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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED

SATURDAY @ 7:00 pm

SUNDAY @ 10:30 am

START YOUR DAY with MASS

Tuesday to Friday @ 8:00 AM

- Please note - for the 4th Tuesday of the month daily Mass will be at 7:00pm not 8:00am

First Friday Mass/Adoration & Confession

First Saturday Mass dedicated to the Virgin Mary **** both days at 8:00 am

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

"REMAIN IN MY LOVE"

(John 15:9)

1st Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



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Prayer Intention:

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



ST JOSEPH PARISH

*Welcomes all
Parishioners & Visitors*

Mission:

Under the patronage of St. Joseph, we love, honour, and serve our God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit by our works of welcoming, charity, and service, and through our faith life of prayer and celebrating the Eucharist.

Vision:

Our vision is to bring people closer to God through faith, service and community.

Values:

Our values are dignity, integrity, compassion and equity.

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

Catechism

Registration for catechism classes for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now being accepted for children aged 7 or higher. Classes will be held on selected Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. beginning in January 2026.

Email st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com for more details or for a registration form.

Registration forms are also available at the back of the church.



Liturgy of the Word will resume after Christmas.

All children are welcome to participate.

RCIA Classes

will be held on Monday nights at St. Joseph's.

Email st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com for more information. There will be classes on December 1, 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule

St. Joseph's Parish, Balgonie: Saturdays @ 7:00 PM
and Sundays at 10:30 AM

St. Agnes Parish, Pilot Butte: Sundays @ 9:00 AM

Advent Reflection Evening: Friday, November 28
from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM St. Joseph, Balgonie

- Advent reflection, Music, and Adoration

Reconciliation: Saturday, December 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Joseph, Balgonie

Christmas Eve Mass Wednesday, December 24th

- 7:00 PM St. Joseph, Balgonie
- 9:00 PM St. Agnes, Pilot Butte

Christmas Day Thursday, December 25th

- 9:00 AM St. Agnes, Pilot Butte
- 10:30 AM St. Joseph, Balgonie
- 1:00 PM St. Peters, Kronau

New Year's Eve Potluck and social Wednesday,
December 31 at St. Joseph, Balgonie

- 5:00 PM Gather, 6:00 PM Eat, Games and socializing until 10:00 PM
- ALL AGES WELCOME

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st Holy Day of
Obligation – Mary, Holy Mother of God

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

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

Archbishop's Appeal

As Advent begins, Isaiah calls us to look forward to the day when nations will stream to the mountain of the Lord in peace and justice. St. Paul reminds us to awaken from spiritual sleep, putting on Christ and living in readiness. In the Gospel, Jesus urges vigilance and preparation, encouraging us to be watchful for His coming. The Annual Appeal is an opportunity to prepare the way of the Lord in our parish, supporting ministries that nourish faith, hope, and charity. Your generosity helps ensure that our parish community is ready to welcome Christ with joyful hearts and open arms.

Thinking Faith S03 E08/E12:

Angels, Demons, Purgatory, and do we all worship the same God?

In this episode of Thinking Faith, Deacon Eric and Dr. Brett Salkeld respond to questions from grade 9 and 10 students at Miller Catholic High School. They dive into topics such as the nature of purgatory, offering metaphors and practical examples to help understand the process of purification. They explain how angels, including fallen angels, fit into Christian theology, touching on the distinctions between angels and humans. Finally, they tackle the question of whether Muslims, Christians, and Catholics serve the same God, exploring the nuances and commonalities in beliefs about God across these faiths.

<https://youtu.be/kWsxgLnZ6tQ?si=UpLlZhwpQD-PD3TI>

During Advent our parish will have the opportunity to collect donations for local families in need of help this Christmas. With the rising cost of living and the extra expenses at Christmas, it can be a difficult time of year. We will be collecting gifts for these children and their parent or guardian, as well as grocery store gift cards.

There will be a Christmas tree display on the bulletin board at the back of the church that will be decorated with cards. Each card has a specific item that is needed. Please choose a card if you wish to donate, take the card off the tree and then bring your donation. There will be a bin at the back of the church from Nov 29/30 until Dec 13/14.

Thank you for your generosity and please remember to keep these families in your prayers.

Miracles of Advent: Light in a Divided World On Thursday, December 4, at 7:00 pm

(Saskatchewan time), bring a candle and join the Canadian Council of Churches on Zoom for *Miracles of Advent: Light in a Divided World*. In 45 minutes, you'll hear three short stories your support makes possible, light a candle of hope with friends across traditions, and learn how you can help form young leaders and strengthen ministries serving neighbours in need. Bring a candle! (Or a phone light, if needed.) Register: <https://signup-can.keela.co/miracles-of-advent-light-in-a-divided-world-registration-form-december-4> We look forward to sharing this holy season with you!

Altar Servers

There will be an altar server practice on **December 21 after the 10:30 mass**. Anyone wishing to start serving will have had to have made their first communion. Adults are also welcome. Please come and serve our Lord at the Altar... You can just show up or if you would like more information, please give me a call.

Deacon Ken Fahlman
(306) 552-9044

Journey to the Nativity with Leah Perrault

Advent invites us to slow down, pay attention, and create space for God. Local speaker and ministry leader, Leah Perrault has prepared a simple Advent resource to help you begin the season with intention. Journey to the Nativity includes **four weekly video reflections** and a **devotional PDF guide** with a written reflection, scripture, quotes, creative prompts and gentle practices for the week ahead. It is printer-friendly or download to your device! The videos are easily accessed online. If you would like to use this in a small group, parish mission, or retreat, visit my website for a group rate or reach out to

feedmysheep@leahperrault.com. We are more than happy to support you this Advent season. You can move at your own pace and use the materials in whatever way fits your life. Instant access to all four weeks for a one-time purchase of \$28. Group rates available.

Find details and start your journey at www.leahperrault.com

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Learn more about available scholarships and how to apply at <https://campioncollege.ca/scholarships/>

Volunteers Needed for Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

The Salvation Army is urgently seeking volunteers to help staff their Christmas kettles this year. This is their largest annual fundraiser, and all funds raised stay right here in Regina to support individuals and families in need. There are **12 kettle locations across the city**, operating **daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Volunteers are invited to sign up for a time that works best for them. If you can offer even a short shift to support this important work, please contact **Lauralee Fanning at 306-757-6405**. Your generosity and presence can make a real difference this Christmas season.

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

December 12th is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, when the Catholic Church in Canada celebrates National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This initiative, coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council marks this feast as a day of prayer, solidarity and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. All are welcome to join in a local celebration of prayer and Indigenous culture at St. Cecilia Parish, Friday, December 12th at 7:00 pm. Food, refreshments, and fellowship will follow.

First Friday Adoration

The First Friday/First Saturday vigil in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held December 5 and 6, 2025, at St. Mary's Church in Regina. Priests will be available for confession at 6:30 P.M. before Holy Mass as well as after Mass. Mass will be held at 7:00 PM, followed by the all-night vigil, ending with Holy Mass at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning.

- ❖ **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