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OF
GOD

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Camp Discovery 2026 registration is now open!

Join us for an unforgettable week away at Pineridge Adventure camp - just 10 minutes south of GP.
High School Week (gr. 9 - 12) August 9 - 14
Jr. High Week (gr. 7 - 9) August 16 to 29
Cost is \$300 per camper for the week.
Financial support available upon request. Go to saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp for more info.

Friday, February 27, weekday Mass is in the chapel.

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 27 - Reflection: Peace Produce Inc - a local year-round grower of nutrient dense produce.
Stations led by Grouard McLennan Cursillo Group

Adult (16+) Confirmation Preparation Class

Didn't received the sacrament of Confirmation as a child? 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.

Catholics Returning Home, began February 19, but there is still time to join! 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.

You are invited to the World Day of Prayer 2026

Theme: "I will give you rest: Come". Friday, Mar. 6, 7 pm at Christ Church Anglican, 6610 Poplar Dr. The focus of the prayer service is on the country Nigeria. This ecumenical prayer service is open to all.

Celebration of First Reconciliation for our school age children has been postponed to Sunday, Mar. 8

Please pray for all our children who will be receiving this precious sacrament of healing.

1:30 pm: St. Gerard, Louis Riel, Holy Cross, St. Kateri
3:00 pm: St. Catherine, St. Clement, St. Patrick,

Mother Teresa

Children from the parish-based program may attend either time.

This Ash Wednesday collection is the final one designated for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we strive to move forward together towards reconciliation. If you missed donating 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

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

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 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

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



Young Adults 18+

Bible & Beer, Thursday, Feb. 26, 7:45 pm at Mr. Mike's Restaurant.

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 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.

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, in St JPII Room. 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
Association of Canada

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](#).

February 21 - March 1 Dates to Remember

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

10 am - noon, Usher Workshop, Grouard Room

5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

8 pm, Youth Group, St JPII Room

Sun. 22: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 23: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 24: 6:30 pm, Parish-based First Eucharist class,
Modern Martyrs

Wed. 25: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

Thurs. 26: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, St. JPII Room
7 pm, SALT, St. JPII Room

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

7:45 pm, Bible & Beer, Mr. Mike's Restaurant

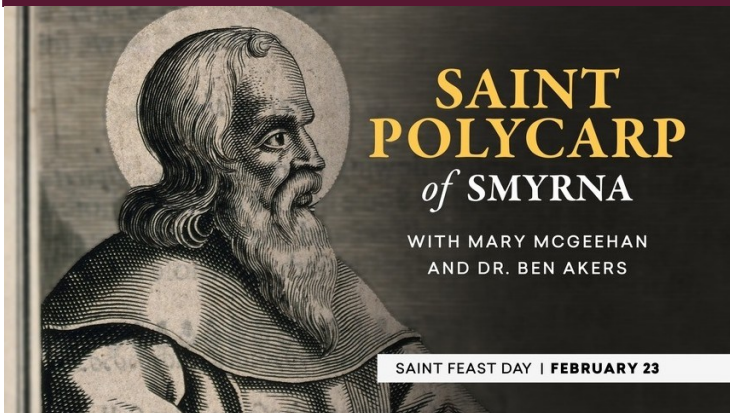
Fri. 27: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal & reflection, Tranquille Hall
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

8 pm, Ultreya, Church

Sat. 28: 1:30 pm, VBS Team Meeting, St JPII Room

Sun. 1: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

General Information



FORMED: St. Polycarp - Catholic Saints

Join Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

Sign up for FORMED: 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 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.

Ultreya, Friday, Feb. 27

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7 pm (we are leading) and a short gathering after in the church. All are welcome to join us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Denise Kruchten
Helen Buck Kendra McKenna
Lee Fitzpatrick Sooraya Nuthall
Amanda Sideroff Emma Wilson
Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort
Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy

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 23 - 28

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 23, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jose & Felisa Alido

Tues. 24, 7 pm: ✠ Susanne Schaefer

Wed. 25, 12:15 pm: ✠ Dymetry, Mary, Laura & Roman
Woychuck

7 pm: Thanksgiving

Thurs. 26, 7 pm: ✠ Margaret Martin

Fri. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes

Sat. 28, 9 am: ✠ Estiban, Maria & Leonard Joson /
✠ Lucia J. Northmore

Friday observances - Throughout the year Fridays are days of penance, which usually includes abstaining from meat. However, we have the option of doing special acts of mercy or charity instead.

During Lent we strive to be more diligent about abstaining from meat on Fridays in solidarity with those who have less to eat and are hungry.

NET Canada Mission Discernment Night

Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-30 and trying to figure out what's next in your life? Come see if a year on mission is for you! NET Canada invites you to our Mission Discernment Night in Edmonton on Thursday, Mar. 12, from 7-9 pm at Resurrection Parish (10555 50a St NW)! Join us for a night of fellowship, food, and praise and get a glimpse into what a year on mission with NET Canada would look like! Interested or know someone who would be?

Register at netcanada.ca/apply!

The Redemptorist priests, brothers, and lay associates of Canada invite you to deepen your faith through their special Lenten Video Reflection Series, "Lent: A Season of Renewal." The series will offer weekly reflections to accompany you on your Lenten journey of prayer, renewal, and spiritual growth. New videos will be released every Friday throughout Lent on the social media channels of the Redemptorist Province of Canada.

Sunday Readings

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Overcoming Temptation

Gen. 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3:1-7. The fall of humankind
Romans 5:12-19. Humanity's sin through Adam
Matthew 4:1-11. The temptation of Jesus

Key passage: Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. *Matthew 4:1*

Question: What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?

Child: What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?

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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.