

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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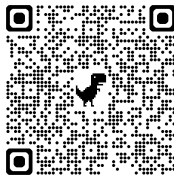
Bulletin

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 baptized 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, and some weekday, Mass times will temporarily change.

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.

April 26 - May 3 Dates to Remember

- Sun. 26:** after 11 am Mass, K of C BBQ, Tranquille Hall
2 pm, Stations of the Light, church
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
- Mon. 27:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Wed. 29:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room
- Thurs. 30:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group
- Fri. 1:** 6:30 pm, Women's Retreat, church
- Sat. 2:** 9 am - 4 pm, Women's Retreat, church
- Sun. 3:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

St. Joseph High School Interac Group helping.



Support Camp Discovery: Purchase a raffle ticket! Prizes: 1st - \$2000, 2nd - \$1000, 3rd - \$500
Tickets: \$10 each.
Draw: June 1 at the church.

Volunteers needed!

Help sell ticket books. Contact April at the parish office for more information.

Adoration for May will be on Friday, May 8, (note date change) following 7 pm Mass. Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

Snow removal continues to be one of our largest annual expenses; this winter we spent \$50,416.08, up 16% from last year. By leaving the final piles to melt naturally this spring, we were able to save approximately \$12,000.

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

Next Gathering: May 2

Pizza - 5:30 pm

Choir practice - 6 pm.

Youth Group to follow 7 pm Mass in SJPII Room.

Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Leah Sietsma	Chelsea Kent
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	

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

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

Next gathering: May 14

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

Parents are required to complete Baptism

preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

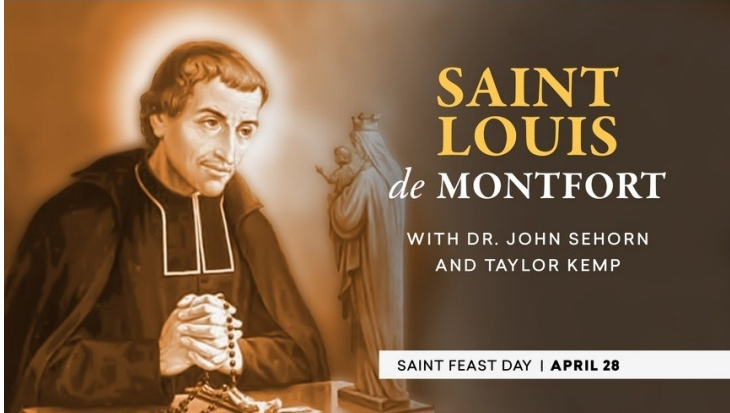
Check their Facebook page for upcoming events.



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

For children 3, 4 & 5 years old. *We are finished for the spring and summer and will resume in the fall.* CGS is a Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. Questions? Check our website under [Ministries](#) or email Marie at catechesisgp@gmail.com

General Information



FORMED: St. Louis de Montfort - Catholic Saints

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his mother, Mary. **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.

Mass Intentions

April 27 - May 2

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Robert Major
Tues. 28, 7 pm: ✠ Fr. Kevin Lynch
Wed. 29, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jean Paul Robertson
Thurs. 30, 7 pm: Al Luck / ✠ Toni Luck
Fri. 1, 12:15 pm: ✠ Andrija Jancec
Sat. 2, 9 am: ✠ Helen Buck

This Week's Faith Spark: *Pray for a Stranger*

When you're out in public - at a store, at work, or on a walk - quietly pray for someone you see. Ask God to bless their day.

God Chose You For Me - a Married-Couples Retreat, Saturday, June 13, 9 am to 4 pm, Tranquille Hall. A transformative journey for all married couples. Explore the divine dimension of your love and commitment to one another. Rediscover how God is present in your marriage - alive in your desire, visible in your love, and active in your journey together.

Reserve your spot now.

\$100/couple.

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



Did You Know? Often church bells have names! The bells in our belltower were named after four missions of St. Joseph.

St. Patrick (weighs 595 lbs) - rings note C

St. Mary (weighs 254 lbs) - rings note F

St. Catherine (weighs 176 lbs) - rings note G

St. Theresa (weighs 132 lbs) - rings note A

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

Church Parking Only park in designated spaces and leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. If there are no designated parking spaces available in our lot please park along the street (do not park in front of driveways). *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

Where in the church?

Answer in next bulletin...



Last week's answer:

Commemorative plaque of church opening in 2007. Found on the center inner doors at the entrance to the church.

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36b - 41. Peter's discourse

1 Peter 2:20b - 25. For the slave

John 10:1 - 10. The Good Shepherd

Points to Ponder from this Week's Homily

As the good shepherd, Jesus sets an example for all leaders in our world, both in the secular world and in the Church. Jesus placed himself, first and foremost, at the service of his flock.

Next Sunday's Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1 - 7.

1 Peter 2:4 - 9.

John 14:1 - 12.

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.