

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 5, 2023



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**Canadian Missions Collection is next Sunday, November 12.** Mission activity was the first action of the Apostles. When Canada began, French missionaries accompanying explorers continued that action in North America. Four hundred years later, some areas have yet to be fully established. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers and support. *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph church.*

**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.

 **Games Knight - Thursday, November 9**  
Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy Crib, Canasta & board games for kids.  
5:30 pm: Mac & Cheese, salad, garlic bread and mashed potatoes supplied by Mr. Mike's.  
Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.  
Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.

**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](mailto:stjoesmediagp@gmail.com)

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

## November 4 - 12 Dates to Remember

- Sat 4:** 10 - 11:30 am, Choir Practice, church  
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office  
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room  
Following 7 pm Mass, St. Catherine School Art Show  
Tranquille Hall
- Sun. 5:** Following 9 & 11 am Masses, St. Catherine School Art Show, Tranquille Hall
- Mon 6:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Tues 7:** 7:30 pm, Ignite Young Adults, St JP11 Room
- Wed 8:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- Thurs 9:** 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group  
5:30 pm, Games Knight, Tranquille Hall
- Sun. 12:** Following 9 & 11 am Masses, St Lawrence Sandwich Making, Tranquille Hall



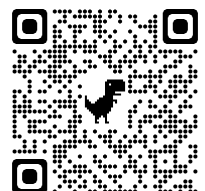
**Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 am** turn your clocks back one hour to be sure to get that extra hour of sleep!

**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 who cannot make it to Mass due to illness. If God is calling you to this ministry, please call the parish office.

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca)

Donation options can be found on our website.



## SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 [sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca)

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Joachim Sacedon into our family of faith. We pray that his 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/](http://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](mailto: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 9, St. JP II Room

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



(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Volunteers needed  
Registration forms at Welcome Table  
Next gathering: November 23

**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.

**Posada Planning Committee needs your talent.**  
Next planning meeting: November 2. Deadline for talent November 4. Email: [sjc.posada@gmail.com](mailto:sjc.posada@gmail.com)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday  
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.  
Next gatherings:  
November 4 & 18



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday  
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room  
Next gatherings: November 4 & 18



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

### Programs at St. Joseph HS

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

### Programs at St. JP II HS

*Music & Muffins*: Thursdays at Focus in the chapel



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.



Young Adults 18+  
@ignitegrandeprairie

*Emmaus Night*: Tuesday, Nov. 7, following 7 pm Mass, upstairs.

Adoration & Laser Tag, November 17 - See Facebook

**ADULT FORMATION**



**FORMED - The Church Needs More Saints** with Jason Evert. Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.

**Sign up for FORMED on our website:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

**Lectors Workshop** If you are a lector (one who proclaims the readings and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass) or would like to begin in this ministry, please plan to attend one of these workshops (even if you have been a Lector for many years). Workshops are in the church:

Saturday, Nov. 18, 3 – 4:30 pm

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 3:30 – 5 pm

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 6 - 11**

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 6, 12:15 pm: ✠ Wayne Campbell

Tues. 7, 7 pm: ✠ Maevis & Jimmy DeCruze

Wed. 8, 12:15 pm: ✠ John, Mary, Michael & William White

7 pm: Thelma / ✠ Hank Schuenhage

Thurs. 9, 7 pm: ✠ Luis Joa

Fri. 10, 12:15 pm: ✠ Wayne White

Sat. 11, 9 am: ✠ Vern Volden

**GENERAL INFO**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**The sick, especially**

Willard Logan

Roland Maillet

John Zintel

Lucy Kolebaba

Scarlette Pieper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur

Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerck

Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes

**The deceased, especially**

Tyson Cornish

Joan Kuss

Lill Sexton

John Melnichuk

Helen Hobley

Cecile Thibeault

Millie Wrzosek

Wilfred Wanihadie

Ryan Day

Louise Dechant

Beverly Ozcan

Nancy Allan

**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.

**Knights of Columbus Lasagna Dinner**, Friday, Nov 17.

Tickets on sale the weekend of November 4/5 after all Masses. \$15/person \$40/family

**Gift Shop Volunteers needed** after all weekend

Masses. If you are interested in helping, contact Theresa, [threejtr@telusplanet.net](mailto:threejtr@telusplanet.net)



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

Donations of warm mittens & socks, 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. *Deadline for donations: Nov. 17*

**Please be mindful of our church neighbours:**

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

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

**Items Needed for Samaritan's Basket (our outreach program)** Travel sized shampoo, mittens, gloves, winter socks , and women's hygiene products.

**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.)

**Grande Prairie Foundations for Life needs a part time Educator starting immediately.** The Educator presents critical life-giving health and relationship courses to elementary, junior and senior high school classes. A full job description is available upon request. Please email with a brief resume to Kevin Walker, Board President - kevin@myfoundations.ca

## Sunday Readings

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
*Sincerity of Heart*

**Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8 - 10.** Punishment for imperfect sacrifices

**1 Thessalonians 2:7 - 9, 13.** Paul's sincerity

**Matthew 23:1 - 12.** Hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees

**Key Passage:** [Jesus said] "Therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach."

*Matthew 23:3*

**Question:** Is there an area of your life in which you sometimes feel like a hypocrite?

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## Covenant Health Foundation Lottery 2023

Help support seniors and Catholic Health care in Alberta. There's a very high chance you or someone close to you has needed Covenant's seniors care. Your ticket purchases not only help ensure the best possible care for our parents, grandparents and elders today, but also help innovate seniors care that will benefit all of us as we age. The lottery closes November 22, 2023. For information or to buy a ticket go to <https://covenantfoundationlottery.ca>

### 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/](http://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](mailto:sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments?** Contact ext. 224, or email

[sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca)

**Religious Gift Shop/Library:** Open after weekend Masses

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. [stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [st.joes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.joes.ppc@gmail.com)