

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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THE  
*Kingdom*  
OF  
GOD

# Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Celebrating our parish patron *Saint Joseph*, on Thursday, March 19, 5:30 pm

We will begin with Mass in the church followed by a meal and fellowship in Tranquille Hall. Free tickets for supper available after Mass this weekend. You will be asked to bring a salad or dessert. Donations accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

5:30 pm: Mass (No ticket needed for Mass)

6:30 pm: Meal and fellowship, Tranquille Hall

## Share Lent Collection next weekend, March 21/22

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's "On Track for Justice" campaign invites you to give generously. Together, let's walk hand in hand with communities in the Global South who are working for justice, peace and dignity. Donate directly online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or place your donation in the Sunday collection basket.

Make cheques payable to *St. Joseph 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 - 21

Cost is \$300 per camper for the week.

Financial support available upon request. Go to [saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp) for more info.

## Parish Reconciliation Service:

### Monday, March 23, 7 pm

We will begin with a Penitential Service followed by individual reconciliation. There will be a number of priests present from the archdiocese. Please join us for this precious healing sacrament.

## March 14 - 22 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 14:** noon - 2 pm, CWL Pie Sale, Tranquille hall

**Sun. 15:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Mon. 16:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

**Tues. 17:** 6:30 pm, Parish-based First Eucharist class, Modern Martyrs

**Wed. 18:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room

**Thurs. 19:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group

5:30 pm, Mass for Feast of St. Joseph

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

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

**Sat. 21:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

8 pm, Youth Group, St JPll Room

**Sun. 22:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**CWL Pie Sale** Saturday, March 14, noon - 2 pm, Tranquille Hall. *Pi goes on forever but these pies won't last long!*

## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [finance@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:finance@saintjoseph.ca)

**Tax receipts** are now available from the Parish Office. These official donation records help you claim charitable tax credits on your Income Tax Return, reducing what you owe or increasing your refund.

Please note: *tax receipts are not provided for Tap.*

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

**For donation options** please see our website [saintjoseph.ca](http://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: March 14**

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](#)



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for updates.

## 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.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: March 12

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



This program 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](#).

## Mass Intentions

March 16 - 21

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 16, 12:15 pm: ✠ Margaret Mascarenhas

Tues. 17, 7 pm: ✠ Leslie Scantland

Wed. 18, 12:15 pm: ✠ Angela Wiebe

7 pm: ✠ André Simard

Thurs. 19, 5:30 pm: Feast of St. Joseph

Fri. 20, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Philip McCarthy

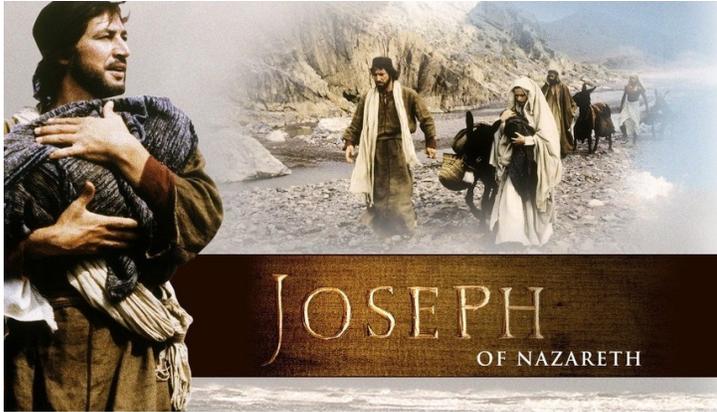
12:15 pm: ✠ Tessie Foster

Sat. 21, 9 am: ✠ Bohden Guerrette

**Sandwich Sunday for St. Lawrence Centre, next weekend, March 22, after 9 am Mass.**

Supplies needed: sandwich meat, peanut butter, jam, mayonnaise, ziplock bags. Drop off your donation before Mass in Tranquille Hall. Please join us to help to assemble sandwiches.

## General Information



### **FORMED: Joseph of Nazareth**

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with joy and respect. Watch the movie "Joseph of Nazareth" and enter into the life of this great saint.

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

### **Adult (16+) Confirmation Preparation Class**

Didn't receive 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.

**Volunteers needed to help split the palms for Palm Sunday.** Saturday, March 27, 9:30 am in Tranquille Hall. Please contact Bev, [puddyat.b@gmail.com](mailto:puddyat.b@gmail.com)

**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.

### **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.  
*March 20* - Reflection: Solidarity Sunday Collection – What does that mean?  
Stations led by the Social Justice Committee

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### **The sick, especially**

Mike Ratvay	Milli Johnson
Ben Didham	Denise Kruchten
Helen Buck	Kendra McKenna
Sooraya Nuthall	Wilfred Wanihadie
Amanda Sideroff	Emma Wilson
Myla Lieskovsky, great-niece of Donna Boutillier	
Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort	
Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy	

#### **The deceased, especially** Dulce Adarna-Diao

### **This Week's Faith Spark**

Life is full of mountain top moments but most of our days are spent in the valleys - learning and growing. Take a moment this week to be thankful for the regular moments, for it is in these times that we find out who we really are. Much like Lent, the valleys can be used for preparation. Think about your valleys, reflect on what's happening and what God might be trying to teach you during these times.

## Simple Acts of Service

Call the parish office for these, and more, volunteer opportunities.

**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.

**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.

**Chrism Mass** Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan. The three oils used in the celebration of sacraments - Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Infirm, and Chrism - are blessed at this Mass. Clergy of the diocese recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. Refreshments served in the hall after the celebration. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special Mass.

**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.

### Where in the church?

Where can this be found?

What is it called?

What does it literally mean?



Answer in next week's bulletin...

*Last week's answer: Confessional screen*

## Sunday Readings

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Exodus 13:21 - 22.** Pillar of cloud/fire

**Ephesians 5:8 - 14.** Duty to live in the light

**John 9:1 - 41.** The man born blind

### Points to Ponder from this week's Homily

The blind man, once he is given the gift of sight, starts his journey to discipleship.

The onlookers didn't recognize the man now that he could see! What about him made him seem so different?

### Next Sunday's Readings:

**Ezekiel 37:12 - 14**

**Romans 8:8 - 11**

**John 11:1 - 45**

## 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 - Prairie Lakes

**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.