

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

Games Knight, Thursday, Dec. 14, 5:30 pm, Tranquille Hall. Join us for card games, family board games, cookies and refreshments. All are welcome!

La Posada (The Inn), December 16, 2 pm, Tranquille Hall. All are invited to join us to remember the night our Savior was born. More info on our Facebook page.

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.

Warm Winter Woolies Collection - Sundays during 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.

Dates To Remember

December 9 - 17

Sat. 9: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Advent Retreat, St JP II Room
Noon - 1:30 pm, Usher Workshop, Tranquille Hall
8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

Mon 11: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
1 - 8 pm, Mercy Monday, church

Tues. 12: 5:30 pm, CWL/K of C Potluck, Tranquille Hall

Wed 13: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 14: 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group

5:30 pm, Games Knight, Tranquille Hall

7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JP II Room

7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

Fri. 15: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church

7 pm, Ignite, Adoration & Christmas Party, church

Sat. 16: 9:45 - 5:30 pm, Christmas Choir Practices,
church

5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office

8 - 11 pm, Youth Christmas Party, St JP II Room

Church Fully Alive: "What return can I make to the Lord?" With rising costs in insurance, utilities and all other areas of life, parishes in our archdiocese are in need of more support than ever. Watch the video from the Archdiocese with important messages from the Archbishop and parishioners from across the archdiocese addressing the financial health of our church communities. See the video at archgm.ca/churchfullyalive

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca

Donation options can be found
on our website saintjoseph.ca



Sacraments

Beatriz ext 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

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 a school aged child who is receiving a Sacrament, or who missed receiving a sacrament, and have not yet registered them please call Beatriz.

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 229 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

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: December 14, St JP II Room

Offertory Gift Bearers needed especially for 9 am Mass! This is a great way for families to get involved.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed. Last gathering before Christmas, December 14.

Children's Bookshelf Ministry: Help keep books tidy and in good repair. Time commitment: 5-10 minutes before or after your favorite mass.

Strong furniture movers needed after 11 am Mass
Help the Liturgy of the Word with Children team put away tables and chairs after Mass.
Time commitment: 5-10 minutes.

Do you have a sacred love for supporting children and families with special needs? We need help at our children's programs. Let's talk! Call or see Kristen

Be Part of Our Christmas Spirit!

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Children's Choir Child singers welcome! (ages 4 - 7 and 8 & older) See rehearsal times. Email musicstjosephgp@gmail.com

Children's procession at the 4 & 6:30 pm Masses:
Kids, help celebrate Jesus' birthday by carrying a candle to the altar. Contact Kristen.

Spread Christmas cheer to our children after Masses.
Help make &/or hand out treats. Contact Kristen.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Youth Christmas Party (Gr. 7 - 12) Saturday, Dec 16, following 7 pm Mass until 11 pm, St JP II Room
Bring a snack to share.



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gathering: December 16



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: December 16



(Gr. 7 - 9) Saturday, December 116. Join us for pizza at 5:30 pm, sing with us in the choir at 7 pm Mass and stay for the Christmas Party.

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.

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



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandepairie

Friday, December 15, Adoration & Christmas Party.
Check Facebook for upcoming events.

Adult Formation

Advent Word Study

Yakhal: "Hope"



FORMED - Yakhal: "Hope" Advent Word Studies, The Bible Project In the Bible people who have hope are very different from optimists! In this video, we'll explore how biblical hope looks to God's character alone as a basis for trusting that the future will be better than the present.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:30 pm following Mass. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even through a proxy for someone not present. All are welcome to attend Mass and stay for prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Dec. 15, following 7:00 pm Mass. Join us at Mass and stay afterwards for this quiet & personal time of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

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 Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Judy Riddle
Elizabeth Katchie	Koffi Kouadid
Sherrie Ratvay	Roland Maillet
Cecile Thibeault	John Zintel
Millie Wrzosek	Wilfred Wanihadie
Eileen Walker, mother of Kevin Walker	
Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur	
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk	
Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes	
The deceased, especially	Brian Buchaski

Christmas Choir rehearsals

Email musicstjosephgp@gmail.com for information.

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass: children aged 4 - 8 sing 2 pre-mass songs. Youth aged 8 and older sing during Christmas Mass. The first practice is in the Grouard Room. Practices are

	Age 4 - 7	Age 8+
Dec. 16	2:45 - 3 pm	3:10 - 4:10 pm
Dec. 22	4 - 4:15 pm	4:20 - 5:30 pm
Dec. 23	10 - 10:20 am	10:30 - 11:45 pm

Other Christmas Mass Choir practices:

Saturday, December 16, in church

6:30 pm Choir (Adult/Young Adult/Youth): 1 - 2:25 pm

9:00 pm Choir: 9:45 - 11:15 am

Midnight Choir: 11:25 am - 12:50 pm

Christmas Day, 10 am, Choir: 2:40 - 4:10 pm

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

Quilting Bee-Levers will resume in the new year. If you are interested in joining please contact the office for information. All are welcome. No sewing skills required.

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

Mass Intentions

December 11 - 16

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Elaine Croken

Tues. 12, 7 pm: CWL

Wed. 13, 12:15 pm: ✠ Hank Scheunhage

7 pm: ✠ Margaret & Raphael Mascarenhas

Thurs. 14: ✠ Linda Cowell

Fri. 15, 12:15 pm: ✠ Johanna Klein-Gebbinck

7 pm: ✠ Lil Sexton

Sat. 16, 9 am: ✠ Eugenio Rimando

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

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 until the weekend of Dec. 18/19, or stop by the office during office hours.

18 Wheels of Christmas 2023 Food Drive

Saturday, Dec 16. & Sunday, Dec. 17, 10 am - 6 pm Superstore parking lot. Help fill the 53' trailer to donate to local community Food Banks. Accepting nonperishable food items, baby food/formula, diapers and new toys for boys & girls of all ages.

Annual **LIVESTREAMED** Archbishop's Dinner

Friday, Jan. 26. Special guests, a delicious meal, on-line auction and much more. If you, your group, or business are interested in donating items for the auction, e-mail comdirector.agm@outlook.com or contact the parish office. Stay tuned for details.

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

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday of Advent

Patience

Isaiah 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11. Promise of salvation

2 Peter 3:8 - 14. Christ will come in judgement

Mark 1:1 - 8. John the Baptist

Key Passage: The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

Question: With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

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The Salvation Army Foodbank Needs:

Shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes, toilet paper, school snacks, canned pasta (ravioli, lasagna), oatmeal, boxed Jell-O & pudding, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, Hamburger Helper, boxed soup, rice, Kraft Dinner, juice, tomato paste, canned meat & fish.

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