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December 21, 2025  
**4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL BE JANUARY 4.**

### Christmas Masses

Wednesday, Dec 24: 4:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
9:00 pm  
12:00 am (midnight)

Wednesday, Dec 25: 10:00 am

#### •We are not giving out tickets for Masses

- At 4:00 pm Mass, overflow from the church will be seated in Tranquille Hall where the Mass will be live-streamed to the screen.
- The 4 pm Mass is more suited for young children.
- It is likely that the 4:00 pm Masses will be attended by more people, so you may want to plan to attend one of the other Christmas Masses.

### Christmas Season Weekday Masses

Friday, Dec. 26 - Tuesday, December 30, 9:00 am,  
Friday, January 2, 7:00 pm, followed by Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament. Our regular weekday Mass  
schedule will resume on Saturday, January 3.

**Parish Office Closed:** Thursday & Friday, December  
25 & 26 and Thursday & Friday, Jan 1 & 2. We are  
closing at noon on Christmas Eve and 4 pm New  
Year's Eve.

## 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)

### December 20 - January 4 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 20:** 9:45 am - 12:45 pm, Christmas choir practices,  
church

4:15 pm, Christmas choir practice, church  
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

**Sun. 21:** after 9 am Mass, Sandwich Sunday,  
Tranquille Hall

Following 11 am Mass, La Posada, church  
3 pm, Christmas Decorating, church  
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Mon. 22:** 2:45 - 4:30 pm, Christmas choir practices,  
church

7 - 8:45 pm, Christmas choir practice, church

**Tues. 23:** 2:45 - 4:30 pm, Christmas choir practices,  
church

**Wed. 31:** after 7 pm Mass, New Year's Eve Soiree,  
Tranquille Hall

**Fri. 2:** 7 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, church

**Sat. 3:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Filipino Supper, Tranquille Hall

**WE NEED HELP: Decorating in the church for  
Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 21, 3 pm.** Fluff a Christmas  
tree, string lights, hang banners, etc. Please join in  
preparing our church for the season of Christmas.

**Filipino Supper, Jan. 3, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Tranquille  
Hall.** Come enjoy authentic Filipino food hosted by  
the Knights of Columbus. Handmade spring rolls  
supplied by Prairie Asian. Rice, adobo & Filipino  
desserts. Cost: Donation. All are welcome!

**Faith in Action Men's Conference, Saturday, Jan. 24,** in  
the church. 8 am (doors open) - 4 pm  
Theme, **"Lord, teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1)**, led by  
Rev. Kristopher Schmitz. Discover how prayer opens the  
door to receiving God's love and mercy, enriching our  
personal, family, and professional lives.  
Tickets: \$35 (includes lunch & refreshments).  
For info or to register, contact Hervey, 780-228-2199 or  
[herveychabot@gmail.com](mailto:herveychabot@gmail.com) Follow **Faith in Action Men's  
Conference** on Facebook for updates.

## Sacraments

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

### Parents of school-age children receiving sacraments this year (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation)

If you have not yet registered your child to receive a sacrament this year, please email Anastasia, or call the office, ext. 228.

**Baptism** Jean-Marc ext. 229 [baptism@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:baptism@saintjoseph.ca)

**Through the Waters of Baptism** we welcome Breanna Mercado and Jaylen Griffiths 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/)

## 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).



**Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday  
December 20: Youth Choir and  
Christmas Party**

Pizza at 5:30 pm, choir practice at 6 pm, Christmas party following 7 pm Mass in SJPII Room until 10 pm. Wear your Christmas attire and join us for Christmas themed fun and games. Bring your favourite Christmas baking to join the Christmas baking swap. *Next gathering: January 3.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, especially

Ruth Gardner	Amanda Sideroff
Ivan Romkes	Joyce Halwa
Kendra McKenna	John Glodek
Emma Wilson	Terry Ward
Denise Kohlman	Jane Haley

Yvonne Chabot, mother of Hervey Chabot  
Dorothy Duhaime, mother of Annette Dechant  
Danilo Rimando, brother of Tessie Rimando

#### The deceased, especially Fr. Kevin Lynch, OFM

Rachelle Kindlan	Jorge Rimando
Anita Lafrance, sister of Lorraine Martin	
Julie Lachance, niece of Lorraine Martin	

## Family & Children Ministry

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

### Be Part of Our Christmas Spirit!

#### Children's procession at the 4 & 6:30 pm Masses:

If your child wants to carry a candle (electric!) to the altar, contact Kristen at the parish office.

#### Spread cheer to our children after Christmas

**Masses.** Help make and/or hand out treats.

Contact Kristen at the parish office.

**The Inn - La Posada**, Sunday, Dec. 21, after 11 am Mass. Join us at this traditional Latin American celebration as we journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character, farm animal or in your favourite PJ's. We will be breaking a piñata in honour of Jesus' birth.

*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!)

**Catechesis of the 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](#).

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



**ignite** Young Adults 18+

**Meal for St. Lawrence Centre**, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5 pm in Tranquille Hall.

**2025 Donation envelopes** available in the Grouard Room. Special collection envelopes also available for those who do not use assigned envelopes to donate.

## General Information

### Christmas Choir Rehearsals

All rehearsals are in the church.

Please register [here](#) or via QR code.

Christmas Eve 4 pm Children & Youth

Rehearsals: **Age 4 - 7**

**Age 8+**

Dec. 20 11:15 - 11:45 am 11:45 - 12:45 am

Dec. 22 2:45 - 3:15 pm 3:15 - 4:30 pm

Dec. 23 2:45 - 3:15 pm 3:15 - 4:30 pm

*Other Christmas Eve/Day Choir rehearsals*

Dec. 20 **6:30 pm Choir** 9:45 - 11:00 am

Dec. 20 **10 am Christmas Day** 4:15 - 5:30 pm

Dec. 22 **Midnight** 7 - 8:45 pm



### St. Joseph Young Adults New Year's Eve Soiree

Dec 31, 7:00 pm-12:30 am 18+ event

Begins with Mass at 7 pm. Party to follow in

Tranquille Hall. Cash mocktail bar.

Formal/Creative Formal/Festive Black Tie

(Come dressed up for Mass.)

Tickets \$25, available after Mass.

Questions? Email [stjosephsNYE@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephsNYE@gmail.com)

### St. Joseph CWL Youth & Young Adult Funding for

Christian-based volunteer work. For information

contact Lorraine, [marting6@telus.net](mailto:marting6@telus.net).

*Deadline: January 15.*

**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. For information please call the parish office.

## Mass Intentions

December 22 - 27

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Raphael & Margaret Mascarenhas

Tues. 23, 7 pm: Archbishop Gerry Pettipas, C.Ss.R.

Fri. 26, 9 am: Archbishop Charles Duval, C.Ss.R.

Sat. 27, 9 am: ✠ Aurora Pinto

Mon. 29, 9 am: ✠ Judith Radke

Tues. 30, 9 am: ✠ Pinto & Nunes Family

Fri. 2, 7 pm: ✠ Denise Hrushka

Sat. 3, 9 am: ✠ Mabel, John & Michael McNeil/

✠ Stacey Hagg

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

**Quilting Bee-Levers**, meet Mondays in the new year to make quilts which are donated to community organizations who help those in need. Do you have any Fortrel fabric? Yes, they make those quilts that our grandmothers made that last forever.



**Sandwich Sunday, December 21**, after 9 am Mass. Bring supplies and/or help assemble sandwiches.

## Be Involved

Call the parish office for these, and more, volunteer opportunities.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - We are looking for people to set up for Adoration, which takes place the first Friday of every month. Training provided. Please contact the parish office.

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

**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.

**Adults needed to assist in parish-based classes.** (All programs involving children require 2 screened adults to be present.) Share & grow in your faith, and help children to grow in theirs. Call Anastasia, ext. 228.

**Screen Volunteers** - Operate our projector screens at Sunday Mass. No experience necessary. Training provided. For information email [mcibach@telus.net](mailto:mcibach@telus.net)

**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.

**Catholic Family Services Annual Christmas Hamper Program** welcomes donations in many forms. Please call 780-532-9381 to learn how you can help bring hope and joy to local families in need this Christmas. *Deadline for donations: Monday, December 22*

**St Joseph Seminary is hosting a Come & See Weekend, January 23 - 25.** For all men (grade 12 or older) open to discerning the priesthood. For more information and to register go to [www.archgm.ca/comeandsee](http://www.archgm.ca/comeandsee) Interested in attending? Please contact Msgr. Charles Lavoie, vicargeneral.agm@outlook.com Registration deadline: January 12

**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.)

**Parking at Christmas:** Our parking lot will be full. You may want to plan to park off-site.

**Bingo Wonderland, Friday, Jan. 23, 6 - 8 pm,** Tranquille Hall. Gift card prizes. All ages welcome! Sponsored by K of C & CWL

## Sunday Readings

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### Welcoming Light

**Isaiah 7:10 - 14.** Birth of Emmanuel

**Romans 1:1 - 7.** Greetings from Paul

**Matthew 1:18 - 24.** The angel appears to Joseph

**Key passage:** When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took [Mary] as his wife. *Matthew 1:24*

**Question:** Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

**Child:** What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome?

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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:** 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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/). Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.