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February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Family Day, Monday, February 16 The parish office will be closed and weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am. Have a wonderful day with your family.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, Mass Times
12:15 & 7:00 pm
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

This Ash Wednesday collection is the final one designated for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan pledged to raise \$165,000. All funds will be invested into programs or projects within the archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity and support as we strive to move forward together towards reconciliation. You may place your donation in the Sunday collection basket or anytime at the parish office (mark envelope - Ash Wednesday Collection). Make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church". You may also donate directly to archgm.ca/donations

Women's Faith Retreat: Ignite your Passion
Sponsored by the Grouard-McLennan Diocesan CWL
February 21, Tranquille Hall, beginning at 10 am
Speaker: Cecilia Mzvondiwa
Cost: \$25 includes lunch. Pay at the door.
Open to all. Members are welcome to bring a guest.
Please pre-register with Joanne at the parish office.

Celebration of First Reconciliation, Sunday Feb. 22
Please pray for all our children who will be receiving this precious sacrament of healing next Sunday.
1:30 pm: St. Gerard, St. Rita, St. John the Baptist, St. Kateri
3:00 pm: St. Catherine, St. Vincent, St. Patrick,
Mother Teresa
Children from the parish-based program may attend either time.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
Cost is by donation. Bring the family and enjoy a variety of toppings for your pancakes: Hashbrowns, ham, gravy, cheese curds and sweet treats.
Gluten-free available. Hosted by the K of C.

Lenten Fridays: Soup, Reflection, Stations of the Cross
5:45 pm: meatless soup & buns served by CWL in Tranquille Hall. Donations for Development & Peace.
6 pm: Reflection, organized by Social Justice Committee
7 pm: Stations of the Cross in the church
Join us for all 3 or whatever your time allows.
February 20 - Reflection: Overview of Development and Peace 2026 Share Lent Campaign
Stations led by the Knights of Columbus.

Catholics Returning Home, beginning February 19
You Are Called! You Matter! You Belong! This is an opportunity for non-practicing Catholics, and those who are practicing but would like a "refresher" course, to learn about the Church. Thursday evening after the 7 pm Mass in the Grouard Room until March 26 (no session March 19.) Bring a friend. Brochures can be found on the literature rack in the back of the church. Register at the parish office or just come on the first night!

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

2025 Income tax receipts are available after Sunday Mass until the end of the month, or from the office during office hours.

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

For donation options please see our website saintjoseph.ca

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

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Marion Dolleno, Erwin Mojica, Graycent Quinaging, Moises Hernandez, Cillian Espela, Angeline Juralbar and Amari Lesko to our family of faith. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy.

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

During Lent we do not celebrate 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.

February 14 - 22 Dates to Remember

Sat. 14: : 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 15: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 16: Family Day

Tues. 17: 6:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class,
Modern Martyrs

5:30 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Hall

Wed. 18: Ash Wednesday

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

Thurs. 19: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, St. JP II Room

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

7:30 pm, Catholic's Returning Home, Grouard Rm

Fri. 20: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal & reflection, Tranquille Hall

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

Sat. 21: 10 am, CWL Faith Retreat, Tranquille Hall

10 am - noon, Usher Workshop, Grouard Room

Sun. 22: 1:30 & 3 pm, Children's First Reconciliation

3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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 26

Invite a friend! Register [here](#).

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/



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Next Gathering: February 21

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

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!

Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for updates.

General Information

FORMED: Heart of Prayer invites us into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life. Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

Coffee & Cookies February 14, after 7 pm Mass, Tranquille Hall. Join us for refreshments & fellowship.

Lenten Material: Booklets for all ages are available in the entrance to the church. On-line videos, reflections, movies, etc. can be found on FORMED - sign up on our website saintjoseph.ca

Didn't received the sacrament of Confirmation as a child? Adult (16+) preparation sessions are Tuesday, Apr. 7, Wednesday, Apr. 15, & Thursday, Apr. 23. It is strongly encouraged to receive this sacrament prior to marriage. Register with Karen Gorman at the office.

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 Eucharist to those who are homebound, in the hospital and senior's homes. Please call the parish office.

Quilting Bee-Levers meet Mondays, 9 am - 3 pm, in Liguori Hall. Can't sew? You can still help.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Denise Kruchten
Fr. Cyril Joseph Helen Buck
Lee Fitzpatrick Sooraya Nuthall
Amanda Sideroff Emma Wilson
Ivan Romkes Kendra McKenna
Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort
Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy
The deceased, especially
Domingo Duque, father of Anna Credo

Usher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 am, in Grouard Room. Ushers help with the collection and assist parishioners in the church - a great way to get involved and serve your parish. This workshop is for all ushers, including new people who would like to learn more about this ministry.

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.

Mass Intentions

February 16 - 21

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 16, 9 am: ✠ Peter Willette & Jerry Hennessey
Tues. 17, 7 pm: Natie Borman
Wed. 18, 12:15 pm: Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.
7 pm: ✠ Charlie Kirk+
Thurs. 19, 7 pm: ✠ Rita Boivin
Fri. 20, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Gord & Margaret Lizotte
12:15 pm: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Family
Sat. 21, 9 am: Christine & Tom Kinderwater

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:***Universal days of fasting & abstinence from meat***

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years of age and older; the law of fasting binds those who are 18 to 59 years of age. We are invited to limit ourselves to one ordinary meal (perhaps more simple than usual) and much simpler meals at other times. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are good days to make an effort to refrain from snacking. The Church does not encourage a "black fast" - eating nothing. Fasting is never intended to harm your health! (If you are pregnant, nursing your child, or have a medical condition which would be affected by fasting, please continue with what you ordinarily do.) The purpose of fasting is to learn to discipline ourselves and to be in solidarity with so many around the world who have much less.

Rite of Election Mass, February 22nd, 1:00 pm

St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan
Archbishop Charles Duval, CSsR will preside at this Mass welcoming catechumens and candidates. All are welcome. Catechumens will be received into full communion with the Church this Easter through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist. Candidates (those already baptized in another faith tradition) will be received into the Catholic Church and confirmed at the Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph. A light lunch will be served afterwards.

Sunday Readings**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Implications of the New Law**

Sirach 15:15 - 20. Man's free will

1 Cor. 2:6 - 10. True wisdom

Matthew 5:17 - 37. The old Law and the new

Key passage: [Jesus said,] "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23 - 24*

Question: When have you made an effort to reconcile with someone? How did that feel?

Child: When have you taken the first step to make up with someone?

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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.