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THE  
*Kingdom*  
OF  
GOD

January 18, 2026  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# 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/ministries/youth](http://saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth)

**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.

**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. 7 - 9 pm, in Liguori Hall Limited registration. [Register here](#)

**February 4:** Understanding the Human Experience of Dying and Death

**February 11:** Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life

**March 4:** Accompanying Those at the End of Life

**March 18:** Supporting and Integrating Within the Wider Community

### January 17 - 25 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 17:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room  
After 7 pm Mass, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall  
**Sun. 18:** after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast,  
Tranquille Hall  
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel  
**Mon. 19:** 9:30 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers,  
Liguori Hall  
**Tues. 20:** 6:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class,  
Modern Martyrs  
5 pm, Ignite meal prep, Tranquille Hall kitchen  
**Wed. 21:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
**Thurs. 22:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,  
St. JP II Room  
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JP II Room  
7:45 pm, Ignite Bible & Beer, Mr. Mike's  
**Fri. 23:** 6 - 8 pm, CWL/K of C Bingo, Tranquille Hall  
**Sat. 24:** 8 am - 4 pm, Men's Conference, church  
**Sun. 25:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel



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

## 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)  
**2025 Income tax receipts available mid February.**

## 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/)

### 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

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](https://www.facebook.com/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

## Mass Intentions

January 19 - 24

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 19, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mark Jantz

Tues. 20, 7 pm: ✠ Raoul Tremblay

Wed. 21, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mark & Leonard Cunningham  
7 pm: ✠ Elvine Boulet

Thurs. 22, 7 pm: ✠ Henry Sliger

Fri. 23, 12:15 pm: ✠ Pinto & Nunes Family

Sat. 24, 9 am: ✠ Jennifer Wrzosek

## Family & Children Ministry

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

*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.*



Grade 3 - 6 youth group  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Next gathering: January 22

**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](#).

## 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

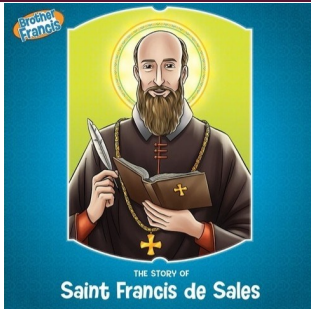
Next Gathering: January 17.

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 Story of St. Francis de Sales**

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.

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

**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.

**Ultreya, January 30 from 7 - 8 pm, Liguori Hall.**  
Everyone is welcome to join us for an inspirational witness talk, a time of sharing, prayer, fellowship and refreshments. Speaker: Karen Backmeyer

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

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.

## 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.

### ***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 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**

<b>The sick, especially</b>	Cam Switzer
Lee Fitzpatrick	Sooraya Nuthall
Femy Rouleau	Denise Kohlman
Toni Luck	Emma Wilson
Ruth Gardner	Amanda Sideroff
Ivan Romkes	Kendra McKenna
<b>The deceased, especially</b>	Lou Martin
Angie Crerar	Don D'Aoust
David & Michelle Lagace	
Sr. Maria Matilde Omandac	

**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.

**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

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#### Jesus, the Son of God

**Isaiah 49:3, 5 - 6.** The servant of the Lord

**1 Cor. 1:1 - 3.** Greeting to the church

**John 1:29 - 34u.** John's testimony to Jesus

**Key passage:** [John said,] "I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." *John 1:31*

**Question:** When have you been surprised to see goodness that you had overlooked in someone?

**Child:** Who has surprised you by doing something kind for you when you did not expect it?

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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.