

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3, 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 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.

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. 8: Reflection: Bolivia - supporting Indigenous and farming communities

Stations led by CWL

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 3, 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

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

Dates To Remember

March 2 - 10

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

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room

Sun. 3: 1 - 3 pm, Good Friday Stations Rehearsal, church

Mon. 4: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 5: 7:45 - 9 pm, Ignite, St. JP II Room

Wed. 6: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 7: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall

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

Fri. 8: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

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

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

1 - 3 pm, Good Friday Stations Rehearsal, church

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

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 - 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: March 7, Tranquille Hall



Sharing & Learning Together

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

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

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](#)

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gatherings: March 2 & 16



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

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.

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!

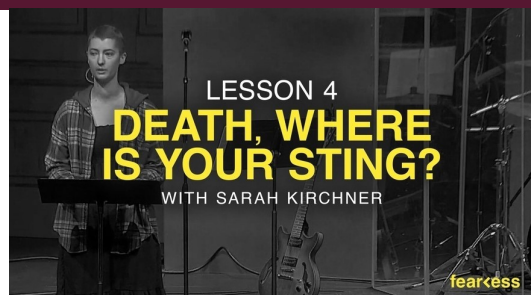
Young Adults



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandepairie

Tuesday, March 5, 7:45 - 9 pm:
Emmaus Night, St JP II Room

Adult Formation



FORMED - DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?

w/Sarah Kirchner - Fearless, Episode 4

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

March 4 - 9

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Susanne Schaefer

Tues. 5, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Titus Nunes & Family
7 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Wed. 6, 12:15 pm: ✠ Barbara Eileen Kiddine
7 pm: ✠ Ken O'Shea

Thurs. 7, 7 pm: ✠ Lawrence Nunes

Fri. 8, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Mabel & John McNeil/
✠ Stacy Hagg

12:15 pm: ✠ Denise Hrushka

Sat. 9, 9 am: ✠ Jan Latos

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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 Friday, March 15, from 1 - 5 pm at the parish office, or up to an hour before Mass in Tranquille Hall.

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

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

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



Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings begins next

Sunday, March 10, at 2 am.

Don't forget to change your clock!

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, along with the Archbishop, recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. Refreshments served in the hall after the celebration. Everyone is encouraged to attend this special Mass.

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.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)

defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands.

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read the D&P [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

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.

Sunday Readings**Third Sunday of Lent: Source of Strength**

Exodus 17:3 - 7. Water from the rock

Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8. Faith hope and love

John 4:5 - 42. The Samaritan woman at the well

Key Passage: Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

John 4:13 - 14

Question: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

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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