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November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Office Closing Early:
Monday, December 7at 4:00 pm

Day of Mercy - Tuesday, December 15, 1 - 6:30 pm
Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual healing to prepare for the coming of our Saviour at Christmas. All ages welcome.

Chapel Accessibility Meeting
Monday, Nov. 30, 7 pm, upstairs in Liguori Hall
If you are interested in having access to the chapel in addition to the times it is currently available, please join Fr. Bernard and Fr. Thomas at this meeting.

Advent Material available in the back of the church
$4/item. Be sure to pick yours up.

2026/2027 Sunday Missals are here. Pick them up in the back of the church. $5 each

Help Make Christmas Brighter for Families in Need!
Catholic Family Services is preparing Christmas hampers for local families facing financial hardship. Sponsor a family, donate groceries or gifts, or make a monetary contribution. Your generosity helps put food on the table and brings comfort and hope to families this Christmas. Call 780-532-9381.

Warm Winter Woolies Collection
Warm winter wear is especially needed in our community. Please drop donations of new socks, mitts, gloves, toques & scarves in the collection bin at the entrance to the church. (*We do not accept clothing.)* Any cash donations will be used to purchase more socks, mitts etc. Thank you for your generosity.

November 28 - December 6 Dates to Remember
Sun. 29: 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Mon. 30: 9 am, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm, Chapel Accessibility Meeting, Liguori Hall
Tues. 1: 7 pm, Horizons of Hope, St JPII Room
Wed. 2: 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JPII Room
Thurs. 3: 7 - 8 pm, Salt, St JPII Room
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room
Fri. 4: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church
8:30 pm, Ignite Advent Social, St. JPII Room
Sat. 5: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir, pizza & practice
8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JPII Room
Sun. 6: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
4 pm, Filipino Mass, Church

For your information, we do not celebrate baptism during Lent. The last Sunday to have your child baptized before Easter Sunday will be February 7.
Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. Please contact Jean-Marc to sign up. For more information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

Parish Finances

Joanne 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

Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Sacrament Registration is Still Open!
Register your child for Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation to continue their faith journey in the Catholic Church. On-line registration is still open: 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.

Young Adults

St. Joseph's Young Adults New Year's Eve Soiree
Dec 31, 7:00 pm - 1:00 am Ages 18 - 35
Come ring in the new year with dancing, mocktails and fireworks. Begins with Mass at 7 pm.
Event to follow in Tranquille Hall.
Dress: Formal/Creative Formal/Festive Black Tie
Tickets $25, available starting in December.
Questions? Email stjosephsNYE@gmail.com

@ignitegrandeprairie or

Young Adults 18+

Advent Social, Friday, December 4
7 pm Mass; 7:30 pm Adoration
Join us after in St JPII Room for a presentation on Advent traditions and a social.
Check their Facebook page for current events.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
The sick, especially

Hattie Eherer	Mike Ratvay
Kevin Bradley	Jessica Koebel
Rene Dumas	Diane Wold
Ivan Romkes	Raymond Tremblay
April Fogle	Fr. Joseph Horo, C.Ss.R.
Denise Kruchten	Wilfred Wanihadie

Claire Garant, mother of Jocelyn Chabot
Logan Russell, grandson of Connie Masse

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.

Sharing & Learning Together Grade 3 - 6, 7 - 8 pm
2nd and 4th Thursdays/Month
St JPII Room
Next Gathering: ***December 10***

Registration Open!
Can't wait to see you there.
https://www.saintjoseph.ca/ministries/family/salt-registration-form/

Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

Gr. 7 -12
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
Next gathering: December 5
5:30 pm: Pizza; 6 pm: Choir practice
Youth Group to follow 7 pm Mass in SJPII Room.

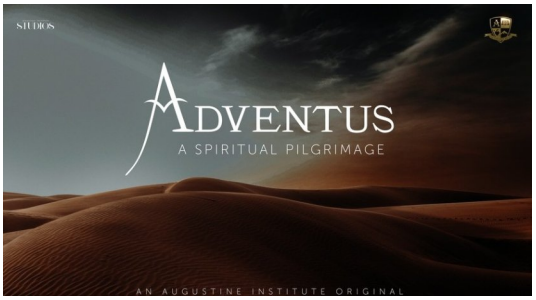
Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

Catechesis of Good Shepherd, 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.

Faith Spark:*Redefine Interruptions*
Instead of viewing a delayed errand or a sudden change of plans as an obstacle to your day, ask what it might be positioning you to notice or whom it might be placing in your path.

General Information



FORMED: Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.
Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

Filipino Mass December 6, 4 pm followed by veneration of the 2nd Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis. Fellowship to follow in Tranquille Hall.
For more details, email dotgr@hotmail.com

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JPII 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.

Our Emergency Food Service, Samaritan's Basket, gratefully accepts gift cards for grocery stores and toiletry items for both men & women. (Travel and regular sizes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, etc.)

Mass Intentions

November 30 -December 5

✞- Mass for someone deceased
SH- Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon 30, 12:15 pm: ✞ Aurora & Anicet Pinto
Tues. 1, 10:30 am (SH): ✞ Elana Rimando
7 pm: Mariano Monzano
Wed. 2, 12:15 pm: ✞ Lou Martin
7 pm: ✞ John Vavrek
Thurs. 3, 7 pm: ✞ Mark Jantz & Jantz family
Fri. 4, 10:30 am (SH): ✞ Bernardita Aguibiador
12:15 pm: ✞ Pinto & Nunes family
7:00 pm: ✞ Mascarenhas Family
Sat. 5, 9 am: ✞ Anita Lafrance & Julie Lachance

The Inn (La Posada)*The Journey to Bethlehem*
December 13, after 11 am Mass
YOU ARE INVITED!! Come celebrate the birthday that changed the course of the world, and brought hope, love & redemption to us all. Come dressed up as your favorite nativity character, farm animal or in your favorite pajamas. After "The Inn" join us to break a piñata in honor of Jesus' birthday!
We hope to see you there.

Our Gift Shop is open weekends following Mass. We receive new merchandise all the time. Come browse the newest selections. Thank you for all your support.

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.

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

***WE NEED HELP* Decorating in the church for Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 20, after the 11 am Mass**
Fluff a Christmas tree, string lights, hang banners, etc. Please join in preparing our church for the season of Christmas.

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

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.

Gaudete! A Christmas Choral Celebration presented by Voices in the Wilderness Community Choir
Monday, December 21, 7:30 pm, in the church.
Free Admission. Bring a donation for the Salvation Army Christmas Campaign (monetary gifts or non-perishable food welcome). General seating. Sponsored in part by the Rotary Club of Grande Prairie After Five.

Bear Creek Funeral Home, "A Time to Remember," Wednesday, Dec. 2. Music, fellowship, treats, sharing & healing. 6:30 pm Reception; 7 pm Program
RSVP on Eventbrite

Christmas Bake Sale & Tea, Saturday, December 5, 1 - 3 pm, Forbes Presbyterian Church, 9635 - 7 Ave

Salvation Army Christmas Dinner Centerpiece Craft Workshop, Friday, Dec. 11, 7 pm. Cost by donation. Proceeds benefit their annual fundraising campaign to support Costa Rica and Panama Ministries. RSVP by Nov. 30 to Louise, 780-832-1750 (text only).

The Salvation Army Food Bank needs: Canned - soup/meat/vegetables/tomatoes/fruit/milk, pasta & pasta sauce, tomato sauce, beans (large & small, baked, kidney), chick peas, Kraft dinner, Side Kicks/ Helpers, 1L juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, baking goods, rice, cookies, crackers, kids snacks/juice boxes, peanut butter/jam, condiments, jello/pudding, diapers (size 4, 5 & 6), etc. Place donations in the creche near the entrance to our church, or drop them at the Food Bank, 9615 102 St.

Sunday Readings

First Sunday of Advent

God's Faithfulness

Isaiah 63:16b - 17, 64:1, 3 - 8. Prayer for the return of God's favour
1 Cor. 1:3 - 9. Thanksgiving
Mark 13:22 - 27. Need for watchfulness

Key passage: God is faithful; by Him you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
1 Corinthians 1:9

Question:
How faithful do you feel you are being to God's plan for you?
Child: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now?

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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)
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
Annulment information: Call 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: 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.