

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Through worship, compassion, and perseverance
we strengthen our faith community.

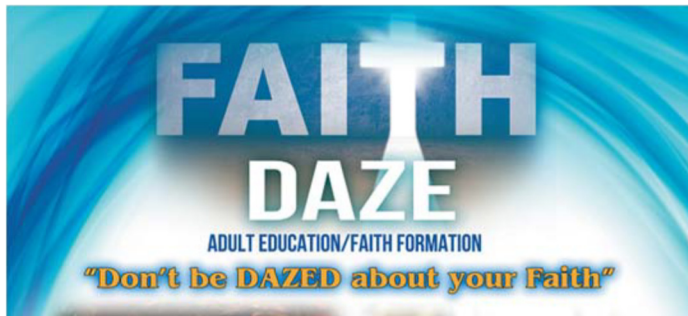
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

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September 27: *Struggling for Faith in My Family - how do I find peace?*

November 29: *Care for Our Common Home - the vision of Pope Francis*

February 28: *Care for the Caregiver*

May 2: *A Better Understanding of Mass*

Each evening is 7:45 - 9 pm, in Tranquille Hall, following 7:00 pm Mass

No charge. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory and require no special skill. It is a beautiful and significant part of the Mass performed by lay people. Families and couples are invited to sign up following this weekend Masses or call Joanne, ext. 230, during office hours.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN LEADERS AND HELPERS ARE NEEDED. This ministry is unable to continue without more volunteers. Adults (males too!) and mature older teenagers are required. All materials and training provided - minimal preparation by you - so simple that it could almost teach itself, however God requires **OUR** participation to share His love with our children. Contact Joanne, ext. 230, during office hours.

SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 24: 7 - 9 pm, UC27, St JP11 Room

Mon. 25: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Lector's Workshop, church
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, Tranquille Hall

Tues. 26: 3:30 - 5 pm, Lector's Workshop, church

Wed. 27: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

- 7:45 - 9:15 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 29: 6 - 9 pm, SALT Kick-Off, Tranquille Hall

Sat. 30: 1:30 - 3 pm, Lector's Workshop, church

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

Sunday, September 24 The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is mandated by the Holy See and the Bishops who are its members in a number of areas of pastoral life and evangelization: faith formation and catechesis, doctrinal questions, ecumenical initiatives, international relations, interreligious conversations, liturgical resources, relations with Indigenous Peoples, social justice questions, and building a culture of life and family. Thank you for your generous contribution for ensuring the success of the collection and the ongoing work of evangelization. If you missed contributing to this collection you may drop your donation at the parish office during office hours. Make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church".

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,820.94
Children's collection	\$32.00



Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



Next Gathering: Wednesday, Oct. 4

Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall. Come when you can for any or all of

the time. Fun playtime for the kids and visiting for mom with a short reflection or prayer time at 11 am. www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) grades 3 - 5 youth group. **Registration and Kick-Off** is this Friday, September 29, in Tranquille Hall, 6 - 9 pm. Beginning in October, we will meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 7 - 9 pm, in the St. JPll Room.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Cassandra Valdez to our family of faith. We pray her journey with our Lord will be filled with joy.

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. You are welcome to attend while still expecting your child. Pre-registration required. Call Darlene, ext. 228.

PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS WITH REGISTRATION FOR Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation In Tranquille Hall Parents only attend one session. Plan to be there for the full 2 hours. Bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

Monday, November 20, 7 - 9 pm or
 Thursday, November 23, 7 - 9 pm or
 Saturday, November 25, 10 am - 12 noon
 Children celebrate Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6
 All children receiving sacraments in this school year, regardless of the school (Catholic or other) that they attend, must be registered at a forum. *If you have a child who missed receiving a Sacrament or receiving a Sacrament this year but not attending Catholic School, contact Darlene, x-228.*



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Disturbing the Peace Youth Conference



October 13 - 15, grades 6 - 12.

Cost is \$75 (before Oct. 2) for entire weekend including Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. This awesome weekend is full of music, games, awesome speakers, entertainment and tons of fun. Register at www.disturbingthepeace.ca



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8) Friday, Sept. 29, 7 - 9 pm, in St JPll Room. New people welcome.



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Monday, Oct. 2,

7 - 8:30 pm in the Grouard Room

Make new, lasting, friendships. Grow in your faith. Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



(grade 6 - 12) Saturday, June 10

Join us in the choir at the 7 pm Mass followed by a movie in the St JPll Room, 8 - 10:30 pm.

Watching: Beauty and the Beast



UC27 High School Youth Group

(Grade 9 - 12) Sunday, Oct. 29,

7 - 9 pm, St JPll 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!

ADULT FORMATION

Workshops for Lectors in the church.

Please attend one.

Monday, September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, September 26, 3:30 - 5:00 pm


Saturday, September 30, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Can you spare 15 minutes before and after Mass?

Sacristans needed for every weekend Mass. You would be responsible once every 4 or 6 weeks. Call Thérèse, 780-532-1531, or email therese2@telus.net

Can you spare a couple of hours every 4 - 6 weeks?

Volunteers needed to wash and iron Mass linens. This is done in your own home. Call Thérèse, 780-532-1531 or email therese2@telus.net

 **Do you attend St. Joseph High school?** Are you 16 years or older and practicing your Catholic faith. St Joseph school invites you to consider the ministry of extraordinary minister of Eucharist at the school. Consider joining the team. Talk with Mrs. Gorman at the school or Fr. Leo at the church. WE NEED YOU!!

Parish Blog: Watch for our September 26th blog:

Falling Leaves

To receive each newly posted blog written by our very own parishioners visit our web page, saintjoseph.ca and sign up on the homepage under "Subscribe"

On Stewardship...In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?"

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 - 30

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 25, 7:00 am: † Frank Anderson

Tues. 26, 7:00 pm: Wilma Kilarski

Wed. 27, 7:00 am: † Marie Jantz

7:00 pm: † Margaret Martin

Thurs. 28, 7:00 pm: † Long & White Families

Fri. 29, 7:00 am: † Leonard Godziuk

Sat. 30, 9:00 am: Jerome Bowen

Interested in Religious life? Contact Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R. at the parish office, ext. 222.

Bible Exploration - an 8 week study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians begins Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 pm in Tranquille. A great opportunity to learn more about the Bible. Beginners welcome! The first evening is a video and explanation of the study. For information call Angele or Roger, 780-532-7529, Vince, 780-532-4055, or Bill, 780-532-7367.



For info or to register for the program beginning with a **weekend on November 17 - 19** call 587-589-4357, email info@helpourmarriage.ca, or check www.HelpOurMarriage.ca



Religious Gift Shop

Available after Saturday 7:00 pm Mass & Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses. Come check out our selection of merchandise.

FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.

Look for @stjoespastor

From the Social Justice Committee

God is generous to all, acting only in faithful love. We are reminded in Matthew's Gospel that the kingdom of heaven is like the landowner who pays generously to both they who arrive first and those who come last. Likewise, let us examine ourselves whom within God's Holy Spirit indwells, and foster a spirit of generosity and solidarity with our whole human family. This includes advocating for the women at the heart of the peace process. Though women are underrepresented in decision making, they play unique and irreplaceable roles as peacemakers. As the percentage of women in parliament increases by five percent, a state is five times less likely to use violence when faced with an international crisis. May Peace Be with Her. For more information on our current campaign visit devp.org. Source: Caprioli and Boyer, "Gender, Violence, and International Crisis" 514.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially, Tessie Foster
The deceased, especially Pauline Monette

To all CWL members: Your CWL needs you! We need CWL members to nominate themselves or other CWL members to the Executive for the January election. Nomination forms have been emailed or will be delivered to members. Or, pick up a form from the CWL drawer by the Sacristy. Please return nomination forms in the collection basket or to the parish office

Ultreya: Friday, September 29, 7:30 pm in the church. Speaker: Fr. Remi Hebert, C.Ss.R. An opportunity to support and be supported by good friends and help persevere in living our Fourth Day after Cursillo.

Check out these Catholic Podcasts/Websites/Apps

Catholic Stuff You Should Know

Audience: Teens and Adults

Description: A lighthearted exploration of various prominent and obscure Catholic topics.

Also find all the podcasts on
www.catholicstuffpodcast.com

www.catholiccastmedia.com (CAST)

Audience: All

Description: CAST is a catholic media organization that seeks to evangelize through learning, beauty, and witness on digital platforms. It's simple. It's contagious. It's transformative. It's Truth.

The website includes catechesis, apologetics, stories, and travel links.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am

Senior's Lodge Masses at 10:30 am:

1st Tuesday - The Gardens

1st Friday - Heritage Lodge 3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

At 9:30 am: 2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

Confessions: Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, or by appointment (call the parish office)

Morning Prayer: Mon - Fri, 8:45 am, in Chapel.

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help at Wednesday Mass.

Baptism for Infants & Young Children: Contact Darlene at the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about Baptism Preparation for parents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church must contact the Parish Office *at least 8 months* prior to their wedding date.

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Available after the Saturday 7:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. Contact Cliff, cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com

Spanish Prayer Group: Saturdays, 8 - 10 pm, in the Modern Martyrs Room. Ana, 780-978-4966

El Shaddai Prayer Group: After Saturday 7 pm Mass, Grouard Room. Irene, 780-380-9540 or Gilbert, 780-978-8006

Sunday Readings

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: **GOD'S GENEROSITY**

Isaiah 55:6 - 9. Seeking the Lord

Philippians 1:20 - 24, 27. Spreading the Gospel

Matthew 20:1 - 16. The labourers in the vineyard

Key Passage: [The landowner said,] "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" *Matthew 20:14 - 15*

Question: Which has deepened your faith more - being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?