

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2023



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Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available [online](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments), until
September 30, 2023. Go to
saintjoseph.ca/sacraments to register.

In our archdiocese, children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate *Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6*. All children receiving sacraments in the 2023/2024 school year, whether they attend Catholic school or otherwise, must be registered online. You need to provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parish office.

Looking for connection? Join us for faith sharing and become a part of our community. *Ultreya* is a part of the *Cursillo* movement but this gathering is open to everyone. The next *Ultreya* is Friday, September 22, in the church at 7 pm. Note: you need not have attended a *Cursillo* weekend to join us. Looking forward to seeing you!

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.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada next weekend, September 23/24: Support the

Bishops of Canada in proclaiming the Good News
This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.
Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

September 17 - 24 Dates to Remember

Sun. 17: 2 - 4 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall
Mon 18: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed. 20: Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room
Thurs. 21: 10 - 11:30 am, Ladies "Walk with Me",
Fri. 22: 7 pm, Ultreya, church
Sat. 23: 9:30 am - noon, Altar Servers, church
1 - 4 pm, Altar Servers, church



Friday, September 29, 7 - 9:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall
Cocktails 6:30 pm

Ladies, join us for a beautiful and inspiring evening of prayer, music, fellowship, catered charcuterie, raffles, coffee, tea, sparkling juice and wine.

Guest Speaker: Candice Edey

Proceeds will support Catholic Family Services.

Tickets \$30, available on Eventbrite, (scan the QR code) or at the back of the church after weekend Masses.

This is an 18+ event as wine will be served.



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 Lilly Lis into our family of faith. We pray that her 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.



Ladies "Walk With Me", Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: September 21

Offertory Gift Bearers needed! This is a great way to make the Mass real for children and youth. Training this Sunday, Sept. 17 after Mass in the back of church.



(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)
2nd & 4th Thursdays
Volunteers needed
Registration open

Liturgy of the Word With Children (age 4 - grade 3)
Children gather during Sunday Mass to hear the Gospel proclaimed, then discuss it together. Youth and adult leaders and helpers needed (screening and training provided).

Children's Bookshelf - help yourself to our collection of faith-based books during Mass. Volunteers needed to tidy and maintain books.

Family Movie (Formed) Sunday, Sept 17, 2 - 4 pm
Tranquille Hall. Bring something comfy to sit on!



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Youth Choir and High School Youth

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday, Youth Choir at 7 pm Mass in the church.

High School Youth (gr. 9 - 12) meet in the SJPII Room following mass from 8 - 10 pm.

Next gathering: September 16



EDGE (gr.7 - 9) 7 - 9 pm

in the St JP II Room

Next gathering: October 6

All students in grades 7 - 9 join us for friends, faith, fun & food.

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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Encounter (faith leadership): Thursdays at Lunch in room 1018

Youth Ministry Leadership Workshops

Attend these sessions to learn more about youth ministry and how to lead and inspire young people in the parish community.

Session 1 (on Zoom): October 14th 9:45am- 1pm

Fundamentals of Youth Ministry by Fr. Santo Arrigo CSSR

Session 2 (St. Joseph Church): October 21st 9:45-1pm

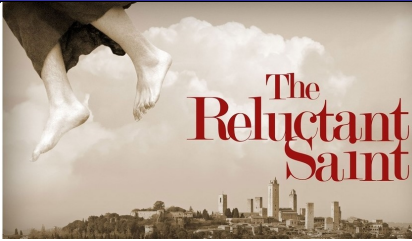
Tools for Youth Ministry - Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

Use the QR Code to Register or go to archgm.ca



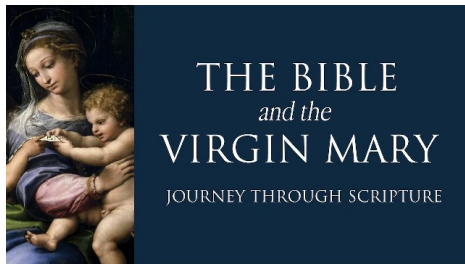
Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

ADULT FORMATION



FORMED - THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. In the impoverished village of seventeenth century Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant abbot to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca



The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Journey Through Scripture

New Bible study on the Virgin Mary starting on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:45 pm in Tranquille Hall. Please email Jean-Marc at 402guene@telus.net to register. Cost: \$30 per participant. Come and see Mary as you've never seen her.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 18 - 23

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 18, 12:15 pm: ✠ Lucille Normandeau

Tues. 19, 7 pm: Anne Long

Wed. 20, 12:15 pm: ✠ Helma Fletcher

7 pm: ✠ Lucas & Peter Nunes

Thurs. 21, 7 pm: ✠ Buster & Margie Duncan /
✠ Rex Duncan

Fri. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Leslie Scantland

Sat. 23, 9 am: ✠ Peter Wiebe

GENERAL INFO

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Millie Wrzosek
 Agnes Guenette Wilfred Wanihadie
 Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk
 Ellis Kootenay, father of Ashley Gaboury
 Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
 Denise Hrushka, sister of Marie Guest
The deceased, especially Agatha Croteau
 Janina Leskiewicz, grandmother of Paulina Kaczmarek

Prayers for Healing, this Thursday, Sept. 21, following 7 pm Mass in the church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

Please note: Clergy and parish staff **NEVER** solicit donations or gift cards through email or text.

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.

Altar Server Training Fall 2023

If you have a child interested in serving please fill out a registration form, available in the altar server drawer by the Sacristy. Contact Donna 780-512-7667 (phone/text) or email murrdonn@telus.net. If you have already filled out a registration form and have not heard from Donna, please contact her.

Adult Volunteers Needed to Assist with Altar Server Training Please reach out to Donna, 780-512-7667, or email murrdonn@telus.net

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.

Northern Light is our Archdiocese's monthly Magazine. *Renew your yearly subscription* (or become a subscriber) at www.archgm.ca - \$70. Peruse in-depth stories, photo spreads and features from Catholic communities across our region!

The Archdiocese has an exciting job opportunity for a full-time **Secretary to the Archbishop**.

See the full details for this position at <https://www.archgm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Job-ad-Secretary-to-the-Archbishop.pdf>

Interested candidates should e-mail a cover letter and resume to jobs.agm@outlook.com

Volunteers needed for Evacuees from the NWT

Many wildfire evacuees from the NWT have come to Grande Prairie, and the Friendship Centre is one of the main supports in place to meet the extra need. They need help sorting donations, serving meals, keeping the facility clean, as well as some upcoming non-evacuee related events, such as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30th which will be run in Muskoseepi Park. If you are interested in volunteering email Orren:

orrenanderson@gpfriendship.com

He will send details and requirements for volunteering at the Friendship Centre.

Please be mindful of our church neighbor's:

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot.

Sunday Readings

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Forgiveness and Mercy*

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7. Call to forgiveness and mercy
Romans 14:7 - 9. To live and die for Christ
Matt. 18:21 - 35. The merciless official

Key Passage: Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." *Matthew 18:21 - 22*

Question: When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

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Oliver's Funeral Home is hosting: *Paint, Sip & Grieve*

A social evening of painting and wine!

Tuesday, September 26, 7 - 9 pm \$40/person

Cost includes all supplies needed and 1 drink ticket.

After a loss, it can be hard to get out and socialize, but it is so important for our mental health.

De-stress and connect with family, friends and others who have experienced a loss.

There are a limited number of seats available. Please register at www.oliversfuneralhome.com/paint-night/

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: Check after weekend Masses

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

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