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THE  
*Kingdom*  
OF  
GOD

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy)

# Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**We welcome into our family of faith those who were confirmed and received into the church at the Feast of St. Joseph:** Elizabeth & Christina Zacharias, Samuel Burt, Hayden Cooke and Tahlon Dempsey **and all those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil:** Trinity Devore, Blake Tapson, Logan Henschel, Jessica Whitson, Katrina Hawkes, Torquil Gordon, Daniel Acs, Daniel Hopson, Rowan King, Jensen MacDonald, Geoff Nixon and Ashton Sideroff. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

**Worship and Witness Retreat! Saturday, May 23, from 9 am - noon.** We would like to invite everyone involved in any ministry, and anyone discerning a role, to our upcoming retreat. Join us as we seek to inspire, renew and engage our parish community in deeper service and faith-filled mission. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Women's Retreat, May 1 & 2**  
***Standing Firm in Who You Are***

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

Tickets available on [Eventbrite](#) (scan QR code) or in the back of the church after weekend Mass.



**Renovations to the church interior** - including new carpet and pew repairs - will take place in July and August. During this time, Mass will be celebrated in Tranquille Hall. Please watch for updates in the coming months, as weekend Mass times will temporarily change during the renovation period.

**April 12 - 19 Dates to Remember**  
**Sun. 12:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel  
**Mon. 13:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
**Tues 14:** 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church  
7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall  
**Wed. 15:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room  
**Thurs. 16:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group  
7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing after Mass, church  
**Sat. 18:** 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza & practice  
7 pm, 1st Eucharist Mass, church  
8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JPll Room  
**Sun. 19:** 9 am, 1st Eucharist Mass, church  
11 am, 1st Eucharist Mass, church  
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Please remember in your prayers all our children who will be receiving their First Eucharist** at Mass next weekend, May 18/19.

Sat. 18, 7 pm: St Catherine, St Patrick, Mother Teresa

Sun. 25, 9 am: Holy Cross, St. Kateri, St. Clement

11 am: Louis Riel, St. Gerard

The parish-based children may attend any Mass.

**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)

**Donation options:** Check our website [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

## Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 [youth@saintjoseph.ca](mailto: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.

## Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 [family@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:family@saintjoseph.ca)



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](mailto:sacraments@saintjoseph.ca)

### Parents of school-age children receiving

**Confirmation:** If you have not yet registered your child this year, please email Anastasia, or call the office, ext. 228.

**Baptism** Jean-Marc ext. 229 [baptism@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:baptism@saintjoseph.ca)

**Through the waters of baptism we welcome** Bentley Demeria, Katniss Alabado, Violet MacKenzie and Cillian Espela to our faith family. We pray that their journey with our Lord be filled with great joy!

**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

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



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for events.



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

April 13 - 18

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 13, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mabel, John & Michael McNeil/  
✠ Stacey Hagg

Tues. 14, 7 pm: CWL

Wed. 15, 12:15 pm: Carrie & Doug Heitrich  
7 pm: ✠ Alice Brick

Thurs. 16, 7 pm: ✠ Nestor Mostowy

Fri. 17 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Lucas & Peter Nunes

12:15 pm: ✠ Anicet & Aurora Pinto / ✠ Pinto Family

Sat. 18, 9 am: ✠ Elena Gabed Rimando

## General Information



**FORMED: Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley**  
Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.  
**Sign up for FORMED:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

**K of C Spring BBQ, Sunday, Apr. 26,** after 11 am Mass. Burgers (gluten-free available), hot dogs, potato salad, beans & cake for dessert. Cost by donation. St. Joseph High School Interac Group helping.

**Parish Gift Shop:** First Communion gifts are now available. Check them out after weekend Masses.

**Stations of the Light (Via Lucis)** Sunday, April 26, 2 pm, in the church. Please join those who were received into the church at the Feast of St. Joseph and the newly baptize at the Easter Vigil as they lead us in this devotion. It consists of 14 stations (similar to the Stations of the Cross) that meditate on the joyful events from Jesus' Resurrection to Pentecost.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, especially**

Tim Kuzemchuk	Ruth Gardner
Richard Dumas	Claudette Heck
Milli Johnson	Kendra McKenna
Denise Kruchten	Ben Didham
Amanda Sideroff	Wilfred Wanihadie
Myla Lieskovsky, great-niece of Donna Boutilier	Emma Wilson
Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort	
Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy	

**The deceased, especially**

Helen Buck	Jacques Lefleur
Thomas Bourgou, brother of Fr. Gabriel Bourgou	

**This Week's Faith Spark** - Step Outside With God!  
The weather is warming up and the snow is melting. Spend two minutes outdoors. Look at the sky, breathe deeply, and thank God for His creation.

**Prayers for Healing, Thursday, April 16,** after 7 pm Mass in church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present, through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

**Senior's Home Mass Venue Change:** Please note that the Senior's Home Mass on the third Friday of the month is now at Prairie Lakes instead of Pioneer Lodge.

**Quilting Bee-Levers need gently-used sheets** (any size or colour) for backing for their quilts. Contact the parish 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.

## 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.

**Catholic Family Services 31st Annual Spring Fling, May 2** at the Holiday Inn & Suites. Enjoy dinner, raffles, auctions, and live entertainment. Help support affordable counselling and family support programs in our community.

Tickets: 1 for \$100, 2 for \$180, Table of 8 for \$700.

Please call 780-532-9381 to reserve your spot.

For information, check their Facebook page, [facebook.com/CatholicFamilyServicesGP](https://facebook.com/CatholicFamilyServicesGP)

**God Chose You For Me** - a Married-Couples Retreat, Saturday, June 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Tranquille Hall. Discover the beauty of God's love through the Sacrament of Matrimony. Whether you're newlyweds or have decades of memories, this experience invites you to reconnect, renew, and rejoice in your marriage. \$100/couple. Register at [archgm.ca/marriage-retreat](http://archgm.ca/marriage-retreat).

**Our priests, parish staff, the Archbishop's office and Archbishop Charles never solicit gifts cards or donations through email.** If you receive a request, before doing anything, contact the parish office.

### Where in the church?

What is this called?

What is it's purpose?

Answer in next bulletin...



*Last week's answer:*

Statue of St. Joseph outside the office.

## Sunday Readings

### Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**Acts 2:42 - 47.** Communal life

**1 Peter 1:3 - 9.** Thanksgiving

**Jn 20:19 -31.** Appearance to the disciples; Thomas

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

Through the celebration of the Eucharist, the reading of scripture, and the life of the Church, the risen Christ is revealed and lives among us.

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

**Acts 2:14, 22b - 28.**

**1 Peter 1:17 - 21**

**Luke 24: 13 - 35.**

## 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 Home 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.