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OF  
GOD

January 4, 2026  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

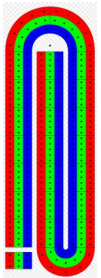
# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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 Follow *Faith in Action Men's Conference* on Facebook for updates.

**Games Night, Thursday, January 8.** Everyone is welcome to come for supper, sponsored by Browns Socialhouse, followed by games.  
5:30 pm supper: Beef on a bun, mashed potatoes, salad.  
Games after dinner until 8:30 pm.  
Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.



## 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

### January 3 - 11 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 3:** 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Filipino Supper, Tranquille Hall  
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room  
**Sun. 4:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel  
**Mon. 5:** 9:30 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
**Wed. 7:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
**Thurs. 8:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, St. JP II Room  
5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall  
7 pm, SALT, St JP II Room  
**Sun. 11:** 9 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall  
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

### Merci! Gracias! Salamat! Kitatamihin! Dziękuję! Danke! Nandi!

On behalf of the entire St. Joseph Redemptorist community, I'd like to offer our sincere thanks for your generous gifts to us this Christmas. As we look to the New Year, we would like to wish you a happy and blessed 2026. Fr. Ed

*"May the LORD bless you, and keep you; May the LORD make his face shine to upon you, and be gracious to you; May the LORD turn his countenance to you and grant you peace." (Num. 6:24-26)*

### K of C Sandwich Sunday, December 11, following



9 am Mass. Sign up this weekend to bring sandwich supplies for next weekend. Please consider helping to assemble sandwiches. Supplies needed: sandwich meat, peanut butter, jam, mayonnaise, ziplock bags.

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

## 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)

**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**

**Next Gathering: January 3.**

Pizza at 5:30 pm, choir practice at 6 pm. Youth Group to follow Mass in SJPII Room

**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!

## Mass Intentions

January 5 - 10

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 5, 12:15 pm: ✠ William Kosakewich

Tues. 6, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Maevis & Jimmy Decruze

7 pm: ✠ Linda Cowell

Wed. 7, 12:15 pm: ✠ Warren & Oliver Pinto

7 pm: ✠ Elvine Boulet

Thurs. 8, 7 pm: ✠ Andrea Vavrek

Fri. 9, 10:30 am (SH): Rollande Lidgett

12:15 am: ✠ Pinto & Nunes Family

Sat. 10, 9 am: ✠ Marilyn Lawless

## Family & Children Ministry

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



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: January 8

*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!)

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**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](#)



**Young Adults 18+**

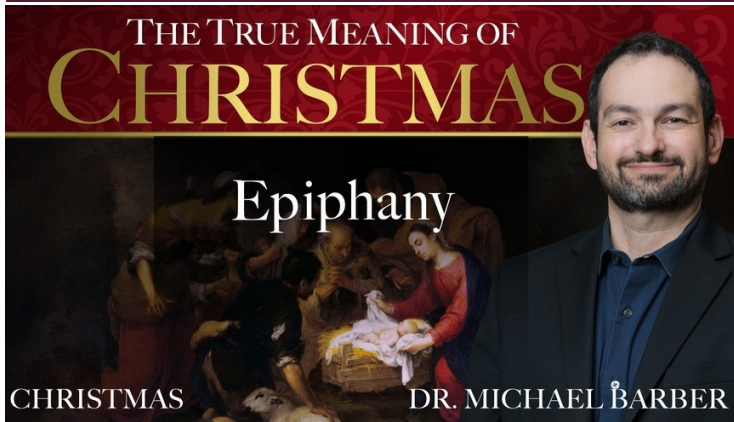
**Meal for St. Lawrence Centre**, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5 pm in Tranquille Hall.

**Bible & Beer**, Thursday, Jan. 22, 7:45 pm at Mr. Mike's

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**2026 Donation envelopes** available in the Grouard Room. Special collection envelopes also available for those who do not use assigned envelopes to donate.

## General Information



**FORMED: Epiphany** Have you ever wondered what the Epiphany is? In this engaging episode of the True Meaning of Christmas, join Dr. Michael Barber to find out.

**Sign up for FORMED at:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

**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.*

**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](mailto:vicargeneral.agm@outlook.com)  
Registration deadline: January 12

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

**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.

**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.

## 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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, especially

Ruth Gardner	Amanda Sideroff
Ivan Romkes	Kendra McKenna
John Glodek	Emma Wilson
Denise Kohlman	Jane Haley
Yvonne Chabot, mother of Hervey Chabot	

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is hiring a **Building and Property Specialist**. 40 hours/week, including some evenings and weekends. Full job description at [archgm.ca/job-opportunities](http://archgm.ca/job-opportunities) Submit cover letter and resume to [jobs.agm@outlook.com](mailto:jobs.agm@outlook.com) or mail to Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, 10301 102 St, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2W2.

**Our Emergency Food Service, Samaritan's Basket**, gratefully accepts gift cards (denominations of \$25) for grocery stores and toiletry items for both men & women. (Travel/regular sizes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.)

**Please be mindful of our church neighbours:**

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot (south of our parking lot).

**Church Parking Lot** - Do not park along curbs or in laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

## Sunday Readings

### Epiphany of the Lord

#### A Gift for All People

**Isaiah 60:1 - 6.** Glory of the new Zion

**Eph. 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6.** Commission to preach God's plan

**Matthew 2:1 - 12.** The visit of the Magi

**Key passage:** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." *Matthew 2:1 - 2*

**Question:** What insights about your own faith have you gained from learning about other faith traditions?

**Child:** What could you do to be like a star and lead someone to know about Jesus?

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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.