

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

Other reconciliation opportunities before Easter:

Saturdays, March 21 & 28, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Apr. 1 following 7 pm Mass

Share Lent Collection this 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 or place your donation in the Sunday collection basket.

Make cheques payable to *St. Joseph Church*

Camp Discovery 2026 registration is 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 for more info.

Volunteers needed to help split the palms for Palm

Sunday. Saturday, March 28, 9:30 am in Tranquille Hall. Please contact Bev, puddyat.b@gmail.com

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

Supplies needed: sandwich meat, peanut butter, jam, mayonnaise, ziplock bags. Please join us to help to assemble sandwiches.

March 14 - 29 Dates to Remember

Sat. 21: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

Sun. 22: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
10 am: Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall

Mon. 23: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm: Reconciliation Service, church

Tues. 24: 5 pm, Ignite meal prep, Tranquille Hall Kitchen
6:30 pm, Parish-based First Eucharist class,
Modern Martyrs

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

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

7:30 pm, Catholic's Returning Home, Grouard Rm
7:45 pm, Ignite Bible & Beer, Mr. Mike's

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

7 pm, Ultreya, begins with Stations in the church

Sat. 28: 9:30 am, Splitting Palms, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 29: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 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

Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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

Camp Discovery Staff Applications are now open!
We're looking for people who want to be part of something meaningful together. This is more than just a summer job - it's joining a team that supports one another as a faith community and makes a real difference in the lives of young people. If that sounds like you, we'd love to have you apply and be part of the mission. Go to saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp for more details.



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: March 21

Pizza at 5:30 pm, choir practice at 6 pm.

Youth Group to follow 7 pm Mass in SJPII Room.

Young Adults

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



Young Adults 18+

Meal Prep for St. Lawrence Centre, Tuesday, Mar. 24, 5 pm in Tranquille Hall kitchen.

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

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

Good Friday (April 3) Liturgy of the Word With Children at 11:00 am: Child-friendly & short!

Parents and children come to the cross and be reminded of God's love.

Child readers, singers, greeters needed!

Helpers needed: assemble Easter treats and crafts
Hand out treats after Mass Easter Sunday.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: March 26

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

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Parents of school-age children receiving Eucharist or Confirmation this year: If you have not yet registered your child this year, please email Anastasia, or call the office, ext. 228.



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

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 23 - 28

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

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

Tues. 24, 7 pm: ✠ Alice Brick

Wed. 25, 12:15 pm: ✠ Bernardo & Beatrice Patulot

7 pm: ✠ Nicolas Lakra

Thurs. 26, 7 pm: ✠ Jason Halwa

Fri. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Shirley Gorman

Sat. 28, 9 am: ✠ Johnny Kaspro

General Information



FORMED: The Annunciation

The angel Gabriel appeared and all of heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.

Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

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.

Calling all Cursillistas and friends

Ultreya, Friday, March 27 Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7 pm and a short gathering after in the church. All are welcome to join us!

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 27

Reflection: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Stations led by El Shaddai

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, April 3, 7 pm

Join us for this meditative reflection (with musical accompaniment) on the Passion of our Lord and the Mystery of the Cross. (Not a live dramatization.)
This is more appropriate for older teens and adults.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Ruth Gardner	Richard Dumas
Mike Ratvay	Milli Johnson
Ben Didham	Denise Kruchten
Helen Buck	Kendra McKenna
Sooraya Nuthall	Wilfred Wanihadie
Amanda Sideroff	Emma Wilson
Cayden Sanford, grandson of Gigi Bradley	
Myla Lieskovsky, great-niece of Donna Boutilier	
Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort	
Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy	

This Week's Faith Spark - Take a Gratitude Walk

Recently, I went for a walk with my husband at a local park. I power walk, he meanders. But, he notices all sorts of things that I miss - animal tracks (he can identify them!), species of trees, etc. Impatiently, I slowed down to wait for him, allowing me to actually notice these blessings - I was grateful.

Take some time to go for a walk. Consciously acknowledge your surroundings. Take note of His abundant gifts. Give thanks.

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

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.

