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OF
GOD

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

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 March 7/8 and March 14/15. 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

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 for more info.

Celebration of First Reconciliation for our school age children this Sunday, March 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.

CWL Pie Sale Saturday, March 14, noon - 2 pm, Tranquille Hall. Donations of fruit pies would be appreciated. Drop off donations Saturday from 9 - 11 am in Tranquille Hall. If you have questions, contact cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Pi goes on forever but these pies won't last long!

March 7 - 15 Dates to Remember

Sat. 7: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

Sun. 8: 1:30 & 3 pm, First Reconciliation, church
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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

Tues. 10: 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins in church
7:30 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall

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

Wed. 11: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

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

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

Fri. 13: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal & reflection, Tranquille Hall
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

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

Sun. 15: 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/



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: March 7

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

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

Next gathering: March 12

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](#).

This Week's Faith Spark

Start each day with God. When you wake up, begin with a prayer of gratitude, such as: Thank You for this day. Open my eyes to Your gifts and fill me with gratitude. Guide me where You want me and help me notice where You are already at work. Amen

Mass Intentions

March 9 - 14

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 9, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mabel, John & Michael McNeil/
✠ Stacey Hagg

Tues. 10, 7 pm: CWL

Wed. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Orest, Walter & Steve Woychuk
7 pm: ✠ Tessie Foster

Thurs. 12, 7 pm: ✠ Tessie Foster

Fri. 13, 10:30 am: ✠ Don Sawchuk
12:15 pm: ✠ Pinto & Nunes Family

Sat. 14, 9 am: ✠ Jan Latos

General Information

Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace and Almsgiving

Dr. Michael Barber

FORMED: Lent and New Life in Christ

What is the importance of Almsgiving?

Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.

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.

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 13 - Reflection: Newcomer Challenges with Temporary Work Permits
Stations led by GP Catholic Schools' Administration

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Mike Ratvay
Ben Didham Denise Kruchten
Helen Buck Kendra McKenna
Sooraya Nuthall Wilfred Wanihadie
Amanda Sideroff Emma Wilson
Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort
Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy
The deceased, especially Lee Fitzpatrick
Phyllis Kornder, former parishioner
Marc Servant, brother of Vivianne Servant



Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings begins this Sunday,

March 8, at 2 am.

Remember to change your clocks!

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.

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.

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.

NET Canada Mission Discernment Night, Mar. 12
 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 a Mission Discernment Night in Edmonton 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!



Where in the church?

Answer in next week's bulletin...

Sunday Readings

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Source of Strength

Exodus 17:3 - 7. Water from the rock
Roman 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8. Faith, hope and love
John 4:5 - 42. The Samaritan woman at the well

Key passage: Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

John 4:13 - 14

Question: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith??

Child: Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

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Next Sunday's Readings:

Exodus 13:21 - 22.
Ephesians 5:8 - 14.
John 9:1 - 41.

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/ 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.