

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Christ the King
November 26, 2023



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Website: saintjoseph.ca

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE at 4 pm next Friday,
December 1.

Mercy Monday - December 11

Priests will be available for the Sacrament of
Reconciliation from 1:00 - 8:00 pm.

Take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual
healing. All ages welcome.

Warm Winter Woolies Collection - *Starts the first
Sunday in Advent.* Warm winter wear is sorely
needed in our community, especially during
extreme cold. Donations of new socks, mitts, gloves,
toques & scarves are welcome. A collection bin will
be in the entrance to the church. Thank you for
helping to make winter a little more bearable for
those who have less.

Filipino Mass, Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 1pm, in the
church

Presider: Fr. Nel Esguerra

Lunch, fellowship & FAGPA AGM follows in
Tranquille Hall. *Please contact Tessie for details,*
dotgr@hotmail.com

Advent material available. Check the table in the
entrance to the church. Suggested donation: \$3.00
As well, formed.org has Advent resources for
individuals and families. Sign up for FORMED on our
website: saintjoseph.ca

2023/2024 Sunday Missals & Children's Missals are
available in the entrance to the church, by donation.

2024 Donation envelopes available in the Grouard
Room, Nov. 25/26, until the weekend of Dec. 18/19,
or stop by the office during office hours.

November 26 - December 3 Dates to Remember
Mon 27: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed 29: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
Thurs 30: 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group
Sat. 2: 10 - 11:30 am, Choir Practice, church
1 pm, Filipino Mass, church
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

Christmas Masses

Sunday, Dec 24: 4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

9:00 pm

12:00 am (midnight)

Monday, Dec 25: 10:00 am

•We are not giving out tickets for Masses

•Overflow from the church will be seated in
Tranquille Hall where the Mass will be live-streamed
to the screen.

•The 4:00 & 6:30 pm Masses are more suited for
young children.

It is likely that the 4:00 & 6:30 pm Masses will be
attended by more people, so you may want to plan
to attend one of the other Christmas Masses.

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.

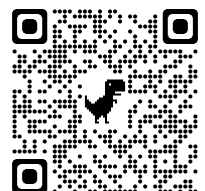
If you are interested in joining our team email
stjoesmediagp@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227

sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca

Donation options can be found on our
website.



SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Wilder Hernandez Sanchez, Shanna McCrea and Hunter & Beckett Ostere 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.



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 (formerly known as Ladies Walk With Me) Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: November 30, Tranquille Hall

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



(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed
Registration forms at Welcome Table
Next gathering: December 14

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gathering: December 2



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: December 2



(Gr. 7 - 9) 1st & 3rd Fridays
7 - 8:30 pm in the St JP II Room
Next gathering: December 17

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

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 (3 days - 3 weeks). For more information contact April at the parish office.

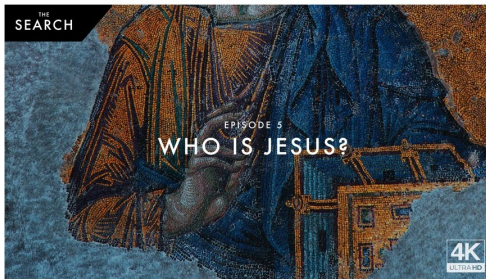


Young Adults 18+

@ignitegrandeprairie

Check Facebook for upcoming events.

ADULT FORMATION



FORMED - Who is Jesus? The Search Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Advent Retreat - Dec. 9, 9:30am - 3:30pm

Upstairs in the St JP II Room

Topic: Come as a Child

Cost: \$30, coffee and snacks provided.

Bring a bag lunch. Limited to 25 participants.

Register: allanforsberg43@gmail.com

Sponsored by Peace Retreats.

Choir rehearsal in the church:

Saturday, December 2, 10 - 11:30 am

Communion Ministry to the Hospital and

Homebound: We are forming a team of people to take Communion to people who are sick in the hospital and another team for people in their homes who cannot make it to Mass. If God is calling you to this ministry, please call the parish office.

GENERAL INFO

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Koffi Kouadid

Sherrie Ratvay

Roland Maillet

John Zintel

Lucy Kolebaba

Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur

Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk

Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes

The deceased, especially

Josef Panasiuk

Elizabeth Katchie

Helen McDonald

Helen Hobley

Cecile Thibeault

Millie Wrzosek

Wilfred Wanihadie

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

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.

Book of Remembrance - It is a long standing tradition in the church to remember the deceased in a special way during the month of November. Our Book of Remembrance will be on a table in the entrance to the church for the entire month. You are welcome to inscribe in it the names of your loved ones who have died.

Please be mindful of our church neighbours:

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

Church Parking With the coming of snow the lines in the parking lot are covered and it becomes difficult to gauge where to park. Please do not park along curbs or in laneways and leave adequate space at the end of rows (at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners). *For your information:* any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 2

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 27, 9 am: ✠ Rob Kalinowski

Tues. 28, 7 pm: ✠ Loren Wilson

Wed. 29, 12:15 pm: Kevin & Chelsea Bradley

7 pm: Lou & Barb Martin

Thurs. 30: Fr. Remi Hebert, C.Ss.R.

Fri. 1, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Louise Dechant

12:15 pm: ✠ Beatrice Alido Patulot

Sat. 2, 9 am: Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R.

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

Catholic Family Services Christmas Hampers

Options for donating:

- Cash
- Purchase gifts, gift cards or food
- Adopt an entire family. We provide the number of children, ages, and gender and a grocery list of the minimum number of groceries for each hamper. All donations gratefully accepted! Questions? Please call Harmony or Natasha, 780-532-9381. Thank you for helping make Christmas wishes come true!

Come & See Weekend, January 26 - 28

St Joseph Seminary, Edmonton

Are you or someone you know considering the priesthood? This is for all men (in Grade 12 or older) open to religious life. Information and registration form at www.archgm.ca/comeandsee

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

Christ the King: *The Final Judgement*

Ezekiel 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17. Parable of the shepherds
1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28. Christ, the first fruits
Matthew 25:31 - 46. The last judgement

Key Passage: Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." *Matthew 25:45*

Question: If you were to be judged today by God, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?

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Bear Creek Funeral Home: *A Time to Remember*

Wednesday, December 6, 7 pm No charge.

For information and to register check their website <https://bearcreekfuneral.com/> or call 780-830-7742.

Events hosted by Oliver's Funeral Home:

Nov. 21: Surviving the Holidays

Dec. 3: Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 13: Christmas Memories Ornament Craft

To register and for information contact Oliver's, <https://www.oliversfuneralhome.com/>

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