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THE
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OF
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October 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Memorial of the Faithful Departed Mass

Monday, November 2, 7:00 pm

At our annual memorial Mass the name of everyone whose funeral was celebrated in our church will be read aloud. If you have an immediate family member (parent, sibling or child) who died in the past year, we invite you to call the office with their name *before noon on Wednesday, October 28*. Their name will be read also aloud. If you have other loved ones who have died in past years, this Mass is a way to remember and pray for them, though their names will not be announced. All are welcome to join us.

Sacrament Registration is now Open!

Register your child for **Reconciliation**, **Eucharist** or **Confirmation** to continue their faith journey in the Catholic Church.

Register online, until **October 31, 2026** at <https://www.saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/registration/>

In our archdiocese, children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate *Reconciliation in grade 2*, *Eucharist in grade 3* and *Confirmation in grade 6*. All children receiving sacraments in the 2026/2027 school year, whether they attend Catholic school or otherwise, must be registered online. You need to provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate. For information contact Anastasia, ext. 228.

CWL is hosting a November Cash Calendar Raffle!

16 chances to win your share of \$6000. Calendars are \$50 each or 3 for \$125. Buy from a CWL member or at the Parish Office. Deadline: October 25 or until sold out. Proceeds support many organizations in our community! Get yours today!

October 4 Dates to Remember

Sun. 4: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Mon. 5: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 7: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JPII Room

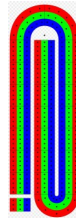
Thurs. 8: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group

5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall

8 pm, Choir practice, church

Sun. 11: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Games Night, Thursday, October 8



Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games. Cost by donation.

5:30 pm Supper, Beef on a Bun, sponsored by Brown's Social House

Games begin after dinner until 8 pm.

Proceeds go to Grande Prairie Community Outreach Program

It's Finally Back! Our Gift Shop is opening , October 10/11, following all weekend Masses.

Come browse the Gift Shop and check out the new merchandise available. More will be added throughout the year. Thank you for all your support.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

Donation options: Envelopes

Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church

PAP (Personally Approved Payments): monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account

Credit Card: monthly donation

Online donation through our website

E-transfer: email to sjc.etransfer@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

All Youth Ministry Events will be paused for the foreseeable future.

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!

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Call the parish office for information.

All Saints Costume Party, Saturday, October 31, 1 - 3.



Games, activities, bouncy castle, prizes and more! Free fun for kids of all ages.

Bible time costumes available.

Youth & adult volunteers needed. Click on the QR code



or go to

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C48A5A82AA2FF2-51987626-allsaints)

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Sharing and Learning Together

Grades 3 - 6, 7 - 8 pm

2nd and 4th Thursdays/Month

St JP II Room

Next Gathering: Thursday, October 22

Registration Open! Can't wait to see you there.



<https://www.saintjoseph.ca/ministries/family/salt-registration-form/>

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for coming events

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Parent information night regarding the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation: Tuesday, November 24, 7 pm in Tranquille Hall. Please come to learn more about preparing your child to receive their sacraments.

Baptism Jean-Marc ext. 229 baptism@saintjoseph.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Carlsen Sanchez, Jaxone Fernandez & Trityn Devore to our family of faith. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy.

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/



For children 3, 4 & 5 years old. Thursday or Saturday mornings. *Resuming October 29.*

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

Faith Spark: During mundane chores - washing dishes, folding laundry, vacuuming - think of all your blessings. Maybe, even thank God for your ability to do those chores.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Darryl Howrish

Fr. Joseph Horo, C.Ss.R.

Wanihadie

Joan Brinton, mother of Debbie Marin

Logan Russell, grandson of Connie Masse

Ava Duremdes-Echevarre, niece of Mae Duremdes

Marc Echevarre, nephew of Mae Duremdes

The deceased, especially

Gail Cameron

Marjorie Lund, grandmother of Ashley Devore

General Information

COMING SOON

LEAD KINDLY
LIGHT
THE STORY OF SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

FORMED: Lead Kindly Light

St. John Henry Newman was one of Oxford's most brilliant minds. A journey to the Mediterranean exposes him to a living Catholicism that his reason cannot ignore. What begins as restlessness grows into a profound crisis: after an entire life built within the Anglican Church, can he abandon everything to follow what his conscience believes to be true?

Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

Rosary Rally 2026 Together, thousands of Catholics across Canada will gather as one body to bring Our Lady of Fatima's message of hope, with emphasis on the Rosary. Join us Saturday, Oct. 10, 11:45 am outside the Church to profess our faith and ask for the intercession of our Holy Mother to bring unity and peace to our beautiful country and the world.

Christian Meditation - Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. All are welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity. For information contact Mia, miklge@telus.net

Mass Intentions

October 5 - 10

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon 5, 12:15 pm: Cory Grattan

Tues. 6, 10:30 am: ✠ Mary Theresa Owens

7 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski

Wed. 7, 7 pm: Carrie & Doug Heitrich / ✠ Lou Martin

Thurs. 8, 7 pm: ✠ Mark & Leonard Cunningham

Fri. 9, 10:30 am: ✠ Lionel Bégen

7 pm: ✠ Aurora & Anicet Pinto

Sat. 10, 9 am: ✠ Jean Driver

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

November 6 - 8, 2026, Providence Centre, Edmonton. A weekend to help you connected more deeply and give you skills to last a lifetime. This weekend has a private format and is suited for couples of all ages. See website for info or to register: WWW.EAME.CA

Do you want to learn more and grow in your faith life, while mentoring others as they become Catholic ? Consider joining our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) team. Contact Karen G at 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. Call the parish office.

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

The Quilting Bee-Levers regularly meet on Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

Simple Acts of Service

Call the parish office for these, and more, volunteer opportunities.

Information Center Volunteers Needed: Especially after 11 am Mass. Welcome newcomers and help parishioners find answers to questions. Common information is supplied at the Centre.

Screen Volunteers - Operate our projector screens at Sunday Mass. No experience necessary. Training provided. For information email mcibach@telus.net

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.

The **Archdiocese October newsletter** covers the last two weeks of September and highlights upcoming events through mid October. It can be found on the literature rack at the entrance to the church or at <https://www.archgm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/One-pager-October-1.pdf>

Come Hear Our Story

Catholic Family Services invites you to our **Annual General Meeting**, Tuesday, October 27, 7 - 9 pm, in Ligouri Hall. CFS has spent 35 years supporting individuals, children, youth and families in our community through accessible counselling, prevention and early intervention services. Join us to learn more about what we do, meet the people behind the work, and discover where we're going next. Please RSVP at 780-532-9381.

St. Paul's United Church Fall Tea, Craft & Bake Sale, Saturday, October 24, 2 – 4:30 p.m. 10206 100 Ave
Contact their church office, 780-532-2415, for info.

Sunday Readings

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Dealing With Injustice

Isaiah 5:1 - 7. The vineyard song
Philippians 4:6 - 9. Joy and peace in Christ
Matthew 21:33 - 43. Parable of the tenants

Key passage: [Jesus said,] "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom."
Matthew 21:43

Question:

How would you feel if someone you trusted had been dishonest with you?

Child: How would you respond if a friend did something that hurt your feelings?

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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 20)

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: Beginning October 10/11, it will be 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.