

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcoming the Stranger Our parish is sponsoring a refugee family (husband, wife and 2 teens) who are related to one of our parishioners. They arrived 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.

10th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade

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

Theme - *Once Upon a Time.*

All ages, dress as your favourite storybook or movie character. Come dance to the music of Andre the DJ.

Free tickets available after Mass.

Volunteers needed: make props,

set-up, clean-up and during Mardi Gras. Contact Kristen. Volunteer Work Bee Saturday, February 3, 1 - 3 pm, Liguori Hall.

Parish Event Promotion: If you are having a parish event and would like the parish office to promote it through our bulletin, bulletin board, website and/or Facebook, please fill in the Request to Promote form under Contact at saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/. Submissions for the bulletin must be received by noon on Wednesday. Posters for our bulletin board should be not bigger than 8.5 X11. All requests/submissions are subject to approval.

Dates To Remember

January 28 - February 4

Mon. 29: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 31: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 1: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 2: 7 - 8:30 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room

Sat. 3: 9:45 am - 3:30 pm, Pre-Lenten Retreat, upstairs
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

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. Information 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 or

sheilamccshepherd@gmail.com

or call the parish office.

Include your name, phone number and email.

Registration deadline: January 30

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

This weekend, **through the Waters of Baptism**, we welcome Aomi Cortez to our family of faith. We pray that her journey with our Lord is filled with great 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.

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: February 1, Tranquille Hall



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

Next gathering, February 8
Valentine's Party!

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 gathering: February 3



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



Grade 7 - 9
1st & 3rd Fridays of each month
7 - 8:30 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: February 2

High School Lent Retreat (Grade 9-12) March 1 - 2
More information and register online at saintjoseph.ca/youth

Programs at St. Joseph HS

Music & Muffins: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel

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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+
@ignitegrandeprairie

Emmaus Night, Tuesday, February 6, 7:45 - 9 pm,
St. Francis & St. Clare presented by Therese Bogatko,
in the St JP II Room

Adult Formation



FORMED - Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

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 Gerk
Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
Fr David Louch, C.Ss.R.

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 information.

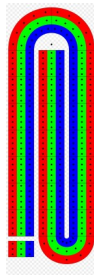
Screen Volunteers Needed (desperately at 11 am

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

NET Canada Mission Discernment Night

Saturday, Feb 10, 7 - 9 pm, Edmonton, Resurrection Parish
Are you in grade 11-12 or between the ages of 18-30 and trying to figure out what's next in your life? Come see if a year on mission is for you! A night of fellowship, food, and praise and a glimpse into what a year on mission with NET Canada would look like! Register at netcanada.ca/apply Have questions? Email recruit@netcanada.ca or call/text 613-292-9991.

Games Night, Thursday, Feb. 8, 5:30 pm in Tranquille



Hall. Join us for crib, cards or family friendly games. Everyone is welcome! Meal sponsored by Major's Restaurant. Enjoy their famous Beef Stew, mashed potatoes and salad. Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre/Wapiti Dorm
Presented by the Knights of Columbus

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 29 - February 3

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 29, 12:15 pm: ✠ Peter Wiebe

Tues. 30, 7 pm: ✠ Barry McDermott

Wed. 31, 12:15 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

7 pm: ✠ Czia Macainag

Thurs. 1, 7 pm: ✠ Joe McCarthy

Fri. 2, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Mabel & John McNeil &
✠ Stacey Hagg

12:15 pm: ✠ Sheldon Smith & ✠ George Platzer

Sat. 3, 9 am: ✠ Brady Gratten

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.

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>

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Repent and Believe

Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20. A prophet like Moses
1 Cor. 7:32 - 25. The state of virginity
Mark 1:21 - 28. Cure of a demoniac

Key Passage: They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. *Mark 1:22*

Question: What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

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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.

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