

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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Bulletin

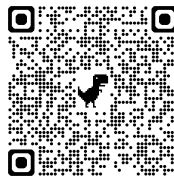
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.



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.

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.

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.

April 18 - 26 Dates to Remember

Sat. 18: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza & practice
7 pm, 1st Eucharist Mass, church
8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP11 Room
Sun. 19: 9 am, 1st Eucharist Mass, church
11 am, 1st Eucharist Mass, church
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
Mon. 20: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 21: 5 pm, Ignite meal prep, Hall kitchen
Wed. 22: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
Thurs. 23: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group
Fri. 24: 7 pm, Ultreya, St. JP11 Room
Sun. 26: after 11 am Mass, K of C BBQ, Tranquille Hall
2 pm, Stations of the Light, church
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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.

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

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

Sun. 19, 9 am: Holy Cross, St. Kateri, St. Clement

11 am: Louis Riel, St. Gerard

The parish-based children may attend any Mass.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

Donation options: Check 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 2026 registration!

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 information.

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 for more details.



Gr. 7 - 12

April 18

Pizza - 5:30 pm

Choir practice - 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, Apr. 21, 5 pm in Tranquille Hall kitchen.

Bible & Beer, Thurs, Apr. 23, 7:45 pm at Mr. Mike's



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](#).

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

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

Next gathering: April 23

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

VBS 2026 ChangeMakers Lab Planning meeting, Saturday, Apr. 25, 1:30 pm (OFFSITE) Email Kristen for agenda and location. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Our theme reminds us that God's people are called to be "ChangeMakers" by following Him. Join our team and make a big difference in the lives of the children and families. Many roles and skillsets needed: behind the scenes or leading the kids, and everything in between.

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 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

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Zariya Villanueva, Angeline Juralbar and Alexis Alcantara 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/

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Chelsea Kent

Ruth Gardner

Richard Dumas

Tim Kuzemchuk

Ben Didham

Kendra McKenna

Denise Kruchten

Wilfred Wanihadie

Amanda Sideroff

Emma Wilson

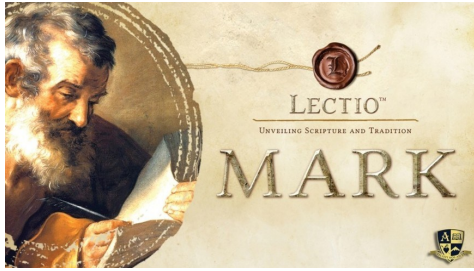
Myla Lieskovsky, great-niece of Donna Boutilier

Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy

The deceased, especially

Otto Mueller, brother-in-law of Josy Ricafort

General Information



FORMED: St. Mark the Evangelist

Who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible and the Gospel itself, Dr. Grey takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

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. "Contributing comfort to the community since 1995."

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.

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

Mass Intentions

April 20 - 26

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 20, 12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes

Tues. 21, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ John Vavrek

7 pm: ✠ Alice Brick

Wed. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marcel & Ghislaine Guenette

7 pm: Marie Guest

Thurs. 23, 7 pm: ✠ Kylie Bain

Fri. 24, 12:15 pm: ✠ Nathan Jantz

Sat. 25, 9 am: Tim Guest

This Week's Faith Spark: *Don't Panic - Keep Praying!*

There are times when we pray it may seem like God is not listening. In a world of instant gratification, waiting can be a difficult concept. Part of prayer is trust and acceptance: God is listening and He knows best. Let His will be done. Keep praying!

Ultreya, Friday, April 24, 7 pm, St. JP II Room

Everyone is welcome to join us for an inspirational witness talk, a time of sharing, prayer, fellowship and refreshments. Speaker: Karen Backmeyer

God Chose You For Me - a Married-Couples Retreat, Saturday, June 13, 9 am to 4 pm, Tranquille Hall.

Experience the Grace of being chosen together. A one-day experience for all married couples. Come see how your love for each other becomes a daily reflection of Christ's love, compassion and commitment.

A vision of love that is holy, joyful and lifelong. Reserve your spot now.

\$100/couple.

Register at archgm.ca/marriage-retreat or scan the QR code.



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.

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



Where in the church?

Answer in next bulletin...

Last week's answer:

Sacrarium - sink in the sacristy. The drain empties directly into the earth rather than the sewer system. The sacred vessels are rinsed in this sink.

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22b - 28. Peter's discourse

1 Peter 1:17 - 21. Filial obedience

Luke 24: 13 - 35. Emmaus

Points to Ponder from this Week's Homily

Two words are used to refer to what we receive in this Sacrament: Eucharist and Communion. The word "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we are giving thanks for our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. We also call this Sacrament "communion" because it draws us together and we are united with one another in Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36b - 41.

1 Peter 2:20b - 25.

John 10:1 - 10.

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/ 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.