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

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

**March 16<sup>th</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	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**

**Daily Mass at 8:00 am**  
**Tuesday to Friday**

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



*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:**

The First Reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of his fidelity God made a solemn covenant with him.

Our passage describes an ancient rite of covenant or treaty making. To ratify a covenant, the contracting parties cut an animal (or animals) in two and walked between the divided parts, invoking the fate of the animals on themselves should they fail to observe the terms of the contrast. Since God's covenant with Abraham is unilateral, only God (symbolized by the furnace and the torch). Passes between the pieces. The birds of prey symbolize the forces hostile to Israel.

This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and eternal covenant which Jesus sealed in his own blood on Calvary. The chief significance of the Tabor experience was for Jesus himself, and this is what Luke emphasizes. The incident was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. It comforted him to know that the road he was travelling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah. The transfiguration also benefited the apostles. It prepared them for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah.

**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 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.

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

Sunday March 23, 2025  
Immediately following Mass

We will gather in the foyer for a light snack after the meeting.  
Hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:deaconpolk@gmail.com) to be included or to request prayer.

Email addresses will not be shared and kept private.

**Archdiocese of Regina RENEW Lent**

RENEW your Lent with weekly reflections, music, prayer resources, and other Lenten activities to enhance your Lenten journey, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Sign up at [archregina.sk.ca/news](http://archregina.sk.ca/news) or email [communications@archregina.sk.ca](mailto:communications@archregina.sk.ca)

**Stewardship Bulletin Bits**

**March 16, 2025**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

**Turn Debt into Hope : Sign the petition!**

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign to *"forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them."

Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for:

1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts
2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet
3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations

Please sign the petition in church or online at [devp.org/debt](http://devp.org/debt).

**Thinking Faith S02 E01: New Beginnings, Exploring Vocations, and the Latin Mass**

Thinking Faith now on video! Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett Salkeld celebrate their first video podcast with a lively discussion. They tackle last few Conquest Boys Club questions including how to become Pope, and why the Latin Mass seems to appeal to young Catholics reflecting on balancing tradition with a vibrant faith community. Tune in for insight, humor, and heartfelt conversation!

<https://youtu.be/IITL26xBD60?si=B7JbCCBScQ2BmJk2>

Find past episodes at <https://thinkingfaith.libsyn.com/> or wherever you listen to your podcasts.

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)

**Upcoming Event at Campion College**

Experience the transformative power of music and meditation at the Campion College Lent Musica Sacra. This year's concert, *A Passing Darkness*, will be held on April 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the beautiful 2nd-floor Campion College Chapel on the University of Regina campus.

Join us for a soul-stirring performance by the Musica Sacra Cecilia Voices, conducted by the talented Dr. Melissa Morgan, Music Dept. Head at U of R. Don't miss out on this unforgettable event!



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

<https://youtu.be/bhGv1rgeQnM>



**The Myriam Family of the Prairies invites you**

For a day retreat for adults on March 22, 2025  
From 9:30 to 4:00

With the theme: **The adventure of my spiritual journey; The illuminative 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.

*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, March 23rd 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)

**Lenten Season 2025**

Stations 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

**Save the Dates!**

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. The RSVP will be available soon.

We look forward to journeying together. Questions? Email [womenscommissionregina@gmail.com](mailto:womenscommissionregina@gmail.com)

**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