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THE
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GOD

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of



Fr. Albert Sterzer, C.Ss.R. on January 21. He was 89 Years old and had been a professed member of the Redemptorists for 69 Years. His funeral will be on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 11 am in the church. A viewing will be held before the funeral beginning at 9:30 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.

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 24 - February 1 Dates to Remember

Sat. 24: 8 am - 4 pm, Men's Conference,
Tranquille Hall

Sun. 25: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 26: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers,
Liguori Hall

Tues. 27: 9:30 am, Fr. Albert viewing,
Modern Martyrs

11 am Fr. Albert's funeral, church
6:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class,

Modern Martyrs

Wed. 28: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs. 29: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
St. JP II Room

Fri. 30: 7 pm, Ultreya, St. JP II Room

Sun. 1: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 27 until 1:30 pm, as the parish staff will be attending Fr. Albert's funeral.

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

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.

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

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



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for updates.

Mass Intentions

January 26 - 31

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 26, 12:15 pm: ✠ Beatrice Fernandez /

✠ Fonseca Family

Tues. 27, 7 pm: ✠ Marlene & Ken Kamieniecki

Wed. 28, 12:15 pm: ✠ Pepito & Reveriano Alido

7 pm: ✠ George & Virginia Bond

Thurs. 29, 7 pm: ✠ Peter Wiebe

Fri. 30, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jason Halwa

Sat. 31, 9 am: ✠ Noella Tremblay

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 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
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Next gathering: February 12

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

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



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

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: Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Sign up for FORMED at: saintjoseph.ca

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

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 sure to read the Archdiocese update for the last three months. Find it [here](#) on the Archdiocese website.

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	Helen Buck
Cam Switzer	Lee Fitzpatrick
Sooraya Nuthall	Femy Rouleau
Denise Kohlman	Toni Luck
Amanda Sideroff	Emma Wilson
Ivan Romkes	Kendra McKenna
Bernadette St. Croix, cousin of Joanne Chiasson	
The deceased, especially	Anne Patrick
Fr. Alert Sterzer. C.Ss.R.	
Lillian Lainfiesta, aunt of Debbie Marin	
Ludo Hof, former parishioner	

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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Following Jesus

Isaiah 9:1 - 4. The Prince of Peace

1 Cor. 1:10 - 13, 17 - 18. Factions

Matthew 4:12 - 23. Jesus in Capernaum

Key passage: Jesus went throughout Calilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. *Matthew 4:23*

Question: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

Child: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something 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/ 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.