

PARISH RENEWAL PLAN



St. Joseph Parish Year One Focus - Prayer

Themes for 5 Year Plan – Years in Focus

- Prayer 2025-2026
- Study 2026-2027
- Generosity 2027-2028
- Evangelization 2028-2029
- Vocation 2029-2030

The Five Areas of **PARISH LIFE BEING RENEWED**

WORD Formation on the living Word of God, Tradition, and teachings of the Church

WORSHIP Formation of liturgical and spiritual life

COMMUNITY Formation of vibrant and supporting community of faith

SERVICE Formation of charity, justice, and compassion

**LEADERSHIP/
STEWARDSHIP** Formation of financial, human, and temporal stewardship

WORD

1. Ministries are invited to pray each month for the other ministries in our parish
2. The book, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" will be given during Advent. Over Advent and Christmas you can read, and in the new year study groups will be formed to share the book and be able to connect with others in the parish
3. A Bible study will take place in the Spring
4. A Lenten Mission on Lectio Divina and how to live the word of God in Daily Life
5. Prayer Partner Program for Sacramental Prep, encouraging our parishioner to pray for the candidates receiving the Sacraments

WORSHIP

1. 40 Hours of Adoration for Vocations in the Spring
2. Rosary and Social during the months of May & October with Social to follow on Tuesdays during the month.
3. Information Session during the Sacramental Prep course to introduce candidates to the Altar Serving Program
4. Liturgies as an evangelization effort to use music to draw families to God
5. "A Minute in the Church" – The Mass explained in one minute explanations

COMMUNITY

1. Rejuvenating a Parish Social Committee
2. Including a conscious effort to include prayer in every activity that we do
3. One family friendly event to be organized quarterly
4. Music Jam once per month
5. Create a plan to for all our current communications tools
6. Highlight one or two ministries each weekend either through a table in the lobby posters, pulpit announcements, Flocknotes, Facebook, TV slide show

SERVICE

1. Draw attention to ways that people in the parish can be attentive to the needs of the poor, perhaps through St. Vincent de Paul.
2. Increase volunteers in the parish to foster connections with other ministries, which may include rosary, invitations to people for RCIA, Feed the Hungry, reaching out to see if there are opportunities to serve
3. We will give out bookmarks to people with a prayer to St. Joseph, and contact information for the parish so people may feel welcome to join our community
4. Pro-Life Initiative in May

LEADERSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

1. Encouraging all parishioners & volunteers to attend parish events, socials, Missions
2. Parking: Liaise with low-income housing builder and the City of Calgary Councillor to minimize impact on church building. Continue to monitor the impact of the parking demand on parish activities
3. Build a fence to ensure that parishioners are able to access the church parking
4. Evaluate new communication tools for Parish Council to communicate with Ministry Leaders, as well as between Ministry Leaders