

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Annual LIVESTREAMED Archbishop's Dinner, Jan. 26
Special guests, a delicious meal cooked by the Archbishop from his home, trivia game and on-line auction. Details at archgm.ca/archbishops-dinner
Donations will go towards moving the former Catholic church in Berwyn to Camp Artaban, where Camp St. Martin is held every summer. If you, your group, or business are interested in donating items for the auction, contact the chancery office, 780-532-9766 and speak to Kyle or Julie, or e-mail comdirector.agm@outlook.com. Please send all donations by Wednesday, Jan. 24th.



Embracing the Kingdom of God
Wednesday, Jan 24, 7:45 pm, in Tranquille Hall.
A first look at our pastoral theme.

Faith in Action Men's Conference 2024

January 26 & 27, Tranquille Hall
Speakers: Peter Van Kampen, Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R., Rev. Emmanuel Ekanem
Be inspired and empowered to live out your faith in practical ways. Engaging speakers, interactive workshops, and meaningful discussions - a must-attend for any man seeking to grow spiritually and make a positive impact. Tickets: \$35 Purchase on-line at eventbrite.ca Faith in Action Men's Conference 2024
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3241.



Save the Date: Mardi Gras
Friday, Feb. 9.
Theme - Once Upon a Time.
DJ needed and many other positions for adults & youth.
All you party planners please call Kristen!

Dates To Remember

January 14 - 21

Mon. 15: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 17: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 18: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group

7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing after Mass, church

Fri. 19: 5:30 pm, K of C Ukrainian Supper, Hall

7 pm, Mass & Adoration, church

7 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall

7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room

7 pm, Ignite, begins in Church

Sat. 20: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice,
parish office

8 - 10 pm, High School Youth, St. JP II Room

Knights of Columbus Ukrainian Supper

Friday, January 19, 6 pm in Tranquille Hall.

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Cost by donation

Ultreya, Friday, January 19, 7 pm in Liguori Hall

A short time of prayer, faith sharing and support.

Make new friends (and bring some old).

Witness talk by Jennie Oslie (from Peace River)

All are welcome!

Parish Finances

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

2024 Sunday collection envelopes available in Grouard Room after Mass until the end of January or from the parish office.

Automatic Bank & Credit Card withdrawal

donators: Special Collection envelopes available in Grouard Room or from the office.

For donation options see our website,
call the parish office, or scan QR code.



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.

During Lent we are not scheduling baptisms.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the six weeks of Lent we are in the desert *preparing* for new life - the resurrection. Baptism is when we first *encounter* new life with Jesus. Therefore, we will not celebrate baptism during Lent as we are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 229 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Mom's Group Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: January 18, Tranquille Hall



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed.
Next gathering, January 25.

Children's Bookshelf Ministry: Help keep books tidy and in good repair. Time commitment: 5-10 minutes before or after 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 during our children's programs. Let's talk! Call or see Kristen

Offertory Gift Bearers needed for 9 am Sunday Masses. This is a great ministry to help your children become more engaged at Mass.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gatherings: January 20



Grade 9 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: January 20



Grade 7 - 9
1st & 3rd Fridays of each month
Next gathering: January 19

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: 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

Adoration + Games Night, Friday, January 19:

7 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - Adoration

8:30 pm - Games in St JP II Room. Bring a game to play.

Adult Formation



FORMED - The Catholic Parent: coming to Formed January 15! Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families, like yours, sharing their daily struggles and victories. Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith. Watch with your spouse, friends, on your own, or as part of a small group! The participant guide includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Jan. 18, 7:30 pm following Mass. Prayers for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual or as a proxy for someone not present. All are welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Jan. 19, following 7 pm Mass. Join us at Mass and stay afterwards for this quiet & personal time of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass Intentions

January 15 - 20

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
Mon. 15, 12:15 pm: ✠ Gerardo & Corazon Esmer
Tues. 16, 7 pm: ✠ Michael Kosyk
Wed. 17, 12:15 pm: ✠ Richard Marshall
7 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan
Thurs. 18, 7 pm: ✠ Norm Zacharuk
Fri. 19, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mark, Marie & Gus Jantz
7 pm: ✠ Louise Dechant
Sat. 20, 9 am: ✠ Grazyna Urbanowicz &
✠ Tadeusz Wiszowaty

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Fr. Mick Fleming, C.Ss.R.
Wanda & Johnny Boucher
Vanessa Fagan Louis Joachim
Roland Maillet Nora Telley
Edirc Sam Jeanine Desharnais-Cote
Helena Wiszowaty, mother of Jerzy Wiszowaty
Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerke
Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
The deceased, especially John Zintel

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

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.

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

St. Joseph CWL Student Funding for Christian-based volunteer work. For information contact Lorraine, marting6@telus.net. **Deadline: January 15.**

Quilting Bee-Levers, Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm

All are welcome. No sewing skills required. If you are interested in joining contact the office for formation.

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

Attend a Redemptorist Priests and Brothers Come & See Discernment Evening: February 2, 5 - 9 pm at the Redemptorist residence in Grande Prairie. Do you wonder if God might be calling you to become a religious priest or brother? Register for this evening using the QR code.



Oliver's Funeral Home is hosting a free estate planning seminar, January 25, 6:30 pm, to help people understand organizing their estate. Register by January 22 online www.oliversfuneralhome.com/seminar or phone 780-532-2929.

Catholic Family Services Spring Fling Fundraiser
April 20. More information soon.

Do you have old palm branches from previous Palm Sundays?- The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your old palm branches to church and leave them in the box in the entrance to the church.

Church Parking During months when there is snow it is difficult to see lines for parking spaces. In order to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or fellow parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly, please do not park along curbs or in laneways. 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.

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.

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Come and See
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19. Revelation to Samuel
1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20. Against sexual immorality
John 1:35-42. The first disciples
Key Passage: They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. *John 1:38b-39*

Question: What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

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Catholic Education Symposium February 9 - 10
Teachers as Missionary Disciples: Forming Witnesses for Catholic Schools
Corpus Christi Parish Hall, 2707 34 St NW, Edmonton
Open to all interested Catholic stakeholders including parents, parishioners & clergy, to enhance the Christian witness in our Catholic schools
Cost: \$99.00 For more information or to register:
<https://www.acsta.ab.ca/resources/symposium>

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