

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 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, floor and table lamps, clock, dresser, bedside tables, iron, blender, facecloths, towels. Please call the parish office if you have any items to donate. Gift cards to major stores such as Superstore, Walmart, Canadian Tire, etc, 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, Feb. 3, 1 - 3 pm, Liguori Hall.

Catholics Returning Home - Have you been away from the church? Do you have family or friends who no longer come to church? Do you have questions concerning the Catholic faith? This may be a good time to attend Catholics Returning Home. This 6 week program, begins Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 pm. Brochures are available on the literature rack at the entrance of the church and on our website. For more information please contact the parish office, 780-532-2351. (Registration is not required. You may also just show up at the first meeting.)

Dates To Remember

February 3 - 11

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

Mon. 5: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 6: 7:45 - 9 pm, Ignite, St JP II Room

Wed. 7: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

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

5:30 pm, K of C Games Night, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 9: 7 - 9:30 pm, Mardi Gras, Tranquille Hall

St. Joseph Catholic Church Checkup

Parish Pastoral Council is collecting information anonymously, through a survey, from the parish to see if there are areas that require attention or growth. <https://forms.office.com/r/5jxQPE1sQt>. Surveys will be available at the back of the Church for those without on-line access. It will only take a few minutes. Your participation is appreciated.

We need your old palm branches from previous Palm Sundays. The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on previous Palm Sundays. Place them in the box in the entrance to the church.

Parish Finances

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

2024 donation envelopes are available from the office during office hours.

2023 income tax receipts will be available soon. Stay tuned!

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 Amirah Griffiths & Jean Matthew Fernandez to our family of faith. We pray that 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.

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 8, 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. 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

High School Youth and Edge: Join us for Mardi Gras on February 9 from 7-9:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Dress up as your favourite fairytale Character or in masquerade. Tickets available after Sunday Masses or at the door.



Grade 7 - 9
1st & 3rd Fridays of each month
7 - 8:30 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: February 16

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.

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 - Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

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

All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

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

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Hayat Antoon
Wade Kaczkielo	Margaret Mostowy
Fr David Louch, C.Ss.R.	Karmen Santos
Darryl Palmer, father of Darlene Lemay	
Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur	
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk	
Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes	
The deceased, especially	
Helena Wiszowaty, mother of Jerzy Wiszowaty	
Herman Luck, brother of Al Luck	

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

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

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Tuesday, February 13, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

Cost is by donation.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Bring the family and enjoy a wide variety of sweet and savory toppings for your pancakes!

Mass Intentions

February 5 - 10

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 5, 12:15 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Tues. 6, 7 pm: ✠ Jack Unger

Wed. 7, 12:15 pm: ✠ Manuel Siega

7 pm: ✠ Alan Stuart

Thurs. 8, 7 pm: ✠ Barry McDermott

Fri. 9, 12:15 pm: ✠ Debbie Robinson

Sat. 10, 9 am: Nati Borman

Ash Wednesday, February 14, Collection. From 2022 to 2026, this collection is for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to fulfill our Archdiocese's commitment to raise \$165,000. This fund will go towards healing and reconciliation programs for Indigenous communities within our archdiocese. The programs are selected by an independent committee. Thank you for your generosity and support as we move forward together toward healing and reconciliation. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph 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 attending Cursillo, complete a sponsor and candidate application form available on the Cursillo website, cursillo.archgm.ca, or email cursillorooster@gmail.com and from the parish office. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening to Sunday, March 7 - 10. The women's weekend is Thursday to Sunday, April, 4 - 7.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Comfort for the Sorrowful

Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Job's first reply

1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23. Paul's recompense

Mark 1:29-39. Cure of Peter's mother-in-law and other miracles

Key Passage: That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. *Mark 1:32-34a*

Question: What could you do this week to comfort someone who is sad?

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Catholic Education Symposium February 9 - 10
Teachers as Missionary Disciples: Forming Witnesses for Catholic Schools at 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