

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024



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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.



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 Drop off donations up to an hour before Mass in Tranquille Hall.

Share Lent Collection this weekend, Mar. 16/17
Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's *Reaping Our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you for helping build a world of justice. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Help create hope and dreams of the communities D&P support in the Global South Donate directly to devp.org/give or in the Sunday collection basket.
Make cheques payable to *St. Joseph Church*.

Dates To Remember

March 16 - 24

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

12:30 pm, Ignite, meet in Tranquille Hall kitchen

Mon. 18: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm: Parish Reconciliation Service, church

Tues. 19: 5:30 pm, Feast of St Joseph Mass, church

Wed. 20: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
7:45 - 9 pm, Choir practice, church

Thurs 21: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP II Room
7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing following Mass, church
7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

Fri. 22: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection, Tranquille Hall

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

7:45 pm, Ultreya, church

Sat. 23: 10 - 11:45 am, Choir practice, church

Tuesday, March 26 Weekday Mass Time Change:

Due to the priests attending the presbyter meeting and the Chrism Mass in McLennan on the Tuesday of Holy Week, weekday Mass will be changed to **7:00 am** that day.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 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/ 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 21, St JP II Room



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

Next gatherings:

March 21 (Easter skit rehearsal) & March 28

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](#)

Children's Ministry needs kid-sized Bible time costumes. If you have some to lend, or like to sew, we would love your help. Email Kristen at sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Good Friday Liturgy of the Word With Children March 29, 11 am. Volunteers needed - Children and youth: readers, choir and musicians Adults: music leader

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

NET Canada (National Evangelization Team)

The NET team are in Grande Prairie until March 23 hosting retreats for our youth. Please keep them and those attending in your prayers.



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday

Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm

Next gatherings: March 16 & April 20



Grade 9 - 12

1st & 3rd Saturday

8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room

Next gatherings: March 16 & April 20



Grade 7 - 9

1st & 3rd Fridays of each month

7 - 8:30 pm in St JP II Room

EDGE

Next gathering: April 19

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

Feedback for the Synod- Sun, March 17, 12:30 pm in Tranquille Hall Kitchen. Join us for brunch and conversation about your insights and reflection on how to be a Catholic in this digital age. This will be used as a response to the theme of "Mission in the Digital Environment" from the first Synod of Bishops.

Bible & Beer, Thursday, March 21, 7:45 pm at Mr. Mike's Restaurant.

Adult Formation



FORMED - AN ENCOUNTER WITH MERCY

We are not defined by our mistakes. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Jesus invites us to encounter his mercy and be healed by his love. When he tells us "Go and sin no more," he also gives us the grace to do so.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, March 21, following
7 pm Mass in the church. The Prayer Team prays for
all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional,
spiritual and even for someone not present through a
proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer.

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

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.

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Paszolo Anthony Alba
Ivan Romkes Pat Hunt
Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker
Wade Kaczkielo Wanda Boucher
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
Roland Maillet

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

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

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

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. 22: Reflection: Overview of Solidarity visitor
Stations led by Cursillo community

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](#)

Calling all Cursillistas and friends

Ultreya, March 22. Join us for Stations of the Cross at
7 pm in the church, followed by a short Ultreya. Come
greet and support the men who have just been to the
last Cursillo. There will be a witness talk and sharing
in small groups.

Mass Intentions

March 18-23

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 18, 12:15 pm: ✠ Angela Wiebe

Tues. 19, 5:30 pm: Feast of St Joseph

Wed. 20, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marcel & Ghislaine Guenette

7 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Thurs. 21, 7 pm: ✠ Lucas Nunes

Fri. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Bob Guerrette

Sat. 23, 9 am: ✠ Ken O'Shea

Women's Cursillo Weekends 2024

The Women's Cursillo is Thursday evening to Sunday, April, 4 - 7. Please keep the team and candidates in your prayers. 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.

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada

"accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**"
Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia

This Lent, please give generously

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.

Sunday Readings**Fifth Sunday of Lent: *Life Everlasting***

Ezekiel 37:12 - 14. Prophecy of restoration

Romans 8:8 - 11. The flesh and the Spirit

John 11:1 - 45. The raising of Lazarus

Key Passage: Jesus said to [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Question: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

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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.

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

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EASTER TRIDUUM 2024

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues through Good Friday & Holy Saturday, reaching its high point at the Easter Vigil.

March 28: Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 pm

March 29: Good Friday

Liturgy of the Word with Children, 11:00 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 3:00 pm
Dramatization: Stations of the Cross, 8:00 pm

March 30: Holy Saturday

Blessing of Festive Food, 3:00 pm, church
Easter Vigil Mass, 9:00 pm

March 31: Easter Sunday

Masses: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm*

**no Liturgy of the Word with Children for this Mass only*

HOLY THURSDAY

- Incense is used at this Mass.
- During Mass you will be invited to bring a donation of a personal item for St. Lawrence Centre/Rotary House to the altar. e.g. socks, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shampoo, razor, or towel.
- Bring bells to ring during the Gloria: hand bells, dinner bells, or any other delicate bells.
- The Blessed Sacrament is processed through the church at the end of Mass. It is proper to kneel.
- Depart from Mass in silence.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel following Mass until 12:00 Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

- No water is in the baptism font.
- The ministers do not process in or out.
- Holy Land collection: This helps maintain Christian sites in the Holy Land and supports projects that help Christians remain and thrive in the region.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

- Gather around the Easter fire as early as 8:30 pm (outside, by the Bell Tower).
- Incense will be used at this Mass.
- Bring bells to ring during the Gloria.

Please Note:

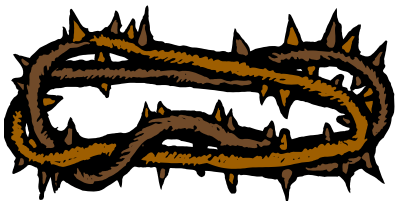
- **Confession** is not available on Holy Saturday.
 - **Easter Monday Mass** will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.
- Parish Office Closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday.*

Holy Week Information & Other Activities

Good Friday - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

No Mass - Mass is not celebrated after Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus. There are three parts to the liturgy: Liturgy of the Word, Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion which was consecrated on Holy Thursday.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Fasting means we have one regular meal and less at other meals, with no snacking, however, it is not intended to cause harm to your health. If you have a medical condition in which fasting is harmful you should not fast. When possible, we try to extend the discipline of fasting and abstaining from meat until after the Vigil on Holy Saturday. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food, or unnecessary beverages, in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. For an otherwise healthy person the law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age.



Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children - March 29 at 11:00 am This service is intended for young children. We include this liturgy to try to help children understand why we celebrate on Good Friday - Jesus' passion for us, through his death on the cross.
✠The Eucharist is not distributed at this liturgy.

Good Friday at 8:00 pm - Dramatization: The Stations of the Cross

Live dramatization of the 14 Stations: A powerful re-enactment of Jesus' last journey to the cross. Experience what it was like to witness Jesus' final hours. *(Not suitable for younger children.)*

Blessing of Festive Food - Saturday, Mar. 30, 3 pm

It is the tradition of people from many cultures to ask for God's blessing on the festive foods to be used at Easter. This blessing is celebrated on Holy Saturday. *Please ensure that candles do not drip onto the carpet.*



Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

March 30, 9:00 to about 11:30 pm

(No 7:00 pm Mass) St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil is to be considered the most important of all vigils. On this night we celebrate the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).

This Mass has four parts: Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism and Liturgy of the Eucharist. By most ancient tradition this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord. As we begin the vigil, the faithful, carrying lighted candles, should be like those looking for the Lord when He returns so that at His coming He may find us awake and have us sit at His table. This Mass satisfies your Sunday Mass obligation for Easter Sunday.

Celebration of our newly baptized Following the Easter Vigil join us in Tranquille Hall. Please bring a sweet (squares, cookies, etc.), fruit, or savory (cheese, crackers, etc.) food to share. Drop them off in the hall between 8:00 and 9:00 pm.

Holy Water: At the Easter Vigil we bless the Easter water, the water that will be used for baptisms. Please bring empty containers and take some of the Easter water. This water will be available until after Mass on Easter Sunday.