



St. Joseph's Basilica

Cathedral Church of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

AUGUST 31, 2025 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 3.17-20, 28-29 | Hebrews 12.18-19, 22-24a | Luke 14.1, 7-14

"In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy."

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LABOUR DAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Please note that the Basilica and the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labour Day.

There will be no mass celebrated.

PRIEST'S RETREAT

Father Joseph will be away on retreat September 2-5, 2025. There will only be a 5:30 pm Mass from Tuesday to Friday. There will be **no Mass** at 12:05 pm, and there will be no confessions during his absence.

TEACHING FROM THE HOLY FATHER

Dear brothers and sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Jubilee theme of "Christ our Hope", today we consider the freedom and determination shown by Jesus at the moment of his arrest in the Garden of Olives. Our Lord approaches his coming passion freely and consciously, in obedience to the will of the Father and as an act of redemptive love. In this way, he reveals the essence of true hope: the firm conviction that even in the midst of violence, injustice and suffering, God's love is ever present as a source of spiritual fruitfulness and the promise of eternal life. The way that Jesus exercised his freedom in the face of death teaches us not to fear suffering, but to persevere in confident trust in God's providential care. May our lives always be marked by this hope, born of the knowledge that if we surrender to God's will and freely give our lives in love for others, the Father's grace will sustain us in every trial and enable us to bear abundant fruit for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Click [here](#) for the full message.

*General Audience, St. Peter's Square
Wednesday, August 27, 2025*

Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9.13-18 | Philemon 9b-10, 12-17 | Luke 14.25-33

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations."

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MASS INTENTIONS:

August 31 - September 6, 2025

Sunday, August 31:

- † Gilberto Hernandez Gomez
Pro Populo
- † Emma Villanueva
- † Noodang Amornyard

Monday, September 1:

Statutory Holiday - no mass

Tuesday, September 2:

SI Grace & Patrick Wan

Wednesday, September 3:

† Grace & Louis Quadras

Thursday, September 4:

† Fr. Ian Boyd CSB

Friday, September 5:

† Gail Courtney Rodriguez

Saturday, September 6:

SI Amalia Helena Pacamalan

† = Repose of the Soul

SI = Special Intention



BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults learn about and experience the Christian life—specifically within the Roman Catholic tradition—and are welcomed into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.**

This journey is one of growing in faith and discipleship, guided by each individual's readiness. Because every faith journey is unique, we strive to honour and support each person's path.

We are also looking for **Sponsors or Godparents.** If you are a practicing Catholic over the age of 16 and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are more than welcome to join us.

Classes are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, starting September 24. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, or to be a sponsor, please contact Deacon Chris at (780) 717-5012 or Christopher.Ashdown@caedm.ca.

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to deepen your Catholic spiritual journey through Scripture reading, prayer, and fellowship with fellow parishioners?

Do you find Scripture reading difficult and don't know where to start? These are common experiences for many Catholics—both cradle and newly initiated.

Our parish will be launching an in-person Bible study group beginning Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 pm in O'Leary Hall. Anyone interested in meeting new people, engaging with Scripture, participating in meaningful discussions, and growing in faith through fellowship and prayer is welcome to come.

This fall, the Bible study group will explore *Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism*, a formal program by Ascension Press.

We have a limited number of complimentary materials available; once those are gone, the materials are \$40 per person.

If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact the parish office at (780) 488-7295 by September 11.

SSVP VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The local Basilica Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is urgently seeking a volunteer truck driver to assist with delivering furniture to individuals and families in need within our community.

Our designated day to use the SSVP truck is **Monday**. Unfortunately, without a volunteer to fill this role, we will be unable to fulfill any further furniture requests.

If you are able to help, please contact Eimear McKaigney at eimearm@ssvpedmonton.ca.

Thank you for your support!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please join us in praying for all who are beginning a new school year—students of every age, their families, teachers, and school staff. May the Lord bless them with strength, patience, and a spirit of learning and growth.

TOGETHER WE SERVE

Next weekend, September 6 & 7, is the monthly collection for *Together We Serve*.

Thank you for supporting our TWS annual appeal.

Donation envelopes are located at the entrance to the Basilica for your convenience. You may also choose to make a donation [online](#) or by e-transfer to SJB.etransfer@caedm.ca with a comment indicating that the donation is for TWS.

Total collected to August 24	\$43,471.25
Goal	\$70,000.00
Percentage achieved	62.10%

ST. JOSEPH'S BASILICA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ANNUAL LUNCH

Date: September 14, 2025

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Chateau Louis Conference Centre
11420 – 117 Street NW, Edmonton



Tickets are \$45.00 per person, payable by Cash or Cheque, made out to **CWL St. Joseph's Basilica**, or you can send an e-transfer to cwlsjb@shaw.ca

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TICKET SALES
DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 7, 2025.

SENIORS' GROUP RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER!

We're excited to welcome back all members of our Seniors' Group for another season of faith, friendship, and fellowship! Join us for our next gathering on **Wednesday, September 10**, right after the 12:05 PM Mass.

Come enjoy warm conversations, light refreshments, and meaningful connections. New members are always welcome!

Please call the parish office at (780) 488-7295 to register.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Use of Bells at Mass

Did you know that the little bells rung during the Consecration at Mass have a deep meaning? They're meant to draw our attention to the most sacred moment — when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Historically, the bells helped alert those who couldn't hear or understand the prayers that something profoundly holy was happening. Today, they serve as a gentle reminder to refocus our hearts and minds during the Eucharist.

CANTORS WANTED

St Joseph's Basilica has several Masses every weekend led by a solo cantor. This is a vital part of the Basilica's liturgy and is carried out by volunteer singers. If you think you would like to serve the Basilica in this important role as part of our music ministry team, please contact the Director of Music at basilica.music@caedm.ca.

We are looking for people with good voices who are keen to be involved with the liturgical life of the Basilica. Knowledge of how to read music and some singing experience would be an advantage.

All volunteers are required to comply with the Archdiocesan Safe Environments and Abuse Prevention program.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 I BELIEVE CATECHESIS SERIES

"*I believe*" is a seven-part catechesis series on the Nicæan Creed marking the 1700th Anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea.



The next session will be held on September 25, 2025, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park at 7:00 pm.

It will be presented by Fr. Matthew Hysell, OP.

Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Join in person or online via the [ArchEdmonton YouTube channel](#).

"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." --St. Augustine of Hippo

Basilica Hours

Weekdays: 11:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday: 11:00am to 7:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am to 7:00pm

Statutory Holidays: Closed

Mass Times

Weekdays: 12:05pm, 5:30pm

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 5:00pm

Statutory Holiday Monday: No Mass

Adoration

First Friday: 12:30pm to 5:20pm

All other Fridays: 4:00pm to 5:20pm

Confessions

Weekdays: 11:30am - 12:00pm

4:30pm - 5:20pm

Saturday: 4:30pm - 4:55pm

Parish Office

Weekdays: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Closed on all Statutory Holidays

For any updates, or for special Mass times and liturgical schedules, please check our website at www.stjosephbasilica.com

LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

Sunday – 10:30 am

All live-streamed Masses and celebrations can be found on [Facebook](#) OR [YouTube](#)

We thank Connelly-McKinley Funeral Homes for their generous donation of paper for our Sunday bulletin.



DONATE TO ST. JOSEPH'S BASILICA

- If you wish to set up pre-authorized monthly donations to the parish, please complete the form [here](#) and submit it to our parish accountant.
- To donate online, access the parish donation page [here](#), or scan the QR code seen to the right.
- To donate using e-Transfer, the email address is SJB.etransfer@caedm.ca.



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If you haven't already set up an account, please do so at formed.org and select "I belong to a parish" and type in our postal code T5K 1N8. Use your free account to login and access a variety of resources.



Hope & Dignity is a pastoral initiative in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to equip Catholics to be effective witnesses in their families, parishes, workplaces and communities. In response to the pro-"MAID" messages we hear from the secular media, government and even our highest court, the Catholic Church offers **real hope** and **true dignity** to those who are suffering and dying.

A Catholic response to

**Euthanasia
and Assisted Suicide**

For more information, visit:

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