

First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2024



EMBRACING  
the KINGDOM of GOD

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Family Day, Monday, February 19** The parish office will be closed and weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am. Have a wonderful day with your family.

**Ash Wednesday Collection.** Until 2026, this collection is for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to fulfill our Archdiocese's commitment to raise \$165,000. It will go towards programs for healing and reconciliation (selected by an independent committee) for Indigenous communities within our archdiocese. If you missed contributing you can still drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office during office hours. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church."

**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](mailto:director.oec.agm@gmail.com). Register at [www.archgm.ca/dr-workshop-registration](http://www.archgm.ca/dr-workshop-registration). Organized by the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis

### CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

#### Sunday, February 25

Please pray for all our children who will be receiving this precious sacrament of healing next Sunday.

1:30 pm: St. Gerard, Louis Riel, Holy Cross, St. Kateri

3:00 pm: St. Catherine, St. Clement, St. Patrick,  
Mother Teresa

#### Bag Lunch Supplies for Samaritan's Basket:

We would like to assemble a list of volunteers willing to donate snack supplies *on an as-needed basis*. Please call the parish office if you can help.

## Dates To Remember

### February 17 - 25

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

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

**Mon. 19:** Family Day, 9 am Weekday Mass

**Wed. 21:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

**Thurs 22:** 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall

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

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

**Fri. 23:** 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

7 pm, Ultreya, starting with Stations, church

**Sat. 24:** 9:45 am - 12:45 pm, Tranquille Hall

**Sun. 25:** 1:30 & 3:30 pm, Children's First Reconciliation

### 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. 23 Reflection: Indonesia - Training Next*

Generation Farmers

Stations led by Catholic School District Office staff

## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto: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

### **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.

**Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children.** For information check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://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: February 22, Tranquille Hall



Grade 3 - 6 youth group  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



**Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday**  
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.  
Next gatherings: February 17 & March 2



**Grade 9 - 12**  
**1st & 3rd Saturday**  
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room  
Next gatherings: February 17 & March 2



**Grade 7 - 9**  
**1st & 3rd Fridays of each month**  
7 - 8:30 pm in St JP II Room  
**EDGE** Next gathering: March 1, Join us for Stations of the Cross in the church followed by games in Tranquille Hall.

**High School Lent Retreat (Grade 9-12)**  
**Friday, March 1, 5:30 pm - Saturday, March 2, 8 pm**  
More information and register online at [saintjoseph.ca/youth](http://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.

## Young Adults



**Young Adults 18+**  
**@ignitegrandeprairie**

**Tuesday, February 20** Making meal for St. Lawrence Centre, Hall Kitchen

## Adult Formation



### **FORMED - WEEK ONE, RESTORED: LENT WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT**

In the Week One video, for the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam reflects on the theme of the week - the desert. She explains that Jesus is inviting you to move beyond your comfort zone and into the deepest places of your heart with him. It is Jesus who helps you root out the sin, sickness and self-hatred in your life. Sr. Miriam assures us that we can look to him for comfort, love and healing.

**Sign up for FORMED on our website:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://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.

### **World Day of Prayer 2024, March 1, 7 pm at St. Paul's United Church, 110206 100 Ave**

This international ecumenical Christian Laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually on the first Friday in March. This year's prayer "I beg you... bear with one another in love" Eph. 4:1-3, is written by the Women of Palestine. Everyone is welcome.

## General Information

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### **The sick, especially**

Pat Hunt	Hayat Antoon
Wade Kaczkielo	Margaret Mostowy
Wanda Boucher	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	

### **Ultreya, Friday, February 23, 7 pm in the church**

Join us for Stations of the Cross followed by a short gathering. Witness talk: Jean Marc Guenette  
All are welcome!

### **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, is on Thursdays, at 7:30 pm. It started on February 15, but it is not too late to come.

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.)

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** For information about this program for young children visit the website [www.cgsac.ca](http://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 [click here](#)

**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.

## Mass Intentions

February 19 - 24

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 19, 9 am: Special Intention

Tues. 20, 7 pm: ✠ Jose & Felisa Alido

Wed. 21, 12:15 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan  
7 pm: Aurele & Rolande Lemay

Thurs. 22, 7 pm: ✠ Elizabeth Dechant

Fri. 23, 12:15 pm: ✠ Ambrose Robinson

Sat. 24, 9 am: Roger & Angele Field

**Cursillo Weekends 2024**

*Calling all Cursillistas!* After a very long time, Cursillo weekends are back! Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ. 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](http://cursillo.archgm.ca)) email [cursillorooster@gmail.com](mailto:cursillorooster@gmail.com) or from the parish office. The Men's weekend is Thursday evening to Sunday, March 7 - 10, and the women's is Thursday evening to Sunday, April, 4 - 7.

**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/](http://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.

**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. Catechumens will be received into full communion with the Church this Easter through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist. Candidates will be confirmed at the Mass of the Feast of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join them this Sunday.

**Sunday Readings****First Sunday of Lent: A Change of Heart**

**Genesis 9:8 - 15.** Covenant with Noah

**1 Peter 3:18 - 22.** The purpose of Christ's suffering

**Mark 1:12 - 15.** Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion

**Key Passage:** Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. *1 Peter 3:18*

**Question:** When, or how, could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

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**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/](http://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](mailto:sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments?** Contact ext. 224, or email [sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca)

**Religious Gift Shop/Library:** Open after weekend Masses

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. [stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [st.joes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.joes.ppc@gmail.com)