

March 29, 2026

Passion (Palm) Sunday

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# Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NO REGULAR BULLETIN UNTIL APRIL 11/12 WEEKEND:**  
Watch for our special Grapevine edition for Easter.

**Parish Office Closed:** Good Friday & Easter Monday

### Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Mon, Mar. 30: 12:15 pm, Weekday Mass

Tues, Mar. 31: *no weekday Mass*

*(Due to the Chrism Mass in McLennan)*

Wed, Apr. 1: 12:15 pm, Weekday Mass

7:00 pm, Weekday Mass

7:30 pm, Reconciliation

### Holy Thursday, Apr. 2

7:30 pm, Mass of Our Lord's Supper

Following Mass until midnight, Adoration in chapel

### Good Friday, April 3

11:00 am, Liturgy of the Word with Children

3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm, Meditative Stations of the Cross, with music. *(More appropriate for older teens & adults.)*

### Holy Saturday, April 4

3:00 pm, Blessing of Food, church

9:00 pm, Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday, April 5

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Easter Mass

### Easter Monday, April 6

9:00 am, Weekday Mass

**The Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**, Good Friday, April 3. This helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintain the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere.

*Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

### March 28 - April 12 Dates to Remember

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

**Sun. 29:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Mon. 30:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

**Wed. 1:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

7:30 pm, Reconciliation, church

**Mon. 6:** 9 am, Weekday Mass

**Wed. 8:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

**Thurs. 9:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group

**Sun. 12:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Holy Week & Easter Sunday Parking** - Our parking lot has limited parking. As part of your Lenten sacrifice you may consider parking off-site for Holy week/Easter Sunday events and leave the parking lot for those who are unable to walk far or families with young children.

### 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.*

### Support Camp Discovery: Purchase a raffle ticket!

Prizes: 1st - \$2000, 2nd - \$1000, 3rd - \$500

Tickets: \$10 each. Draw on June 1 at the church.

**Volunteers needed!** Help sell ticket books. Contact April at the parish office for more information.

## Parish Finances

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

**Holy Thursday Collection:** Please bring donations of personal hygiene products for the needy. Leave them in the bins in the entrance to the church.

**Donation options:** Go to 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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth/)

### 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](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp) for more info.

**Camp Discovery Staff Applications open!** Want to be part of something meaningful? 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](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp) for more details.



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: April 18

Pizza - 5:30 pm

Choir practice - 6 pm.

Youth Group to follow 7 pm Mass in SJPII Room.

## Mass Intentions

March 30 - April 11

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 30, 12:15 pm: ✠ Teodore Ramada

Wed. 31, 12:15 pm: ✠ Alice Brick

7 pm: Shelly Ferguson

Mon. 6, 9 am: ✠ Tee & Jerry Backmeyer

Tues. 7, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ John Vavrek

7 pm: ✠ Marie & Gus Jantz & Family

Wed. 8, 12:15 pm: ✠ Peter Nunes & Nunes Family

7 pm: ✠ Steven Lavelle

Thurs. 9, 7 pm: ✠ Mark & Lenard Cunningham

Fri. 10, 10:30 am (SH): Pearson Family

12:15 pm: ✠ Raphael Mascarenhas

Sat. 11, 9 am: Haylee Mathias

## 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

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

Next gathering: April 23

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](#).

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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/)

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for events.

# General Information



## FORMED: Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Volunteers needed to help split the palms for Palm Sunday.** Saturday, March 28, 9:30 am in Tranquille Hall. Please contact Bev, [puddytat.b@gmail.com](mailto:puddytat.b@gmail.com)

## 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.

## Women's Retreat, May 1 & 2

### **Standing Firm in Who You Are**

Mothers, daughters, sisters, friends - join us for prayer, sharing and reflection. \$35/person

Tickets available on [Eventbrite](#)

Scan QR code

or in-person in April after Easter.



**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.

**Donations to Share Lent:** If you would still like to contribute you may place your envelope in the collection basket on Sunday, or bring it to the parish office. You may e-transfer or donate through credit card. Details on our website.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

### The sick, especially

Cliff Mitchell  
Ruth Gardner  
Lena Wanihadie  
Georgina McCullough  
Denise Kruchten  
Wilfred Wanihadie  
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

### The deceased, especially

Marcia Hunt, mother of Melanie Girouard  
Edouard Bourgou, brother of Fr. Gabriel Bourgou

**This Week's Faith Spark** - *Easter isn't just a day* - it's a whole season of new life. During these 50 days, try pausing once each day to notice one small sign of resurrection around you: an act of kindness, a moment of hope, something growing or healing. Naming these glimpses of new life trains our hearts to recognize the risen Christ at work in the ordinary. Look for resurrection. It's closer than you think.

## 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.

**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.

#### Good Friday Fast and Abstinence from Meat:

Traditionally on this day, when we remember our Saviors' incredible sacrifice for us, we eat simpler meals than normal, and refrain from eating meat (eggs and fish are allowed.) Fasting is never intended to harm your health! Eating nothing is discouraged. If you have a condition negatively effected by fasting, continue with what you ordinarily do.

#### Where in the church?

Where can this be found?  
Answer in next bulletin...



*Last week's answer:*

*Confessional stained-glass window*

## Sunday Readings

### Passion (Palm) Sunday

#### Procession Gospel -

**Matthew 21:1 - 11.** Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

#### Readings:

**Is. 50:4 - 7.** Salvation only through the Lord's servant

**Philippians 2:6 - 11.** Imitating Christ's humility

**Matthew 26:14 - 27:66.** The Passion of Jesus

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

This Holy Week, we are invited to be witnesses

- on the streets of Jerusalem
- in the upper room for the Passover meal
- at the foot of the cross on Calvary
- at the tomb in the garden
- above all, of the Resurrection on Easter morning.

#### Next Sunday's Readings: Easter Sunday

**Acts 10:34a, 37 - 43**

**Colossians 3:1 - 4.**

**John 20:1 - 18.**

## 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)

*See front page for Holy Week/Easter*

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.