

Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024



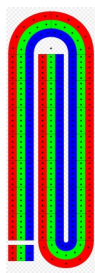
EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Faith
DAZE**

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



Games Knight, Thursday, Jan. 11, 5:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Games night is the second Thursday of every month. Join us for crib, cards or family friendly games. Everyone is welcome! Meal sponsored by Brown's Social House: Beef on a bun, Caesar salad, mashed potatoes and small dessert. Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.

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.



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

Christmas Carolling, Sunday, January 7, 2 - 5 pm, in Tranquille Hall.

Bring your voices, instruments & good cheer and come for an afternoon of singing Christmas Carols, cookies & tea. All ages welcome.

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

Dates To Remember

January 6 - 14

Sat. 6: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office

Sun. 7: 2 - 5 pm, Christmas Carolling, Tranquille Hall

Mon. 8: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 9: 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church
7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall
8 - 9 pm, Ignite, St JP II Room

Wed. 10: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 11: 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group
5:30 pm, Games Knight, Tranquille Hall
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room

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.

Parish Finances

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

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:
archgm.ca/churchfullyalive

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 Aria Nunes & Camila Hynes to our faith family. We pray their 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.

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 11, Tranquille Hall



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed.
Next gathering, January 11.

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 during our children's programs. Let's talk! Call or see Kristen

Offertory Gift Bearers needed for 9am 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 6



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: January 6



(Gr. 7 - 9) **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

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.

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

Emmaus Night, Tuesday, January 9, 8 - 9 pm in St JP II Room

Adult Formation



FORMED - Who are the Magi? In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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. Next gathering, January 10.

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.

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Wanda & Johnny Boucher
Vanessa Fagan	Louis Joachim
Judy Riddle	Roland Maillet
Edirc Sam	Jeanine Desharnais-Cote
Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur	
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk	
Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes	
The deceased, especially	Kayleene Nenaria
Randolph Awit Dela Victoria, uncle of Junelle Almocera	

2024 Sunday Missals available in the entrance to the church, by donation. There are only a few left!

CWL January Meeting, Tuesday, January 9, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm. Meeting to follow in Grouard Room.

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

K of C Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

January 6 - 13

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 8, 12:15 pm: ✠ Andrea Vavrek

Tues. 9, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Kevin Kresse

Wed. 10, 12:15 pm: ✠ James Walker

7 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Thurs. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Fri. 12, 12:15 pm: ✠ Gus Noonan

Sat. 13, 9 am: ✠ Bob Guppy

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>

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.

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.

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY" There are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

Sunday Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord: *Unexpected Gifts*

Isaiah 61: 1 - 6. Glory of the new Zion

Eph. 3:2 - 3, 5 - 6. Commission to preach God's plan

Matthew 2:1 - 12. The visit of the magi

Key Passage: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. *Matthew 2:10*

Question: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?

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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