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

**“CONVERSION TO THE EUCHARIST”**  
 (POPE FRANCIS)

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**THE VALUES OF THE KINGDOM**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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
School of Religion	Bill Rieger
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

**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:**

1Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23/ 1Cor 15:45-49/ Luke 6:27-38

Because of his great successes on the battlefield, David was very popular with the people. As a result, Saul saw him as a threat and sought to kill him. The First Reading contains the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so because in his eyes Saul, as king of Israel, was a sacred person.

This passage prepares us for the Gospel which contains Jesus' injunction to love our enemies. Jesus goes on to stress the obligations of fraternal charity. The ideal of love to which his followers must aspire is that of God himself. We are to love as God loves.

Jesus' vision of human behaviour is at such variance with the view most people have, that many people regard it as humanly unachievable, and therefore ignore it. From a human point of view, it is unachievable. Divine help is needed.

**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.

**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

**Jubilee 2025 Presentation**

Please join us on Friday March 14th following the Stations and Cross and Mass at 7:00 pm for an informative Presentation on the 2025 Jubilee Year. Learn: What is a Jubilee Year, what are the special Graces of the Jubilee Year, the meaning of a pilgrimage, the meaning of indulgence and how we can obtain one, and how we can become a Pilgrim of Hope!

We look forward to seeing you all there!  
Presenter: Pauline Crone

**Lay Services**

Saturday March 1 and Sunday March 2  
Presided by Deacon Ken

**Stewardship Bulletin Bits**

**February 23, 2025**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” - Luke 6:35*

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them; it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

**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>.**

**MyGen Youth Rally**

Young people in grades 9 -12 (mature grade 8's also welcome) from around the Archdiocese are invited to come together for a celebration of community and faith at this year's "My Gen" Youth Rally. This one-day event is free of charge and happens on **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>** at Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School in Regina. It starts at 9:00 am and ends at 11:00 pm. It will be a day of music, talks, games, prayer, service projects, sacraments and community. Further info and registration link can be found at:

[www.mygenrally.ca](http://www.mygenrally.ca) Spots ARE limited!

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

Sunday, March 2nd. Schmitty'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 etransfer ([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 8th 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 4th:

[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.

**PPC Meeting**

Tuesday February 25 at 7:00

In the Church Basement

**PFC Meeting**

Tuesday February 25

Following the PPC meeting

**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.

**The Myriam Family of the Prairies invites you  
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)

**Lenten Season 2025**

Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025

- 7:00pm St. Joseph, Balgonie
- 8:30pm St. Agnes, Pilot Butte

Station of the Cross

- 7:00pm every Friday in lent followed by Mass

Reconciliation Day – 10:00am to Noon

- March 22 St. Agnes Pilot Butte
- March 29 St. Joseph Balgonie
- Fr. Jerlin Francis will also hear confessions

Tridium

Holy Thursday April 17, 2025

- 7:00pm St. Joseph Balgonie

Good Friday April 18, 2025

- 1:00pm St. Agnes Pilot Butte
- 3:00pm St. Joseph Balgonie

Easter Vigil April 19, 2025

- 8:30pm St. Joseph Balgonie

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

- 9:00am St. Agnes Pilot Butte
- 10:30am St. Joseph Balgonie

**World Day of Prayer Service**

at the United Church in Balgonie

March 7 at 1:00pm

All are welcome

**St. Joseph’s Annual General Meeting**

Sunday March 23, 2025

upstairs after Mass

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