

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC 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
Register at 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:

Volunteers are needed to donate snack supplies *as
required*. Please call the parish office if you would
like to be on the list.

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.

*Mar. 1: Reflection: Nigeria - defending farmers as
they fight oil pollution*

Stations led by St. Joseph Church youth

**Young Adults needed for Good Friday Stations of
the Cross:** Be a part of the dramatization of the
Stations of the Cross. Rehearsal dates are March 3,
10 and 24 from 1 -3 pm. Dress rehearsal is at 6 pm
on Good Friday before the Stations. For more
information email Erin, lynche@telus.net

Dates To Remember

February 24 - March 3

Sat. 24: 9:45 am - 12:45 pm, Pastoral Planning
Workshop, Tranquille Hall

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

Mon. 26: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 28: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 29: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

7:45 pm, Ignite, Bible & Beer, State & Main

Fri. 1: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

7 - 8:30 pm, EDGE, begins with Stations, church

Sat. 2: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
parish office

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

Pysanky 2024 - Sunday, Mar. 10, 1 - 3pm in
Tranquille Hall

Enjoy the art & prayer of Ukrainian Egg Decorating
with Crystal Ibach \$10/person or \$30/family.

Space limited. Tickets available after Mass
Feb 24/25 & Mar 2/3 or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca
to register. *Deadline March 9.* Under 12 years old
require active guardian participation.

Parish Finances

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

2023 income tax receipts - This is the last
weekend they are available in the church after
Mass. They are always available 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/ 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 29, Tranquille Hall



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

Easter Skit Actors Needed! (Elementary to grade 7)
Deadline: February 27 Contact Kristen, 780-532-2351 or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Children's Ministry Annual New Volunteer & Refresher Training. Topics Covered are Safety Policies for working with children, Training for Adult & Youth Leaders/Helpers, Team building
Attend only one session:
March 9, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or 6 - 6:45 pm
Mar. 10, 10 - 10:45 am; March 12, 10 - 11am;
Mar. 13, 7 - 8pm
To register email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Stations of the Cross led by Children, Friday, Mar. 1, 7 pm. Hope you can join us in this sacred tradition. If your child wants to help lead, please let Kristen know by Monday Feb 26th.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



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



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



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

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!

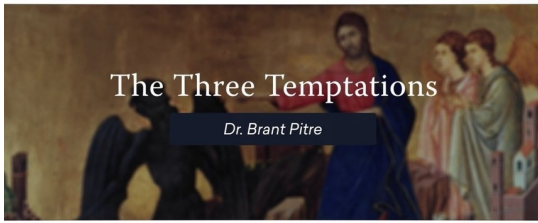
Young Adults



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandeprairie

Thursday, Feb. 29, Bible & Beer at State & Main

Adult Formation



FORMED - THE THREE TEMPTATIONS WITH DR. BRANT PITRE Reflect on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent. **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.

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.

Quilting Bee-Levers, Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm
All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

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 Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes	

The deceased, especially

Gladys Direkto-Banayat	Josephine Lumibao
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D&P Share Lent Workshop—"Reaping Our Rights"
with Regional Animator Carmen Michaud
Saturday, Mar. 9, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, in Grouard Room (includes light lunch)
No Cost - Donations to D&P gratefully accepted
To register email jpsyburrough@gmail.com

Celebrating our parish patron *Saint Joseph*, on Monday, March 19, 5:30 pm

We will begin with Mass in the church followed by a meal and entertainment in Tranquille Hall.
Free tickets for supper available after Mass the weekends of March 9/10 & 16/17. You will be asked to bring a salad or dessert.
Donations accepted to offset the cost of the meal.
5:30 pm: Mass (No ticket needed for Mass)
6:30 pm: Meal and entertainment, Tranquille Hall.

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 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](#)

Friday observances - Throughout the year Fridays are days of penance, which usually includes abstaining from meat. However, we have the option of doing special acts of mercy or charity instead.
During Lent we try to be more diligent about abstaining from meat on Fridays in solidarity with those who have less to eat and are hungry.

Mass Intentions

February 26—Mar 2

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 26, 9 am: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan
Tues. 27, 7 pm: ✠ Bernard Marcoux
Wed. 28, 12:15 pm: ✠ Susanne Schaefer
7 pm: ✠ Sebastina Nunes
Thurs. 29, 7 pm: ✠ Donald McGrath
Fri. 1, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Titus Nunes
12:15 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski
Sat. 2, 9 am: ✠ Denise Hrushka

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) email 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.

A movement of solidarity: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada was established in 1967 and is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. They address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. They champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. This transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of our members and Canadians who stand by them. *Join the movement!* Visit devp.org/membership.

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

Second Sunday of Lent: *The Assurance of Faith*

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Testing of Abraham
Romans 8:31b-35,37. God's love for humanity
Mark 9:2-10. Jesus transfigured

Key Passage: Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

Mark 9:5

Question: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

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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