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

Daily Mass at 8:00 am
Tuesday to Friday

First Friday and Saturday Mass
8:00 am followed by adoration

The Roman Catholic Parishes
of
St. Joseph & St. Agnes
“CONVERSION TO THE EUCHARIST”
 (POPE FRANCIS)

4th Sunday of Lent

THE PRODIGAL SON

March 30th, 2025



Pope Francis’ March, 2025
Prayer Intention:
For families in crisis
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other’s gifts, even in their differences.

From the readings:

A clear theme runs through all three readings: God’s mercy to sinners in the First Reading we have the beautiful words God spoke to his people: ‘I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The shame of sin and the darkness of slavery are behind them. The years of wandering in the desert are over; they have come home to the promised land. A new era was about to begin. They mark their homecoming by celebrating anew the feast of Passover. They remind us of the home-coming of the prodigal son (Gospel). His shame also is behind him. His years of wandering are over and he returns home to a warm welcome and a great fest. A new and bright future lies ahead of him. Jesus told the parable in response to the criticism of the Pharisees that he was too lenient towards sinners. They were meant to see themselves in the older son. For Luke the ‘Pharisee’ are righteous Christians, for whom God’s mercy to sinner is unfair and scandalous. The Second reading stresses how God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, not holding our faults against us. The task of the Church is to bring the benefits won by Christ to all people.

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
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

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

Forms can also be found at the back of the church.

Catechism Classes

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Mar 30th – The Trial / Adam and Eve
Apr 6th – The Hebrew Passover
Apr 13th – The Las Supper / Holy Mass
May 4th – Our Father
May 11th – 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.

**EASTER VIGIL
&
EASTER SUNDAY
USE INCENCE**

Everyone is welcome
NO USE INCENCE At St. Agnes
Pilot Butte

Join Our Prayer Chain for one another

For those who need prayers due to illness, surgery or hospitalization, etc. To participate in the prayer chain email Deacon Arron and he will create a blind copy email group to fan out a prayer for each request.

email Deacon Arron at deaconpolk@gmail.com to be included or to request prayer.

Email addresses will not be shared and kept private.

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.

Stewardship Bulletin Bits

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings may change over the years, but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Please join Resurrection Parish’s social justice committee on April 4th at 7 pm for the 4th Annual Diocese English Live Stream of the Way of the Cross Through the Voice of Victims Supporting Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse. You can participate in person or online at: <https://youtube.com/live/1m2azbEorSY?feature=share>

Please join St. Jean Baptiste on April 4th at 7 pm for the 3rd Annual Diocese French Live Stream of the Way of the Cross Through the Voice of Victims: Supporting Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse. You can participate either in person or online. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyAgZi0wG1YvhSDq1CPPokQ/about>

Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country’s debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone.

This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our [Mini-magazine](#) at devp.org/lent/resources.

Walking Together- a program of Catholic Engaged Encounter designed to support **MARRIED COUPLES** in their vocation of marriage through accompaniment. We invite couples of all stages from newly married to mature couples to come together to share the gifts, graces, and experiences of their vocation.

Drop-in sessions, no registration required. Saturdays at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary in the O’Neill room (use the west ramp entrance) April 12, May 10, June 14. For more information contact Miri or James Schiller at wd1@ceecanada.ca or 306-535-7518.

For Lent this year in conjunction with the call from Pope Francis to be Pilgrims of Hope in his Papal Bull for the Jubilee Year 2025. St Joseph's Parish will be collecting items for the poor for the Marian Centre. We will collect non perishable items from Sunday March 9th to Sunday April 6th in the entrance of the Church.

Items they have requested are:

- Men's Gloves
- Jam /Jelly or Cheese Whiz for sandwiches
- Ground Coffee
- Coffee Mate (unflavoured)
- Shampoo or Body wash (normal size)

The Marian Centre also mentioned they are in need of meat and muffins, so if you wish to donate these perishable items directly to them they are located at 1835 Halifax Street Regina. Thank you for your support of this project!

Below is the quote from Pope Francis - Papal Bull Ordinary Year of Jubilee 2025.

I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life..... Let us not forget: the poor are almost always the victims, not the ones to blame. (Section 15)

As you may be aware, the Bishop has given me permission to speak in all of the churches. I have spoken in many throughout the Diocese and was well received. I would like to speak in Pilot Butte and Balgonie. The format we have used is to speak for 5 minutes before mass and then we have items for sale after mass as well as entertain questions.

I have just returned from Mexico where we are 75% finished building an agricultural technical college. We are in urgent need of funds to build a water system.

I have this week end open and was wondering if it would fit your schedule for me to speak in both churches on the 29th and 30th of March.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Blessings

Joan Rink

Lead Cuernavaca Project

Archdiocese of Regina



Join us this Lent: A Powerful Journey Through Heaven, Hell and Purgatory

<https://youtu.be/bhGv1rgeQnM>

A Lenten Retreat with the Myriam Family

The season of Lent is upon us once again, and with it the invitation to a shared journey toward the new life of Easter. With Christ as our constant companion and guide, we make our common pilgrimage from ashes to alleluia. In this Jubilee Year, we are especially encouraged by Pope Francis to make this Lenten journey as *pilgrims of hope*. The Holy Father asks us to consider this question: “Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone?” This is a striking challenge to consider.

On Wednesday **March 26th at 7:00 pm** the Myriam Family will lead a “*Hoping against Hope*” evening retreat at Little Flower. Come join together for talk, song and adoration. “*Let us journey together in hope*”

Please contact the Parish Office at 306-522-8583 to Register.

Lenten Season 2025

Stations of the Cross

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

Reconciliation Day – 10:00am to Noon

- March 29 St. Joseph Balgonie
- Fr. Jerlin Francis will also hear confessions

Triduum

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

The Women’s Commission of the Archdiocese of Regina invites you to a special three-part study of the **Final Document of the Synod on Synodality**. This is an opportunity to come together as women of the Church to explore the key themes of Communion, Participation, and Mission, deepening our understanding and engaging in meaningful discussion. Why Join?

- Gain familiarity with the Synod’s final document
- Discuss its potential impact on our Church and lives
- Share your voice and reflections in a welcoming space

Event Details:

Session 1: The Heart of Synodality – Called by the Holy Spirit to Conversion

April 2, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Presentation by Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, followed by discussion and reflection

Session 2: The Conversion of Relationships & Processes

April 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Session 3: Forming a People for Missionary Discipleship

April 16, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

This study offers a unique chance to engage with the Synod’s vision and reflect on how it shapes our faith, community, and role as women in the Church. We hope you’ll be part of this important conversation.

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/5zJ1qzz0Qj-21YRI1pBNJw>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We look forward to journeying together. Questions?

Email womenscommissionregina@gmail.com

Requests for an announcement to be included in the bulletin, please email the information to 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