



St. Joseph the Worker—Memorial—May 1

St. Joseph, the beloved spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and earthly father of Jesus, is celebrated twice by the Catholic Church every year — first on March 19 for the feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, and again on May 1 for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

While the saint's March feast dates back to the 10th century, his May feast wasn't instituted until 1955. What was behind it?

Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, 1955 so that it would coincide with International Workers Day, also known as May Day — a secular celebration of labor and workers' rights. During this time, the Soviet Union proclaimed themselves as the defender of workers and utilized May Day as an opportunity to exalt Communism and

parade its military prowess. Pope Pius XII chose the date specifically to ensure that workers did not lose the Christian understanding of work.

In his address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers on that day in 1955, Pius XII said: "There could not be a better protector to help you penetrate the spirit of the Gospel into your life...From the Heart of the Man-God, Savior of the world, this spirit flows into you and into all men; but it is certain that no worker has ever been as perfectly and deeply penetrated by it as the putative Father of Jesus, who lived with Him in the closest intimacy and commonality of family and work." He added: "So, if you want to be close to Christ, We also today repeat to you 'Ite to Ioseph': Go to Joseph!"

The Catholic Church has long placed an importance on the dignity of human work. By working, we fulfill the commands found in the Book of Genesis to care for the earth and be productive in our labors.

In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens* ("Through Work..."), Pope John Paul II wrote that "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

St. Joseph is considered a role model of this as he worked tirelessly to protect and provide for his family as he strove to listen to and obey God.

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation (March 31, 2026)

Total Income—\$40,870.48

Total Expense—\$36,535.12

NET INCOME—\$4,335.36

We are richly blessed and we encourage you to remember that the Shaunavon Food Bank is always in need of donations. Please continue to give generously!



Gospel John 10 1-10

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved



Masses This Week

Mon, Apr. 27, 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Joseph/Raelyn Graban by Wayne/Eileen Ottenbreit

Tues, Apr. 28, 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Joanne Hanson by Vicki Kagatani

Wed, Apr. 29, 9:00 a.m.

+Todd Feist by Sr. Bernadette Feist, osu

Thurs, Apr. 30, 9:00 a.m.

+Francis McGrath by Joan Girodat

Fri, May 1—First Friday Eucharistic Devotions

6:30 p.m.—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Rosary/Confessions

7:30 p.m.—Benediction/Mass

Intentions of Priestly/Religious Vocations

Saturday, May 2

Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo

Admiral—7:00 p.m.

+Yvette Cote by Bertha Tinant

Sunday, May 3

Climax—9:00 a.m.

Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.

+Gerald Nelson by Philip/Linda Lewans

Fr. Ronald Andree

Pastor

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

½ hour before daily Mass and

Saturdays 11 a.m. to Noon

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OUR MINISTRIES

MEETINGS

LECTORS

April 26

Lexi Cadieux
Debbie Olesen
Irene Cadieux

May 3

Karl McCuaig
Vicki Kagatani
Irene Cadieux

ALTAR SERVERS

April 26

Isaiah
Kamilah
Reggie

May 3

Hieu
Micah
Jack

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

April 26

Teacher – Larissa
Helper – Micah

May 3

Teacher – Amanda
Helper - Anna

USHERS/GREETERS

April 26

Murray and Ben

May 3

Greg and Crystal

- Pastoral/Finance Council—Tues, Apr. 28, 7:00 p.m.



Celebrating all Mothers and Grandmothers!

Fellowship lunch after Mass, Sunday, May 10th

Bring your cameras for a photobooth!

All proceeds to Youth Program.

TOONIES FOR TUITION

Holy Trinity Catholic School Division will once again be participating in the **Toonies for Tuition** campaign, a national initiative led by the Canadian Catholic School Trustees' Association. This meaningful campaign invites students, families, and staff across Canada to donate Toonies (or any amount) to support Catholic education.

We encourage you to donate to the Toonies for Tuition jar in our foyer. This year's donation link is now live. Please click on the link to support Toonies for Tuition.

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