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**The Roman Catholic Parishes
 of
 St. Joseph & St. Agnes**

“CONVERSION TO THE EUCHARIST”
 (POPE FRANCIS)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE WORLD OF THE BEATITUDES

February 16th, 2025

Church Hall Bookings

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Parish Council

Chair Person	Lila Schneider
Vice Chair	Vacant
Deanery Rep	Lila Schneider
Ecumenism	John Dean
Liturgy	Cheryl Behrns
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Social Justice	Jodi Eberle
Stewardship	Gwen Herman
Pastoral Care	Ken & Diane Fahlman
Parish Council Sec	Roseann Anderson
Youth Ministries	Vacant
Parish Coordinator	Vacant
Kitchen Coordinator	Lisa Fuchs

Finance Council

Chairperson	Roseann Anderson
Accountant/Treasurer	Cathy Poelzer
Building & Grounds	Mike Schneider
Members at Large	Russel McCallum Bob Kardash

Representatives

CWL President	Lynne Kardash
Knights of Columbus	Pat Leibel, GK

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**MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED**  
**SATURDAY @ 7:00 pm**  
**SUNDAY @ 10:30 am**



*Pope Francis' February, 2025  
 Prayer Intention:  
**For vocations to the priesthood  
 and religious life***

*Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

**From the readings:**

Jer 17:5-8/ 1Cor 15:12.16-20/ Luke 6:17.20-26

For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' which parallels Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount.'

The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the 'little ones' who have no one to trust in but God.

The beatitudes echo the programme Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine Beatitudes, Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding "woes".

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS**

Catholic chaplains visit patients and their families to address any spiritual needs, to pray, to provide a friendly face and comforting presence, to talk about people's fears and concerns, to bring Communion, and to contact a priest for anointing of the sick.

**Pasqua Hospital, (306) 519-1380. General Hospital (306) 519-1405  
Wascana Rehabilitation Centre 306 530-6511**



**ST JOSEPH PARISH**

*Welcomes all  
Parishioners & Visitors*

**Welcome to  
Children's Liturgy**



**March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**DONATING NOTE:**

*Thank you for your  
Continued generosity to St. Joseph*

For Options for Donating to St. Joseph Parish  
Please visit our parish website: [www.stjosephbalgonie.ca](http://www.stjosephbalgonie.ca)  
Under Giving and Sharing button, click on Donate button for

**Donation Options:**

**Credit Card, Debit Card or eTransfer**

Please email donation to: [Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com](mailto:Stjosephbalgonie@gmail.com)

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS**

**IS PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATIONS (PAD) AN OPTION FOR YOU?** You may choose a monthly automatic debit to your bank as an alternative to the weekly Sunday Collection & Building Fund donation envelopes.

PAD forms are available in the church foyer or at the parish office.  
\*\*\*\*If your preference of payment is PAD - submit your form in a sealed envelope and drop it in the collection basket or directly at the parish office -

For more info contact Cathy Poelzer 306-533-7002

**Sacrament Registration**

Registration is being accepted for catechism classes for First Communion and Confirmation. Contact Bill Rieger at 306-539-8781 or [st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com](mailto:st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com)

Forms can also be found at the back of the church. Classes began on January 12th, 2025.

**Catechism Classes**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Healing Standard
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Scriptures (Bible)
- Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – Water from the Rock
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – Divine Mercy
- Mar 30<sup>th</sup> – The Trial / Adam and Eve
- Apr 6<sup>th</sup> – The Hebrew Passover
- Apr 13<sup>th</sup> – The Last Supper / Holy Mass
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Our Father
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – We are Sent

On the Catechism dates noted above:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:00am followed by adoration.
- Classes start at 9:15 with Opening Prayers in front of the Blessed Sacrament
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 9:45am

All parishioners are welcome to join in the Exposition, adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

While Father is home, there will be **No Weekday Morning Masses or Weekend Masses with Adoration** until his return.

Weekday morning Masses will resume  
Tuesday March 4, 2025

**Incense use at Mass**

We will only use incense at the following Masses at St. Joseph's Parish:

- the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Masses with Adoration
- Solemnity Masses on Sundays

There will be no incense used:

- Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph, Balgonie
- Anytime at St. Agnes, Pilot Butte

We will also include in the bulletin under the Mass when incense will be used once Father is back.

### Stewardship Bulletin Bits

February 16, 2025

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” - Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

### Pastoral Council Survey

St. Joseph Pastoral Council are conducting a short 2-page survey to hear from parishioners. This survey will be emailed to the parish emails we have on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> and will also be available at the Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> Masses. Please consider taking the time to share your thoughts. You can complete the survey, return it in an envelope, and put it in the collection basket. If you would prefer to complete them electronically you can email the completed survey to [ppcsecretary.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:ppcsecretary.stjoseph@gmail.com).

**Survey due date SUNDAY MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

*Made to Be*, a new Catholic women's ministry in Regina, is hosting an event called **Rest**, a monthly evening of adoration, confession, prayer ministry and fellowship. Join us on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Martin's Parish. This event is for women of any age who are seeking rest in the heart of Jesus. For more information please email Kara Philip at [kara@boatsonfire.net](mailto:kara@boatsonfire.net).

### St. Martin de Porres Parish – Drive Through Turkey Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Schmitt's catering provides the food and it includes turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, coleslaw and dessert. Tickets are \$35 each and can be purchased at the parish office (4720 Castle Road), or by e-transfer ([st.martinsadmin@sasktel.net](mailto:st.martinsadmin@sasktel.net)). *Deadline to purchase tickets: Sunday, Feb. 23*

### Horizons of Hope Workshop

When confronted with a life-limiting diagnosis, we can find ourselves in an unfamiliar and even frightening situation. These moments are usually marked by having to make numerous practical decisions surrounding care and support for loved ones and ourselves. More often than not, such decisions require moral discernment through the lens of faith. We believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. At the same time, our faith does not demand that life is to be sustained at all costs.

The Horizons of Hope workshop seeks to:

- Empower and educate individuals by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion.
- Present high-quality content that explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise, and the *Compassionate Community* model.
- Facilitate meaningful conversations together so that our communities and families become *Compassionate Communities*, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.

Do I need to be Catholic to attend? No, there is a prayer and faith perspective offered in the program but it is open to anyone to attend.

When: Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> approximately 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

*(time will be confirmed upon registration)*

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Balgonie

Cost: \$20 per participant (includes workshop materials and lunch)

Please register by March 4<sup>th</sup>:

[schneider.mclean@sasktel.net](mailto:schneider.mclean@sasktel.net) or 306-591-1173

Each year we burn the previous year's palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday Masses. We invite parishioners to bring their blessed palms and place them in the basket at the back of the church.

Thinking of one day going to Medjugorje? Join us April 4-14<sup>th</sup> for a pilgrimage there. Daily Mass at St James Church ( Patron saint of Pilgrims ), Rosary on Apparition Hill, Stations of the Cross on Cross Mountain Visit Cenacola - rehab for young men Professional guide. For more information call Cathleen Devraj at 306-789-0705 or [cdevraj48@gmail.com](mailto:cdevraj48@gmail.com).

**International Dinner at Little Flower Parish**

Saturday, March 8th, 2025, at 6:00 pm.  
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY  
Adults: \$30  
Children (ages 7-12): \$12  
Children (6 and under): Free  
Tickets are available at the church after weekend Mass and through the Little Flower Office at (306) 522-8583. For more details or questions, please call Gord at (306) 596-4757.

**102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regina Diocesan CWL Convention  
Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
St. Joseph's Parish, Moose Jaw, SK**



The Regina Diocesan CWL executive and Moose Jaw Region are pleased to invite you to our 102<sup>nd</sup> annual Diocesan Convention,  
Featuring:  
Speaker: Rev. Deacon Lamont Dyck - Presence, Ministry and Community.  
Workshop: Here I am Lord – How Remarkable Women Lead.  
As well as Holy Mass, business session, luncheon, door prize, raffle and so much more.

Join us for a lively Diocesan CWL convention.

Contact the Convention Registrar at [regina.diocesan.conv@gmail.com](mailto:regina.diocesan.conv@gmail.com)

**The Myriam Family of the Prairies invites you  
For a day retreat for adults on February 22, 2025**  
From 9:30 – 4:00

With the theme: The adventure of my spiritual journey;  
The purgative phase  
The retreat will include a talk, Mass, Holy hour, prayer ministry, lunch and fellowship, in the beauty of nature and the silence of the countryside at our house of prayer in McLean, Sk, 45 km East of Regina.

**A Youth Retreat!**

What? A 24 hours youth retreat  
When? March 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm to March 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 pm.  
Where? At the Myriam Family house of prayer in McLean SK  
Age? From age 13 to 17  
How much? Suggested donation; 25\$/person  
To register, call Sr. Stephanie: 306-761-0528 or by email: [pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org](mailto:pss.prairies@famillemyriam.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Wednesday, March 19th (1:30 pm)** at Holy Trinity parish hall (5020 Sherwood Dr.) we will be joined by Regina City Police members for a presentation on FRAUD AWARENESS.

**Chrism Mass**

This year's Chrism Mass will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 3:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

Requests for an announcement to be included in the bulletin, please email the information to [ppcsecretary.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:ppcsecretary.stjoseph@gmail.com) prior to Wednesday @ 5:00pm.

**NEW PARISHIONERS/ CHANGE OF ADDRESS**  
Please complete this form and place in the collection basket

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- New     Change of Address     Wish to have Church Envelopes     Wish Home Visit