

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Annual LIVESTREAMED Archbishop's Dinner, Jan. 26
Join the Arch bishop, on-line, as he cooks a delicious meal from his home, with guests, trivia game and on-line auction. Details: archgm.ca/archbishops-dinner
Auction items still needed. Contact Kyle or Julie at the chancery office, 780-532-9766 or e-mail comdirector.agm@outlook.com.
Please send all donations by Wednesday, Jan. 24.

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. Tickets: \$35 Purchase on-line at eventbrite.ca Faith in Action Men's Conference 2024
Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3241.

Welcoming the Stranger Our parish is sponsoring a refugee family (husband, wife and 2 teens) who are related to one of our parishioners. They are arriving January 26 and we ask for your prayers and support. Donations of new or gently used furniture and household items needed: couch, loveseat, armchairs, TV, floor and table lamps, clock, dresser, bedside tables, bedspreads (twin, double, queen), mattress covers (queen, twin), iron, ironing board, blender, facecloths, towels, cell phones that can be updated (4). Please call the parish office if you have any items to donate. Your financial support through gift cards and cash donations would also be appreciated. Please bring these to the parish office. Thank you.

Dates To Remember

January 21 - 28

Sat. 21: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office

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

8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

Mon. 22: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 24: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Hall

Thurs 25: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Hall
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room

Fri. 26: 6:30 pm, Men's Conference, Hall

Sat. 27: 8 am, Men's Conference, Hall

Coffee & Cookies, Saturday, Jan. 20, following 7 pm Mass in Tranquille Hall. All are welcome!

10th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade

Friday, Feb. 9, 7 - 9:30 pm

Theme - Once Upon a Time.

All ages, come dance to the music of Andre the DJ. Volunteers needed. Contact Kristen.



Helpers Needed Free tickets available after Mass.

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 25, 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 & February 3



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



Grade 7 - 9
1st & 3rd Fridays of each month
Next gathering: February 2

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

ACTION BECOMING CHANGE
Music & Muffins: Thursdays at Focus in the chapel
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+
@ignitegrandeprairie

Bible & Beer, Thursday, January 25, 7:45 pm, at Better than Fred's

Adult Formation



FORMED - The Hour of Our Death - Eternal Rest,

Episode 3 The Anointing of the Sick is one of seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life and the hour of our death.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

A Pilgrimage to the Heart, Peace Retreats Pre-Lent

Retreat: Saturday, Feb. 3, 9:45 am – 3:30 pm in the Grouard Room, for men and women. Info on the literature rack at the entrance to the church and the bulletin board. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea, snacks and a journal book provided. Cost: free in memory of Jennifer Wrzosek, but items for the Food Bank accepted. Register: peaceretreatsgp@gmail.com, sheilamccshepherd@gmail.com or call the parish office. Include your name, phone number and email. Registration deadline: January 30

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.



General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Wanda & Johnny Boucher
Jeanine Desharnais-Cote
Helena Wiszowaty, mother of Jerzy Wiszowaty
Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerke
Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
The deceased, especially Peter Ingle

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

Screen Volunteers Needed (desperately at 11 am Mass!) 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

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

Sandwiches for Wapiti Dorm & St Lawrence Centre

A huge **THANK YOU** to those who donated to make sandwiches and those who made them. About 600 sandwiches were made with enough leftover fixings to make another 200 for next week. God bless you for your service.

Be sure to read Archbishop Gerry Pettipas' January 2024 newsletter. It can be found on the Archdiocese website <https://www.archgm.ca/2024/01/archbishops-letter-winter-2024/>

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.

Mass Intentions

January 22 - 17

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Tues. 23, 7 pm: ✠ Reveriano & Pepito Alido

Wed. 24, 12:15 pm: Fr. Remi Hebert, C.Ss.R.

7 pm: ✠ Rosemarie Wirth

Thurs. 25, 7 pm: ✠ Alice Germann

Fri. 26, 12:15 pm: ✠ Samia Saikali

Sat. 27, 9 am: ✠ Marlene & Ken Kamienkiecki

Catholic Family Services Spring Fling Fundraiser

Join us April 20 at the Holiday Inn & Suites for an evening featuring David James and Big River ***Tribute to Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings***, dinner, raffles, live and silent auctions. Purchase tickets by calling Catholic Family Services office, 780-532-9381.

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.

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 and leave them in the box in the entrance to the church.

Cursillo Weekends 2024

Calling all Cursillistas! Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ. After a very long time Cursillo weekends are back! If you have a friend that you think would be interested in coming to Cursillo, sponsor forms and candidate application forms are available at the parish office, or email the Grouard McLennan Cursillo group, cursillorooster@gmail.com. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening to Sunday, March 7 - 10. The Rector is Jean-Marc Guenette. The women's weekend is Thursday to Sunday, April, 4 - 7. The Rectora is Beata Bator.

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Repent and Believe

Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10. Conversion of Nineveh

1 Cor. 7:29 - 31. Encouragement within a hostile world

Mark 1:14 - 20. Call of the first disciples

Key Passage: After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." *Mark 1:14 - 15*

Question: What part of your life is Jesus calling you to change right now?

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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. At the end of rows leave 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.

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