

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2024



EMBRACING  
the KINGDOM of GOD

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### **Celebrating our parish patron *Saint Joseph*, on Tuesday, 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 this weekend and March 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.

### **Parish Reconciliation Service, Monday, Mar 18, 7 pm**

We will begin with a Penitential Service followed by individual reconciliation. There will be a number of priests present from the archdiocese. Please join us for this precious healing sacrament.



### **Games Night, Thursday, March 14, 5:30 pm in**

 **Tranquille Hall.** Join us for crib, cards or family friendly games. Everyone is welcome! Meal: 5:30 - 7 pm, sponsored by Kili Landscapes. Pork roast, carrots, brussel sprouts, mashed potatoes and desserts. Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre/Wapiti Dorm. Presented by the Knights of Columbus

**CWL Bake Sale** Saturday & Sunday, March 16 & 17, following the Masses, in Tranquille Hall. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. If you have questions, contact [cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com) Drop off donations Friday, March 15, from 1 - 5 pm at the parish office, or up to an hour before Mass in Tranquille Hall.

## Dates To Remember

### **March 9 - 17**

**Sat. 9:** 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, D&P Workshop, Grouard Rm

**Sun. 10:** 1 - 3 pm, Pysanky, Tranquille Hall

1 - 3 pm, Good Friday Stations Rehearsal, church

**Mon. 11:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

**Tues. 12:** 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass

7 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall

**Wed. 13:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

**Thurs 14:** 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall

5:30 pm, Games Night with supper, Tranquille Hall

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

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

**Fri. 15:** 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection,

Tranquille Hall

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

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

**Sat. 16:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice,  
parish office

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

8 pm (after Mass), CWL Bake Sale, Tranquille Hall

**Sun. 17:** after 9 & 11 am Mass, CWL Bake Sale,  
Tranquille Hall

### **Volunteers needed to help split the palms for Palm**

**Sunday.** We will be splitting the palms

Saturday, Mar. 23, in Tranquille Hall at 10 am.

Please contact Bev, [puddytat.b@gmail.com](mailto:puddytat.b@gmail.com)

## Parish Finances

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

**2023 income tax receipts** - 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

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: March 14, Tranquille Hall



Grade 3 - 6 youth group  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Volunteers needed.  
Next gathering: **March 14**

**Children's Ministry Annual New Volunteer & Refresher Training.** Attend only one session. Topics: Safety Policies for working with children, Training for Adult & Youth Leaders/Helpers, Team building.  
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

**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 this weekend or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca to register. Under 12 years old require active guardian participation.

**Hometown Nazareth VBS, July 8 - 12.** Calling all live action role players! It's time! We are ready to dream God's dream for the kids again, and we need your help! Many jobs to do, many hands make light work, and we all have gifts and talents to share. Please register as a volunteer early so we can help you find your best position on the team:

[VBS volunteer registration](#)

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



**Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday**  
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.  
Next gatherings: March 16



**Grade 9 - 12**  
**1st & 3rd Saturday**  
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room  
Next gatherings: March 16



**Grade 7 - 9**  
**1st & 3rd Fridays of each month**  
7 - 8:30 pm in St JP II Room  
Next gathering: March 15

### Programs at St. Joseph HS

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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+**  
**@ignitegrandepairie**

### Stations of the Cross & Movie Night

Friday, Mar. 15, 7 pm in the church  
Or, come to the CWL Lenten meal at 5:45 pm & the social justice presentation followed by Stations.

## Adult Formation



### FORMED - WEEK FOUR - RESTORE: LENT WITH SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, SOLT

Sr. Miriam reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give - not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love - to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.

**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.

### Good Friday Dramatization of Stations of the Cross

*Calling all young adults!* Be a part of this powerful re-enactment of Christ's final journey to the cross. Rehearsal dates: March 10 and 24 from 1 - 3 pm. Dress rehearsal is at 6 pm on Good Friday before the Stations. For information email Erin, [lynche@telus.net](mailto:lynche@telus.net)

### Choir Rehearsal for

Holy Thursday: Wednesday, Mar 20, 7:45 - 9 pm  
Good Friday: Saturday, Mar 23, 10 - 11:45 am  
Easter Vigil: Monday, Mar 25, 7 - 9 pm

## Mass Intentions

March 11 - 16

✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home  
Mon. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Orest & Walter Woychuk  
Tues. 12, 7 pm: ✠ CWL  
Wed. 13, 12:15 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan  
7 pm: ✠ Denise Hrushka  
Thurs. 14, 7 pm: ✠ Susanne Schaefer  
Fri. 15, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Margaret Mascarenhas  
12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes  
Sat. 16, 9 am: ✠ Denise Hrushka

## General Information

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, especially** Ivan Romkes  
Roland Maillet Pat Hunt  
Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker  
Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.  
Wade Kaczkielo Wanda Boucher  
Darryl Palmer, father of Darlene Lemay  
Scarlette Piper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur  
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerke  
Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes

**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.

**CWL Monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 12**, begins with Mass at 7 pm in church. Discussing CWL Bake Sale on March 16/17.

**K of C Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7 pm** in Liguori Hall.

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

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

**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 three or whatever your time allows.  
Mar. 15: Reflection: Local Gardening  
Stations led by Social Justice Committee

**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 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](#)

**Cursillo Weekends 2024**

After a very long time, Cursillo weekends are back! The Men's Cursillo is this weekend. Please keep the team and candidates in your prayers. The Women's Cursillo is Thursday evening to Sunday, April, 4 - 7. 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.

**Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner**

*Training next-generation farmers in Indonesia*

In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youth, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**Chrism Mass** Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan. The three oils used in the celebration of sacraments - Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Infirm, and Chrism - are blessed at this Mass. Clergy of the diocese recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. Refreshments served in the hall after the celebration. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special Mass.

**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.

## 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)

## Sunday Readings

**Fourth Sunday of Lent: Source of Light**

**Exodus 13:21 - 22.** The pillar to lead them  
**Ephesians 5:8 - 14.** Duty to live in the light  
**John 9:1 - 41.** The man born blind

**Key Passage:** Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. *Ephesians 5:8 - 9*

**Question:** What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

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