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PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Joby
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday.....4pm
Sunday.....10am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wed, Fri....9am

Online Mass from St. Joseph's:

Sunday.....10am

<https://www.facebook.com/StJparish2020/>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30am-2pm

DEACON

Rev. Mr. Berkley
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It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Colombians need your help now

Monday, August 10's earthquake has killed hundreds, injured thousands and left a trail of destruction in Colombia. The final human and economic toll will be much heavier. Among the hardest-hit regions is Chocó, one of Colombia's poorest departments. Its mostly Afro-Colombian and Indigenous residents faced great hardships before this disaster struck. At 7:34 a.m. local time on Monday, August 10, 2026, a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck the municipality of San José del Palmar, in the Chocó Department in western Colombia. The worst effects are in the departments of Chocó, Valle del Cauca, Risaralda, Quindío and Caldas; impacts have been reported in half of the country's 32 departments. A day later, the official toll stood at 2,595 people injured and 224 killed with most fatalities occurring in Cali, Colombia's third-largest city. The United States Geological Survey estimates it likeliest fatalities will exceed 1,000 and economic losses will range from US\$1 to 10 billion, which would make this one of the worst earthquakes in the country's history. Fortunately, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's local partner, Cáritas Colombiana, immediately mobilized its staff and volunteers to begin providing food, water, shelter, clothing, hygiene supplies and medication to vulnerable survivors. [Learn more](#)

We have allocated \$50,000 to support these initial efforts. But we know addressing immediate needs, let alone eventually working on recovery and rehabilitation, will require more. We are calling you to be a vehicle of the Christian hope Pope Leo XIV prayed for our Lord to "pour out upon the beloved Colombian people...."

Please give generously to help earthquake-affected families in Colombia.

Welcome to St. Joseph's!
We're so glad you're here!

This Week's Events in Our Parish:

Monday August 24

Tuesday August 25

Wednesday August 26

9am Mass

Thursday August 27

No Mass

Friday August 28

9am Mass

9:30 - 2pm Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Deacon Berkley would like to thank everyone who donated school supplies and money to St. Joseph's Closet. And a thank you to the CWL for their donation of sneakers. The people and children were very appreciative!

Thank you to those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting last Saturday. Anyone wishing a copy of the report handed out can contact the Parish Office.

A Little Humour

A couple is in church. The wife says to her husband, "I've let out one of those silent farts, what do I do?" The husband says, "Change the battery in your hearing aid."

What do you call a sleepwalking nun? A roamin' Catholic.

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "Because white is the color of happiness, and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But then why is the groom wearing black?"

REVENUE

Aug 15 & 16

Envelopes	2304.00	Loose	341.55	D & P	50.00
Cemetery	285.00	Initial	40.00		
E-transfers (Aug 15 - Aug 21): Regular	170.00				
Vision	100.00				

Average PAD amount per week: 707.50

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9-4:30

Tuesday 9-12, administration afternoon

PASTORAL STAFF

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Pastoral Council Chair - Cathy MacDonald

Liturgy Committee Chair - Marina Martens

Finance Committee Chair - Kevin MacEachern

Fundraising Committee Chair - Louise Campbell

Property Committee Chair - Sandra Praught

Cemetery Committee Chair - Gelas Boudreau

Catholic Women's League - Grace MacDonald, President

Knights of Columbus - Craig Power, Grand Knight

Upcoming Meetings:

CWL Meeting - Sunday Sept. 6, following 10am Mass

Finance Committee Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 8 @ 6pm

KOC Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 8 @ 6:30pm

Liturgy Committee Meeting - Wednesday, Sept. 9 @ 6:30pm

A colorful poster for St. Joseph's Faith Formation. At the top, it says "St. Joseph FAITH FORMATION" in large, colorful letters, with "REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!" in a yellow banner below. A banner below that says "Growing in Faith • Learning Together • Walking with Jesus". Text in the center says "Children and youth are invited to join our Faith Formation programs for the upcoming year!". On the left, under "SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS", it lists "GRADE 2 First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Mondays" and "GRADE 9 Confirmation Mondays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM". On the right, under "FAITH FORMATION CLASSES", it lists "GRADES 1-8 MONDAY EVENINGS 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM". At the bottom, it says "Everyone is Welcome! Come grow in faith, build friendships, and discover God's love in a fun and welcoming community." and "REGISTER TODAY! Faith Formation Coordinator Nancy Day". Contact information includes "902-625-1264" and "stjoereled@gmail.com". A footer at the bottom says "WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOUR FAMILY TO ST. JOSEPH FAITH FORMATION!".

Please note that Confirmation classes will be starting September 21, 3-4pm

Students in Grade 9 and up who have been Baptized and have First Communion are eligible to join. Registration Forms are available at the back of the church, or email stjoereled@gmail.com, 902-625-1264

Please register your student now!

Judique KOC Brunch @ Judique Community Center

Sun Aug 23 10:30-12:30 Adults \$12 Children \$6

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK - Lord hear our prayer for those who are sick, and for those who care for them, may they find strength and courage through faith. Please keep Mark Britten, Paul Steele, Joanne MacDonald, Jessica MacDonald, Carolyn Boudreau, Segundina Maqui, Tony Harding, and Pauline Campbell, in your prayers. If you would like to have your loved ones prayed for please call the parish office.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Baptism Preparation/Marriage - Please contact the parish office, for Marriage, one year prior to making arrangements

Pastoral Visits - Communion is brought to sick and shut-ins on the first Friday of the month. If you or a family member would appreciate a visit, contact the Parish Office

WAYS TO DONATE:

ETRANSFERS: (st.joe.ph@ns.sympatico.ca) Please specify the fund in the message portion

PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT: Call our office to get started

MASS CARDS/MEMORIALS: Please phone the office
Please remember your parish in your will.