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THE
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OF
GOD

January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 at saintjoseph.ca/youth

Christmas environment clean-up in the church, Sunday, January 11 at 2 pm. Help is needed to put away all our decorations from the Christmas season. Students can get service hours. Please come for a few hours to help.

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) Available after Mass this weekend in the entrance to the church.

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.

K of C Sandwich Sunday this weekend following 9 am Mass. Supplies needed: sandwich meat, peanut butter, jam, mayonnaise, ziplock bags. Please consider helping to assemble sandwiches.



Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 18,
after the 9 & 11 am Masses.
\$10/person \$30/family
Gluten-free available.

January 11 - 18 Dates to Remember

Sun. 11: 9 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
2 pm, Christmas Environment Cleanup, church
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 12: 9:30 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers,
Liguori Hall

7 - 8:30 pm, Lector Training, church

Tues. 13: 6:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class,
Modern Martyrs

7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins in church

7:30 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall

Wed. 14: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs. 15: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
St. JP II Room

7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing following Mass, church

Sun. 18: after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast,
Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Lector Training, Monday, Jan. 12, 7 pm. Would you like to join this wonderful ministry of proclaiming the word of God during Mass? Please attend this training session in the church. If you have been a lector for many years you should also attend. Please enter through the doors to the left of the Belltower.

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

2025 Income tax receipts available mid February.

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.

Youth Ministry

April ext .232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday

Next Gathering: January 17.

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!

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



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

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

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: January 22

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](#).

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

Mass Intentions

January 12 - 17

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 12, 12:15 pm: ✠ Cecile Thibeault

Tues. 13, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Tessie Foster

Wed. 14, 12:15 pm: ✠ Rita Elliot

7 pm: ✠ Marilyn Lawless

Thurs. 15, 7 pm: ✠ Mike Kosyk (Sr.)

Fri. 16, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Lucas & Peter Nunes

12:15 am: ✠ Titus Nunes & Nunes Family

Sat. 17, 9 am: ✠ Henry Sliger

General Information



FORMED: The Desert Fathers (Parts 1 & 2)

In this special two part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers -

St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius and St. John the Dwarf - as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.

Sign up for FORMED at: saintjoseph.ca

CWL January meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 13, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

St. Joseph CWL Youth & Young Adult Funding for Christian-based volunteer work. For information contact Lorraine, marting6@telus.net

Deadline: January 15

K of C January meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 7:30 pm, Liguori Hall.

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, January 15, after 7 pm Mass in church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present, through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

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

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 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

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

Lee Fitzpatrick	Cam Switzer
Femy Rouleau	Sooraya Nuthall
Toni Luck	Angie Crear
Ruth Gardner	Emma Wilson
Ivan Romkes	Amanda Sideroff
Denise Kohlman	Kendra McKenna
Yvonne Chabot, mother of Hervey Chabot	Jane Haley

The deceased, especially

Bedette Gosselin	John Glodek
	Doug Cooke

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).

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 Interested in attending? Please contact Msgr. Charles Lavoie, vicargeneral.agm@outlook.com Registration deadline: January 12

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

Baptism of the Lord

Faithful Service

Isaiah 42:1 - 4, 6 - 7. The servant of the Lord

Acts 10:34 - 38. Peter's discourse

Matthew 3:13 - 17. The baptism of Jesus

Key passage: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. Isaiah 42:1

Question: What evidence can you offer that you are a faithful servant of the Lord?

Child: When has the Holy Spirit helped you treat someone fairly?

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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.