

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ash Wednesday, February 14, Mass Times

12:15 & 7:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

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. The fund will go towards healing and reconciliation programs (selected by an independent committee). for Indigenous communities within our archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity and support. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church."

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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

Cost is by donation. Bring the family and enjoy a wide variety of sweet and savory toppings for your pancakes! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Lenten Fridays: *Soup, Reflection, Stations of the Cross*

5:45 pm: meatless soup & buns served by CWL in

Tranquille Hall. Donations for Development & Peace

6 pm: Reflection, organized by Social Justice Committee

7 pm: Stations of the Cross in the church

Join us for all 3 or whatever your time allows.

Feb. 16 - Reflection: Development and Peace 2024

Share Lent Campaign Overview

Stations led by St. Catherine School Staff

Welcoming the Stranger Many thanks to our Pastor Fr. Charles and the community of St. Joseph church for their generosity in welcoming and helping our sponsored family begin their new life in Canada. Your donations are much appreciated. We are still accepting gift cards to major stores such as Superstore, Walmart or Canadian Tire. Drop them at the parish office.

Dates To Remember

February 11 - 18

Mon. 12: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 13: 5 - 6:30 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes,
Tranquille Hall

7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church

7 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall

Wed. 14: Ash Wednesday

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

Thurs 15: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall

7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

Fri. 16: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

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

Sat. 17: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
parish office

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

Pastoral Planning Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 24,

9:45 am - 12:45 pm, Tranquille Hall. Developing a

five-year parish process for parish staff and leaders.

Questions? Email director.oec.agm@gmail.com

Register at www.archgm.ca/dr-workshop-registration

*Organized by the Archdiocesan Office of
Evangelization and Catechesis*

Parish Finances

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

2023 income tax receipts available in the church after weekend Mass or from the parish office during office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm.

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 Harrison Darang, Arek Awer, Awer Awan, Adriann Coirpuz, Summer Dela Cruz & Edric Sam 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 15, Tranquille Hall



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed.
Next gathering: February 22

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 17



Grade 9 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: February 17



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

Programs at St. JP II HS

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

Friday, February 16 Join us for soup (cost: donation), a social justice presentation, and Stations of the Cross, followed by **Skating, at Muskoseepie Park**

Adult Formation



FORMED - Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

Save the date: I am Enough Women's Retreat Friday, May 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm & Saturday, May 4, 9 am - 4 pm. Presented by CWL.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd For information about this program for young children visit the website www.cgsac.ca. In preparation, we are creating an atrium and we need your help. Many different skills and art forms are needed, including woodworkers, crafters and seamstresses, etc. To find out how you can help contact the parish office or go to docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4Fn8yFM66wSosmBjs2SsuBPVqjq7EbHHFCKnvMNE5oS3Gqg/viewform!

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Pat Hunt	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 Gerke	
Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes	

The deceased, especially

Jeannine Descharnais, sister-in-law of Jeannine Guidon

CWL February Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 13, begins at 7 pm with Mass in Church.

K of C Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 pm, Liguori Hall.

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

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

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.)

Rite of Election Mass, Feb. 18, 1:00 pm

St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan

Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, CSsR, will preside at this Mass welcoming catechumens and candidates who are asking to be received in full communion with the Church this Easter through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist. All are welcome.

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.

Mass Intentions

February 12 - 17

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

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

Tues. 13, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ John Melnichuk

Wed. 14, 12:15 pm: ✠ George & Vergie Bond

7 pm: ✠ Joseph Vavrek

Thurs. 15, 7 pm: ✠ Barry McDermott

Fri. 16, 12:15 pm: ✠ Johanna Klein-Gebbinck

Sat. 17, 9 am: Schneider Family Thanksgiving

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:***Universal days of fasting & abstinence from meat***

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years of age and older; the law of fasting binds those who are 18 to 59 years of age. We are invited to limit ourselves to one ordinary meal (perhaps more simple than usual) and much simpler meals at other times. The Church does not encourage a "black fast" which implies eating nothing. The purpose of fasting is to learn to discipline ourselves and to be in solidarity with so many around the world who have much less than we have. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are good days to make an effort to refrain from snacking. Fasting is never intended to harm your health! If you are pregnant, nursing your child, or have a medical condition which would be effected by fasting, please continue with what you ordinarily do.

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) email cursillorooster@gmail.com or 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.

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Models of Christ*

Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 45 - 46. On leprosy

1 Cor. 10:31 - 11:1. Imitation of Christ

Mark 1:40 - 45. Healing of a leper

Key Passage: Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Question: What can you do to be an example to others?

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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 no bigger than 8.5 X11. All requests/submissions are subject to approval.

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