

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023



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Ding Dong, the Bells ALL Ring!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for repairing our bells. They sound so beautiful as they ring out the hourly time and chime the Angelus (at noon & 6:00 pm) to our city.

World Mission Sunday, October 22

This is a global celebration of the universal church. Your prayers and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools and the training of priests. The donations that the Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday will assist them to be self-sufficient and continue to flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most. *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

Remembering the Faithful Departed Mass, Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm

At our annual memorial Mass the name of anyone whose funeral was celebrated in our church will be read aloud. If you have an immediate family member (parent, sibling or child) who died in the past year, we invite you to call the office *before noon on Friday, Oct. 27*. Their name will be read aloud as well. If you have loved ones who have died in past years, this Mass is a way to remember and pray for them, though their names will not read be out. All are welcome.

Screen Volunteers Needed

Our "Tech Team" operates our projector screens at each of the Sunday Masses. The time commitment is approximately once per month. Minor tech experience required - training provided. If you are interested in joining our team email stjoesmediagp@gmail.com

October 21 - 29 Dates to Remember

Sat 21: 9:30 - noon, Altar Servers' practice, church
1 - 4 pm, Altar Servers' practice, church
9:45 am - 1 pm, Youth Ministry Leader Workshop, Tranquille Hall
10 am, Our Father Retreat, St JP II Room
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room
Mon 23: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed 25: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
Thurs 26: 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JP II Room
Sat 28: 9:30 - noon, Altar Servers' practice, church
1 - 4 pm, Altar Servers' practice, church
2 - 4 pm, All Saints Costume Party, Tranquille Hall

All Saints Costume Party October 28, 2 - 4 pm.



Help needed (set up, snacks, run games, bouncy castle supervision, or clean up). Short shifts available. Contact Kristen ASAP

The annual Archbishop's Dinner - Friday, Nov. 3

Hosted this year by Deanery One in McLennan at École Providence School. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Speaker: Archbishop Pettipas
Silent auction and egg raffle. Tickets: \$35
To purchase tickets contact the parishes in Deanery One (McLennan, Girouxville and Falher), e-mail Karen.nkben@iwantwireless.ca or call the Archdiocese office, 780-532-9766.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca
Our 2022 Annual Financial Report came out this summer. Copies available on the literature rack near the entrance to the church or on our website under News - Letters & Notices. Donation options can be found on our website.

SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Zara Lake and Jasmine & Liam Kingsley into our family of faith. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with joy!

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. For information check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or call Beatriz at the parish office, ext. 228.

Family & Children's ministry

Kristen Henry ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

If you have expressed interest in Family & Children's Ministries (including Welcome Table, Offertory Gift Bearers, and Coffee & Cookies) and have not received an email from Kristen, please accept my apologies. Please phone the office or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca. Let's make sure we talk!

Mom's Group Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: October 26

Offertory Gift Bearers needed! This is a great way for families to get involved.

Training provided after Mass October 21 & 22.



(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed

Registration forms at Welcome Table
Next gathering: October 26

Liturgy of the Word With Children (age 4 - grade 3)
Children gather during Sunday Mass to hear the Gospel and discuss it. Youth and adult leaders and helpers needed (screening required). Adult leaders and helpers attend one training session.

Posada Planning Committee needs your talent.
Deadline for talent November 4. Email: sjc.posada@gmail.com



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gatherings: October 21st
and November 4th



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
October 21 - Murder Mystery Party.
RSVP April stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com
& receive your character assignment.
Next gathering: November 4th



(Gr. 7 - 9) 1st & 3rd Fridays
7 - 8:30 pm in the St JP II Room
Next gathering: November 3

Programs at St. Joseph HS

Music & Muffins: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel
Encounter (faith leadership): Tuesday at Lunch in room 141

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Thursdays at lunch: (formerly known as Encounter) focuses on social justice and building awareness within the school and community.

Hosts for NET Ministries Needed

From March 9 - 31 NET (Nation Evangelization Teams) will be in our diocese providing retreats for our youth and schools. We are looking for people willing to billet/host missionaries. You would provide food and a place to sleep for 2 guys or 2 girls for any amount of time within their visit to GP (could be 3 days - 3 weeks). For more information contact April at the parish office.

ADULT FORMATION



FORMED - LIBERATING A CONTINENT: JOHN PAUL II

AND THE FALL OF COMMUNISM This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Quilting Bee-Levers Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm in Liguori Hall. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Please contact the office for information.

Ladies' Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

Upcoming choir rehearsals at the church:

Saturday, November 4, 10 - 11:30 am

Saturday, December 2, 10 - 11:30 am

Gift Shop Volunteers needed after all weekend Masses. If you are interested in helping, contact Theresa, threejtr@telusplanet.net

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 23 - 28

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 23, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jerry & Tee Backmeyer

Tues. 24, 7 pm: ✠ Bertha Meyer

Wed. 25, 12:15 pm: ✠ Charles Desjarlais

7 pm: ✠ Marcel Garant

Thurs. 26, 7 pm: Jill & Adam Gongos

Fri. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Charles Desjarlais

Sat. 28, 9 am: ✠ Pablo Liong

GENERAL INFO

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Roland Maillet
Cecile Thibeault Ken O'Shea
John Zintel Millie Wrzosek
Lucy Kolebaba Wilfred Wanihadie
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk
Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
The deceased, especially
Maximo Engcong

CWL Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov. 18,



Tranquille Hall, 2 - 4 pm.

Donations of baking would be appreciated. Bring your contribution between 6 & 8 pm

Friday, Nov 17, or Saturday morning, 9 - 11 am.



The Family & Children and Youth Ministries are collecting for this annual service project for St Lawrence Center.

Donations of warm mittens, gloves, scarves, toques, hand warmers and candy are needed. Please bring donations labelled "Blessing Bags" to the parish office, or to Family & Children's events.

Items Needed for Samaritan's Basket (our outreach program)

Travel sized shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes. As the weather is cooling, mittens, gloves and winter socks are also needed.

Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandepairie

Bible & Beers: Thurs, Oct. 26, 7:45 pm, State & Main

Catholic Family Services Annual General Meeting,
Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm at Catholic Family
Services in the Garrett Family Centre, 10105 102 St.

Archdiocese 2022 Annual Report: Statistics, finances
and an overview of all the ministries in our churches.
Pick up a copy in the back of the church or get your
digital copy at <https://www.archgm.ca/annual-reports/>

Items Needed at the Salvation Army Foodbank:
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, body wash
shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, pasta sauce, diced
tomatoes, large beans, rice, crackers, snacks, tomato
paste, oatmeal, jello/pudding, Kraft dinner, juice (1L),
canned fruit, boxed soup, canned pasta (spaghetti,
Alphagetti). Bring your donation on Sunday or drop it
directly at the Food Bank.

PLEASE NOTE: Only bring *NON-PERISHABLE* food
items to Mass to donate to the Foodbank (no dairy,
bread, fruit, vegetables, etc.)

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

There are a growing number of people who are
sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest
of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of
our parish family, please consider cutting back on the
amount of scented products that you wear to church,
or refrain from wearing any at all.

Sunday Readings

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Social Responsibility*

Isaiah 45:1, 4 - 6. Rewards to Cyrus, king of Persia
1 Thessalonians 1:1 - 5ab. A model for believers
Matthew 22:15 - 21. Paying tax to the emperor

Key Passage: Then he said to them, "Give therefore
to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the
things that are God's." *Matthew 22:21*

Question: Who needs help in your neighbourhood or
community. What could you and your family do to
help?

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Church Parking Do not park along curbs or in
laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for
emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to
leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at
the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to
turn corners. *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from
emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in
non-designated areas, is your responsibility.
Please be mindful of our church neighbours:
Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's
parking lot.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Regular Mass Schedule (September - June)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	12:15 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	7:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am

Senior's Lodge Masses at 10:30 am:

1st Tuesday - The Gardens
1st Friday - Heritage Lodge
2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor
3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening	7:00 pm
Sunday morning	9:00 & 11:00 am

Confessions: Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, or by
appointment (call the parish office)

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help at
Wednesday Masses.

Baptism for Infants & Young Children:

saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or contact
Beatriz at the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of
your child) about Baptism Preparation for parents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a
Catholic Church must begin preparation *at least 8*
months prior to their wedding date.

Call Darlene, ext. 224, or email sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca

**Interested in joining the church or completing
sacraments?** Contact ext. 224, or email
sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Open after weekend
Masses

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured.
stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com