

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 24, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

NO REGULAR BULLETIN UNTIL APRIL 6/7 WEEKEND:
Watch for our special edition Grapevine for Easter.

Parish Office Closed: Good Friday & Easter Monday

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Mon, Mar 25: 12:15 pm, Weekday Mass

Tues, Mar 26: 7:00 am, Weekday Mass

(Time changed due to the Chrism Mass in McLennan)

Wed, Mar 27: 12:15 pm, Weekday Mass

7:00 pm, Weekday Mass

7:30 pm, Confession

Holy Thursday, Mar 28

7:30 pm, Mass of Our Lord's Supper

Following Mass until midnight, Adoration in chapel

Good Friday, Mar 29

11:00 am, Liturgy of the Word with Children

3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion

8:00 pm, Live Drama of the Stations of the Cross

(not suitable for younger children)

Holy Saturday, Mar 30

3:00 pm, Blessing of Food, church

9:00 pm, Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, Mar 31

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Easter Mass

Easter Monday, April 1

9:00 am, Weekday Mass

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land, Good Friday, March 29. This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." St. Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in Animo* on the needs of the church in the Holy Land.

Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

Dates To Remember

March 23 - April 7

Sat. 23: 10 am, Splitting Palms, Tranquille Hall

10 - 11:45 am, Good Friday choir practice, church

Mon. 25: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

7 - 9 pm: Easter Vigil choir practice, church

Wed. 27: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room

7:45 - 9 pm, Choir practice, church

Thurs 28: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP11 Room

Thurs. 1: Easter Monday, 9 am, weekday Mass

Thurs. 4: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP11 Room

Sat. 6: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

parish office

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room

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.

Easter Holy Water - After the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday you are invited to take home blessed Easter water. Please bring your own container.

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

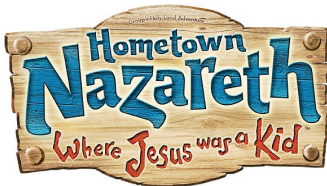
Kristen ext 229 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Mom's Group Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: March 28 & April 4



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed.
Next gatherings: March 28 & April 11

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](#)

Good Friday Liturgy of the Word With Children

March 29, 11 am. Introduce your children to the Good Friday faith tradition with this interactive child-led faith celebration of God's great love for them.

Liturgy of the Word with Children: Children ages 4 - grade 3 please join us during Mass for a joyful celebration of Liturgy of the Word geared for you. We sing, hear and discuss Jesus' message, pray and do an activity while we have fun with friends. Older children and teens are welcome to volunteer.

Family Night Out - Come celebrate with your whole family: Enjoy a meal, fellowship, music and more. *Save the date:* April 28, 4 - 7 pm. Watch bulletin for details or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Wishing everyone a blessed and joyful Easter!



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm
Next gatherings: April 5 & 20



Grade 9 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gatherings: April 5 & 20



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



Emmaus Night, *Theology of the Body*, Monday, Apr 8, 7:45 pm, St. JP II Room

The Share Lent Collection was last weekend, March 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. ***It's not too late to contribute.*** Donate directly to devp.org/give, the Sunday collection, or bring to the parish office during office hours. Make cheques payable to *St. Joseph Church*.

Adult Formation

FORMED - EMBRACED IN MERCY: THE RITE EXPLAINED

Whether you go to Confession regularly or a decade ago, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Rite - what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

Choir Rehearsal for

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.

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](#).

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Fr. Albert & Fr. Rajmund & Archbishop Pettipas

Ivan Romkes Pat Hunt

Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker

Wade Kaczkielo Wanda Boucher

Josie Tuazon, sister of Tessie Foster

Lorenzo Laban, father of Luther Laban

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 Paszolo Anthony Alba

Katherine Skretting, former parishioner

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

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

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 the Infirm, Oil of Catechumens, 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.

Supporting Parents & Families in Catholic Faith

Formation: Monday, Apr 8, 5:30 pm Tranquille Hall

For info contact: Fr. Charles Duval, or Fr. Ed Eherer

780-532-2351

Join us for Food and Resources

Coordinators: Trustees Michelle Gemmell, Russ Snoble

Parish Games Night, Thursday, Apr 11, Tranquille Hall

5:30 pm: Supper - Butter chicken, Caesar salad, naan bread and dessert from Majors Restaurant

7 pm: Games

You are welcome to come for one or both parts of the evening.

Cost by donation (to support the St. Lawrence Centre)

Event hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Katherine Skretting, a former parishioner, passed away on March 14. [Click here](#) for her obituary.

Mass Intentions

March 25 - April 6

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 25, 12:15 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski/

✠ Anna & Frank Blaszczak

Wed. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Peter Nunes

7 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Mon. 1, 9 am: ✠ Gwen Glaser

Tues. 2, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Nunes Family

7 pm: ✠ Mabel Nunes

Wed. 3, 12:15 pm: ✠ Ken O'Shea

7 pm: ✠ Bernardo & Beatriz Patulot

Thurs. 4, 7 pm: ✠ Brady Grattan

Fri. 5, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Raphael Mascarenhas

12:15 pm: ✠ Jerry & Tee Backmeyer

Sat. 6, 9 am: ✠ Crespeniano & Purita Siega

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.

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 X 11. All requests/submissions are subject to approval.

Good Friday Fast and Abstinence from Meat:

Traditionally on this day, when we remember our Saviors' incredible sacrifice for us, we eat much simpler meals than normal, and refrain from eating meat (eggs and fish are allowed.) A black fast, eating nothing, is discouraged. Fasting is never intended to harm your health! If you have a condition negatively effected by fasting, continue with what you ordinarily do.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Parking - Our parking lot has limited parking. As part of your Lenten sacrifice you may consider parking off-site for Holy week/ Easter Sunday events (Good Friday and Easter Sunday) and leave the parking lot for those who are unable to walk far or families with young children.

Sunday Readings**Passion (Palm) Sunday: *Surrender to God's will***

Mark 11:1 - 10. Entry into Jerusalem

Isaiah 50:4 - 7. Salvation only through the Lord's servant

Philippians 2:6 - 11. Imitating Christ's humility

Mark 14:1 - 15:47. The Passion of Jesus

Key Passage: [Jesus said,] "Abba, Father, for You all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what You want." Mark 14:36

Question: When have you found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled you to accept it?

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Catholic Family Services Spring Fling Fundraiser

April 20, Holiday Inn & Suites. Entertainment by Outlaw Country *Tribute to Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings*. Dinner, raffles, live and silent auctions. Doors open: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm
100% of proceeds benefit our community with access to affordable, professional mental health services. \$75 each \$140 for 2 \$560 for table of 8
Call Catholic Family Services, 780-532-9381, for tickets.

Frequently Asked Questions

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule: see front page

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