jon combined a broad skill-set with a willingness to get his hands dirty if necessary. To Jon and Brenda, we extend our best wishes and prayers as they move south to be closer to their family. Godspeed and God bless!

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 Friday, October 31*. 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.

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

Volunteers needed! Help needed in the kitchen for the dinner.

Do you love to bake? We are looking for donations of dessert for the dessert auction.

October 25- November 2 Dates to Remember
Sat. 25: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 26: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
Mon. 27: 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed. 29: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
Thurs. 30: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
Sat. 1: 1 - 3 pm, All Saints Costume Party, Tranquille Hall
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group Mystery Party, St JP II Room
Sun. 2: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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.

Blessing Bags, Annual service project for St. Lawrence Centre - Saturday, Nov. 15



You can help! We are collecting warm mittens & socks, gloves, scarves, toques, hand warmers and candy. Place in donation bins in the entrance to the church, or bring them to the parish office labelled "Blessing Bags" **Donation deadline: Nov. 14**

Children & Youth, grades 3 - 12, and their families join us at 4:30 pm, November 15, in the St JP II Room, to assemble **Blessing Bags**. Pizza supper to follow.



Next Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 am turn your clocks back one hour to be sure to get that extra hour of sleep!

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/

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 if you plan to come!)

Assembling Blessing Bags, Nov. 15, 4:30 pm, St. JP II Room. Families join us for this service project with pizza supper to follow.

Join us for these Family Friendly Events:

November 1, 2 - 4 pm, All Saints Costume Party
November 15, 2 - 4 pm, Vacation Bible School Parent & Volunteer Planning Session
November 15, 4:30 pm, Blessing Bags Service Project
November 29, 2 - 4 pm, Piñata Decorating Workshop

Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

Check out our programs for youth at saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth.



(Gr. 7 - 12) – Saturday, Nov. 1.
Pizza at 5:30 pm, followed by
choir at 7 pm Mass.

Join us after Mass in SJPII Room for our annual **Mystery Party**. This year's theme: Masquerade. Sign up at saintjoseph.ca/youth and receive a character role. Please bring a snack to share.

Saturday, Nov. 15, **Assembling Blessing Bags** at 4:30 pm in St. JP II Room. Families are encouraged to join us as well and enjoy a pizza supper afterwards. Youth Grade 7 - 12, join us in the choir at 7 pm Mass.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



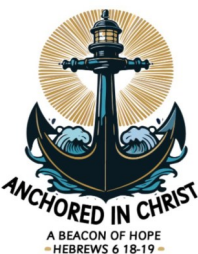
Young Adults 18+

Corn Maze, Saturday Oct. 25, Country Roads RV, 6 pm

Bible & Beer, Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:45 pm, at Mr. Mike's Steakhouse. An opportunity to meet to grow in faith and Catholic community.

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](#).

Prayer for Catholic Education:

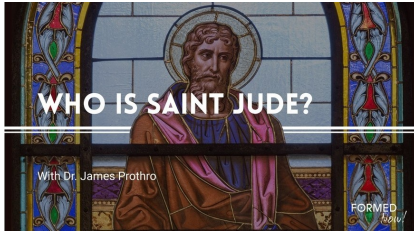


Heavenly Father, You are the source of our hope and joy.

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

General Information



FORMED: Who is St Jude - Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle, St. Jude.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

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.

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

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, from 9 - 11 am.

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

Congratulations to our new Catholic school trustees! Please keep them in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Ben Didham
Mike Ratvay Bernardita Aguibiador
Doreen Brown Jane Haley
Ivan Romkes Robert Major
The deceased, especially Rosaline Garin
Jacqueline Ng, mother of Theodore Ng

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

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.

Mass Intentions

October 27 - November 1

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
Mon. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Rita Elliot
Tues. 28, 7 pm: ✠ Joseph Pinto
Wed. 29, 12:15 pm: ✠ Gus, Marie, Mark & Nathan Jantz
7 pm, Alice Caspar
Thurs. 30, 7 pm: ✠ Ma Sheung Tak
Fri. 31, 12:15 pm: ✠ Henriette Jourbourne
Sat. 1, 9 am: ✠ Titus Nunes

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

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.)

Annual Fall Supper Fundraiser, Sexsmith Immaculate Conception Church, Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Civic Center in Sexsmith. Good food, fellowship, silent auction, pie sale and more! All proceeds to support the Sexsmith parish and needed maintenance in their church. Doors open - 4:30 pm Dinner - 5:30 pm. \$25/person \$65/family \$15 for children 13 & under Pay at the door.
See poster on bulletin board outside office.

Sunday Readings

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THE REWARD OF HUMILITY

Sirach 35:15 - 17, 20 - 22. The God of justice
2 Timothy 4:6 - 8, 16 - 18. Reward for fidelity
Luke 18:9 - 14. The Pharisee and the tax collector

Key passage: "I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." *Luke 18:14*

Question: When have you felt self-satisfied in observing the mistakes of others? What should we remember at such times?

Child: Have you ever thought you were better than someone else? Why is that a problem?

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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: Available 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.