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### **Church Hall Bookings**

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### **Parish Council**

Chairperson	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	Janette Rieger
Kitchen Coordinator	Lisa Fuchs

### **Finance Council**

Chairperson	Roseann Anderson
Vice Chair	Vacant
Accountant/Treasurer	Cathy Poelzer
Building & Grounds	Mike Schneider
Members at Large	Bob Kardash

### **Representatives**

CWL President	Janette Rieger
Knights of Columbus	Allen Herman, GK

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

**December 7, 2025**

**December, 2025**

### **Prayer Intention:**

*For Christians in areas of conflict*

*Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.*



### **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

## Message from Father Yannick

Dear parishioners,

I have been alerted that a scammer has recently been impersonating me and contacting people using my name. If you receive any unexpected messages, requests for money, personal information, login codes, or anything else that seems unusual, please do not respond. I will not send a message requesting funds or otherwise from anyone.

To help keep everyone safe:

- Double-check the sender's email/phone number before replying.
- Do not click any suspicious links or provide personal information.
- If you're unsure whether a message is really from me, contact me directly through my phone number or the rectory's.

Please your vigilance is important. Thank you for your understanding, and please let me know if you've been contacted by someone pretending to be me.

### *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



Liturgy of the Word will resume after Christmas.

All children are welcome to participate.

## 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

**Reconciliation:** Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Joseph, Balgonie

**Christmas Eve Mass** Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

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

**Christmas Day** Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day of Obligation – Mary, Holy Mother of God

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

## RCIA Classes

will be held on Monday nights at St. Joseph's. Email [st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com](mailto:st.j.catechism.balgonie@gmail.com) for more information. There will be classes on December 8, 15, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## December 7, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."* MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others, or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church, or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped, but please attach the tag so we know who it was intended for. 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.

### Archbishop's Appeal

In today's readings, Isaiah envisions a peaceful reign of the Messiah, where harmony and justice flourish among all creation. St. Paul encourages us to live in hope and encouragement, building one another up in faith. John the Baptist calls us to repentance and preparation, making straight the way of the Lord. The Annual Appeal invites us to participate in this mission by supporting parish ministries that prepare hearts and lives for Christ's coming. Your generosity helps spread God's love, bringing hope, peace, and renewal to our parish and community.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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

### Collection Counters

We are looking for volunteers to help with collection counting. If you are interested or would like information regarding the duties and responsibilities, please contact:

Roseann Anderson, PFC Chair  
[randerson@myaccess.ca](mailto:randerson@myaccess.ca)  
(306) 531-9966

**Walking Together** - a program of Catholic Engaged Encounter designed to support **MARRIED COUPLES** in their vocation of marriage through accompaniment. Each evening has a topic presentation, time for the couple to reflect and share together, and sharing with the group. Drop-in sessions, no registration required. Saturdays at 7:30 pm at Holy Rosary in the O'Neill room (use the west ramp entrance) Upcoming dates: Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 11, May 9, June 6. For more information contact Miri or James Schiller at [wd1@ceecanada.ca](mailto:wd1@ceecanada.ca) or 306-535-7518.

**Getting married?** Want a weekend away to focus on your relationship? Catholic Engaged Encounter has been providing meaningful, retreat format **marriage preparation** for 50 years in 30 countries and 200 dioceses around the world. Weekends are at Briercrest in Caronport, January 30-Feb. 1 and June 19-21 For more info or to register visit [ceecanada.ca/regina](http://ceecanada.ca/regina) "A Wedding is a Day, a Marriage is a Lifetime".

### Re-Thinking Faith - Advent Retreat - Fostering A Contemplative Attitude Part 1

Keep awake and stay alert. These advent themes invite us to foster and develop what is known as a Contemplative Attitude - a particular way of being within the world that is 'highly tuned' to the presence of Christ in our midst. In this part one of a two-part Advent retreat, Deacon Eric reflects on this call to keep watch and how we might foster a contemplative attitude this Advent this week on Thinking Faith!

<https://youtu.be/2wKJliqC4y0?si=q7NSoWnmRx6ll3Ct>

### 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.

The Our Lady of Peace Parish 55+ Senior Group invites you to their monthly DANCE/LISTEN TO LIVE MUSIC on Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church, 425 Broad St. North. \$5.00 for members, \$6.00 non-members. Includes Refreshments and Goodies.

- ❖ **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      Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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