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THE
Kingdom
OF
GOD

September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Labour Day, Monday, September 7

Parish Office Closed.

Weekday Mass is at 9 am.

Coffee & Cookies to welcome our newly arrived priests. Fr. Bernard Gauthier, C.Ss.R. is our new pastor. His previous assignment was in a small parish in New Brunswick. Fr. Thomas Wollis was just ordained in our archdiocese in May. Join us September 12 & 13 in Tranquille Hall to meet them after Mass Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

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'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 5 - 13 Dates to Remember

Sat. 5: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir, pizza & practice
8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room

Mon. 7: Labour Day

9 am, weekday Mass

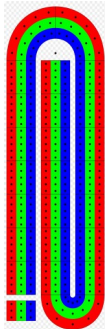
Tues. 8: 7 pm, CWL meeting, begins with Mass, church
7:30 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall

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

5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquill Hall

Sat. 12: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 13: after 9 & 11 am Mass, Coffee & Cookies,
Tranquille Hall



Games Night, Thursday, Sept. 10, 5:30 pm

in Tranquille Hall. Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.

5:30 pm supper

Pasta Dinner: penne/tomato sauce/meatballs and linguine/alfredo sauce, salad and garlic bread.

Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Cost is by donation.

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: September 5

5:30 pm, Pizza 6 pm, Choir practice,
Youth Group to follow 7 pm Mass in SJPII Room.
Next gathering: September 19

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, some 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](https://www.facebook.com/StJoesYoungAdults)



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for coming events

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Registration of school-age children for 2026/2027 will be available soon. Check the website saintjoseph.ca under reconciliation, eucharist or confirmation. Anastasia will be at the back of the church after Mass next weekend.

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

Through the waters of baptism we welcome

Vianna Mukungu 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 the fall.



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

For children 3, 4 & 5 years old. *Resuming this 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

Faith Spark: Take breath pauses - Stop for ten seconds during a busy moment to breathe and mentally invite God into the space

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Fr. Joseph Horo, C.Ss.R.

Calvin Forsberg

Wilfred Wanihadie

Gail Cameron

Wayne Mercier, brother of Greg Mercier

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

Simon Menjivar

General Information



FORMED: What would it have been like to have known the mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.
Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

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!

Expanded Gift Shop Opening Soon!

The church gift shop will reopen mid-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.

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.

Mass Intentions

September 7 - 12

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon 7, 9 am: ✠ Lou Martin
Tues. 8, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Marie Guest
Wed. 9, 12:15 pm: ✠ Monica Fonseca
7 pm: ✠ Crystal Ratvay
Thurs. 10, 7 pm: ✠ Jose Suarez Jr.
Fri. 11, 10:30 am (SH): Rolande Lidgett
12:15 pm: Carrie & Doug Heitrich
Sat. 12, 9 am: ✠ Kylie Bain

CWL Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7 pm,
beginning with Mass in the church. All are welcome.

K of C Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 pm,
Liguori Hall.



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. 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

The Salvation Army Food Bank Needs:

Easy open cans of soup/meat/fish/vegetables/tomatoes/fruit, tomato sauce, beans (dry or canned), Kraft dinner, Side kicks, gravy, juice, rice, oatmeal, kids snacks/juice boxes, peanut butter/jam, baby cereal, baby food puree pouches, formula, diapers (sizes 3 – 7), pull-ups, wipes, baby oil/lotions/powder, diaper cream.
If everyone donates a little it can add up to a lot. Please place food donations in the creche in the entrance to our church.

Sunday Readings

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Helping Others Grow

Ezekiel 33:7 - 9. The prophet is a watchman

Romans 13:8 - 10. Love fulfills the Law

Matthew 18:15 - 20. Fraternal correction

Key passage: Jesus spoke to his disciples. "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone."

Matthew 18:15

Question: What have you been able to overcome because others patiently loved you?

Child: How can you help another person do the right thing?

Next Sunday's Readings

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Romans 14:7 - 9

Matthew 18:21 - 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 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.