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THE
Kingdom
OF
GOD

September 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Come meet our new priests after all the Masses this weekend. Our new pastor, Fr. Bernard Gauthier, C.Ss.R. was in a small parish in New Brunswick. Fr. Thomas Wollis was ordained in our archdiocese in May. Join us after Mass September 12 & 13 in Tranquille Hall, enjoy coffee & cookies and welcome them to our parish.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

November 6-8, 2026, Providence Centre, Edmonton. What if one weekend could make you feel more connected than ever before? 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 Early bird registration savings before September 27!

CWL's Women, Wine & the Word



Save the Date: September 25, 7 - 9:30 pm. Age 18+ Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$35/person
Speaker: April Fogle
An inspiring evening of prayer, music, fellowship, raffles, catered charcuterie, refreshments and, of course, wine! (Non-alcoholic options available.) Tickets are available on Eventbrite (click on QR code) and in the back of the church. Proceeds will support Grandparents Raising Grandchildren organization.



September 12 - 20 Dates to Remember

Sat. 12: 8 pm, Welcoming for priests, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 13: after 9 & 11 am Mass, Welcoming for priests, Tranquille Hall
Mon. 14: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed. 16: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
Thurs. 17: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group
7 pm, Mass followed by Prayers for Healing, church
Sat. 19: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir, pizza & practice
8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room
Sun. 20: after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall

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.

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!

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

Check out our programs for youth at saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth/



Gr. 7 - 12

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

Next gathering: **September 19**

5:30 pm, Pizza 6 pm, Choir practice,

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!

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.

You are being summoned to celebrate our King with us! Adults and youth, come see what we do for the children during Mass (*Liturgy of the Word with Children*) Register for one of the volunteer gathering with the QR code. Saturday, Sept 12, 6 pm or Sunday, Sept. 13, 10:05 am



Grades 4 - 6

Watch the bulletin for startup this fall.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for coming events

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

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, 2025** 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.

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

Through the waters of baptism we welcome

Darcy Companion and Cole Gapac into our faith family. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with joy.

Parents are required to complete Baptism

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

The next preparation class will be in October.



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Fr. Joseph Horo, C.Ss.R.

Wilfred 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

Denise Kruchten

Calvin Forsberg

Gail Cameron

Nicholas Lavoie

General Information



FORMED:

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This traditional Catholic devotion features meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Sorrows.

Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Sept. 17, 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!

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.

Please help us care for our sacred worship space and new carpet. We have already had two instances of gum in the carpet. For the protection of our church, please refrain from bringing gum, coffee, and messy snacks for children into carpeted areas. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

September 14-19

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon 14, 12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes
Tues. 15, 7 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkoswki
Wed. 16, 12:15 pm: ✠ Peter Wiebe
7 pm: ✠ Johanna & Ernest Gnass
Thurs. 17, 7 pm: ✠ Oliver Pinto
Fri. 18, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Eduard Bourgou
12:15 pm: ✠ Helma Fletcher
Sat. 19, 9 am: Tracy Grattan ✠ Peter Guest &
✠ Denise Hrushka

Expanded Gift Shop Opening Soon!

The church gift shop will reopen late-September. Building on the wonderful selection already available, there will be new merchandise options added throughout the year. We invite you to stop by, browse and support this valued parish ministry.



K of C Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 20, following 9 & 11 am

Mass in Tranquille Hall.

Gluten free available.

\$10/person \$30/family

Remembering Cursillo - A mini retreat for all who have previously attended a Cursillo weekend. Saturday, Sept. 26, 9 am - noon, Tranquille Hall. We will begin with Mass at 9 am in the church and then continue in the hall. Join us for a morning of reflection and sharing. Sign up to attend on the Grouard McLennan Cursillo Movement Facebook page. Please bring a snack to share.

Simple Acts of Service

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

Information Center Volunteers Needed: Especially after 11 am Mass. This ministry offers an opportunity for newcomers to be welcomed and for others to ask 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.

Peace Retreats is offering the **Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola**: an eight-month journey of daily prayer, reflection, and spiritual direction, either in-person or on Zoom. If you would like to deepen your prayer life, attend an information session during the third week of September. (Check poster on the bulletin board in the church.) The Exercises begin October 1. Register at peaceretreatsgp@gmail.com
Registration deadline: September 15

Parking Enforcement Update: Violations will now be ticketed. Please be respectful of the new markings indicating no parking areas and new handicap spaces. These changes are intended to improve safety, access and compliance. Law Enforcement will be issuing tickets to anyone parked in non-parking areas.
Note: You must have a handicap parking pass in order to park in a handicap parking space.
We appreciate your cooperation.

Sunday Readings

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Forgiveness & Mercy

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7. Call to forgiveness and mercy
Romans 14:7 - 9. To live and die for Christ
Matthew 18:21 - 35. The merciless official

Key passage: Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." *Matthew 18:21 - 22*

Question: When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

Child: When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

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Next Sunday's Readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6 - 9

Philippians 1:2 - 24, 27

Matthew 20:1 - 16

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/Library: Closed until September.

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.