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THE
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OF
GOD

February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of

Fr. Rajmund Dorawa, C.Ss.R.

on Thursday, January 29, at the age of 75 years. He was a professed member of the Redemptorists for 55 years and ordained 49 years. His funeral will be on Tuesday, February 3, at 11 am in the church.

A viewing will be held before the funeral beginning at 10:00 am.



Discovery
RETREATS

February 6 - 8

Grades 7 - 10

Stay overnight with friends, meet new people,

play cool games, and eat great food! **New this year:**

Nerf Capture the Flag! Learn more about faith through music, activities, prayer, and inspirational talks from High School students. Cost \$60/person, \$90/family.

Register on website: saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth/
Volunteers Needed! Please help support Discovery by volunteering in the kitchen for a shift, joining the weekend prayer chain, or even baking cookies! Go to saintjoseph.ca/youth for details or contact April.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

2025 Income tax receipts available mid February.

2026 Donation envelopes are available from the parish office during office hours.

For donation options please see our website saintjoseph.ca

February 1 - 8 Dates to Remember

Sun. 1: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 2: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 3: 10 am, Fr. Rajmund's viewing, Modern Martyrs
11 am, Fr. Rajmund's funeral, church
6:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class,

Modern Martyrs

Wed. 4: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs. 5: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, St. JP II Room

Fri. 6: 7 pm, Mass & Adoration, church

Sat. 7: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 8: 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 10 am - 1:30 pm, as the parish staff will be attending Fr. Rajmund's funeral.

Sandwich Sunday for St. Lawrence Centre Feb. 8, after 9 am Mass. Sign up this weekend to bring sandwich supplies for next weekend. Please join us to help to assemble sandwiches.



Samaritan's Basket is low on toiletry supplies for both men & women: Travel and regular size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, etc. We also gratefully accept gift cards, in denominations of \$25, for grocery stores.

Mardi Gras 2026, Friday, Feb 13, 7 - 11 pm

Theme: *Cupid goes to the Carnival.*

ALL AGES costume party!

Join us in Tranquille Hall. Bring your friends. DeeJay, dancing, bouncy castle (7 - 8 pm). Costume ideas: dress as something you love! (Or pink/red).

Free tickets after Mass in the back of the church.

Volunteers needed. Sign up [here](#).

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 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

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

During Lent we do not schedule baptisms.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the six weeks of Lent we are in the desert *preparing* for new life - the resurrection. Baptism is when we first *encounter* new life with Jesus. Therefore, we will not celebrate baptism during Lent as we are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or StJoesYoungAdults



 **Ignite** Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for updates.

Mass Intentions

February 2 - 7

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 2, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jason Halwa

Tues. 3, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Martin Rodriguez /
✠ Robert Saptel

7 pm: Randy Horneland

Wed. 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mabel, John & Michael McNeil/
✠ Stacey Hagg

7 pm: ✠ Brady Grattan

Thurs. 5, 7 pm: ✠ Marcel Garant

Fri. 6, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Souls in Purgatory
12:15 pm: ✠ Jessie Campbell Lofstrom

7 pm: ✠ Lee Merlo

Sat. 7, 9 am: ✠ Marilyn Lawless

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca

Many more active, screened and trained volunteers are needed to sustain our children's program during Mass. Praise God He keeps bringing us more children. Please become one of the many who serve. We need you! Call Kristen today! God equips us as we step out in faith to do as Jesus said "let the little children come to me". Both youth and adults needed.

Vacation Bible School Team meeting: February 28
1:30 - 3:30 pm. Prayer, planning and workbee. Join this team early and make a difference in the lives of many!



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Next gathering: February 12
Invite a friend! Register [here](#).

What are the shoes of the gospel of peace? What is going to happen next in Queen Esther's story? Come have fun as we find out how God gives us armour!

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](#).

Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: February 14

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

Be sure to sign up for Discovery Weekend, Feb. 6 - 8.
Details on the front page.

Help raise money for Discovery Camp. Drop your bottles at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

General Information



FORMED: The Presentation

The Presentation is already foreshadowing the Cross. The offering Mary makes at the Presentation in the Temple becomes manifested and reaches its fulfillment at Calvary.

Sign up for FORMED at: saintjoseph.ca



7 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, Friday, Feb. 6, 7 - 8:15 pm

Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

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

Coffee & Cookies after 7 pm Mass Saturday, Feb. 7, in Tranquille Hall. Join us for refreshments & fellowship.

World Day of Marriage is Sunday, February 8.

We celebrate the beauty and sacred gift of marriage and ask God to bless all couples.

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 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.

Save the Date: **Women's Retreat, May 1 & 2**

Standing Firm in Who You Are

Mothers, daughters, sisters, friends - join us for prayer, sharing and reflection.

Horizons of Hope Workshop – a program about end-of-life issues and the need for palliative care, to clarify misinformation, and reverse the deceptive messaging found in society. Registration is now full.

Be Involved

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

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

Adults needed to assist in parish-based classes. (*All programs involving children require 2 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

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.

Do you have old palm branches from previous Palm Sundays? The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your old palm branches and leave them in the box in the entrance to the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

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| Fr. Cyril Joseph | Helen Buck |
| Cam Switzer | Lee Fitzpatrick |
| Toni Luck | Sooraya Nuthall |
| Amanda Sideroff | Emma Wilson |
| Ivan Romkes | Kendra McKenna |
| Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy | |

The deceased, especially John Vavrek

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| Fr. Rajmund Dorawa, C.Ss.R. | |
| Claude Parenteau, uncle of Michelle Jodoin | |

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council has recently prepared new **Mission & Vision Statements**.

Mission Statement: Make disciples, baptize them and teach them to obey everything Christ Jesus has commanded us. (cf. *Matthew 28:18-20*)

Vision Statement: As the family of God we serve and we reach out to all.

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.

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

There are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are We

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12 - 13. Promise for Jerusalem

1 Cor. 1:26 - 31. Paradox of God's choice

Matthew 5:1 - 12. The beatitudes

Key passage: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matt. 5:11 - 12

Question: Do you believe everyone is welcome in the kingdom of God? Why or why not?

Child: Who is welcome in the Kingdom of God? Who would you like to tell about the Kingdom of God?

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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.