

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We are Hiring for Two Positions!

Coordinator for Ministry to Marriage and OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly RCIA)

We are looking for a practicing Catholic with knowledge of church sacraments. The successful candidate will need strong leadership and organization skills. This individual will coordinate and continue to develop the existing ministry to marriage and adult initiation. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Complete job description available on the parish website or from the office. Resumes accepted until May 1st, 2024 at 5 pm or until position is filled. Submit resume, with 3 references (including a reference from current parish priest if you are not from St. Joseph Parish) to Father Charles Duval, C.Ss.R. Resume may be submitted to the parish office or electronically to

CharlesDuval@gpcsd.ca

Part-Time Custodian

We are looking for a part time, reliable and detail-oriented individual. The successful candidate will be responsible for a variety of cleaning duties and must be able to work independently. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Complete job description available on the parish website or from the office. Resumes accepted until May 8, 2024 at 5 pm or until position is filled. Submit resume to Father Charles Duval, C.Ss.R. via the parish office or electronically at

CharlesDuval@gpcsd.ca .

Please keep all our children receiving their First Eucharist this weekend in your prayers.

Sat. 27, 7 pm: St Catherine, St Patrick, Mother Teresa

Sun. 28, 9 am: Louis Riel & St. Gerard

11 am: Holy Cross, St. Kateri, St. Clement

Dates To Remember

April 27 - May 5

Sat 27: 7 pm, 1st Eucharist Celebration, Mass

Sun 28: 9 & 11 am, 1st Eucharist Celebration, Mass

3 - 4 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

4 - 7 pm, Family Night Out, Tranquille Hall

Mon 29: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 30: 5 pm, Ignite Food Prep, Tranquille Hall Kitchen

Wed 1: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs 2: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP II Room

Fri 3: 6:45 - 8:30 pm, Women's Retreat, church

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

Sat 4: 9 am - 4 pm, Women's Retreat, church

5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room



I Am Enough - Women's Retreat, Friday, May 3,

6:45 - 8:30 pm & Saturday, May 4, 9 am - 4 pm.

Mothers, daughters, sisters, friends join us at this

encouraging & affirming retreat. Guest speakers:

Cecilia Mzvondiwa, Michelle Blondin & Emily Kiedyk

\$25/person Lunch & snacks included.

Childcare available upon request.

Tickets available after Masses this weekend, at the

office until Wednesday or on Eventbrite [click here](#).

For information email cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

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, [click here](#) or call the parish office.

Sacraments

Beatriz ext 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of Baptism this weekend we welcome Shawn Suñga and Benjamin Rombs. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with joy.

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

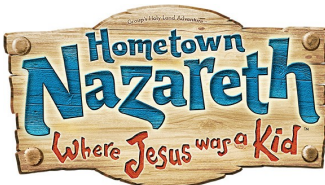
Kristen ext 229 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Mom's Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: May 2



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
St JPll Room. Volunteers needed.
Next gatherings: May 9 & 23

Hometown Nazareth VBS, July 8 - 12



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](#)
Registration for VBS opens May 1 on our website.

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

April 28, 4 - 7 pm, Tranquille Hall
Come for fellowship with your whole family! Enjoy a meal, conversation, music and more.

For more details email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca
Register [here](#)

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm
Next gathering: May 4



Grade 9 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JPll Room
Next gathering: May 4

Progressive Fast Food Dinner. Please bring \$10
Youth are responsible for arranging their own rides.
Confused? Contact April.



Grade 7 - 9
1st & 3rd Friday
7 - 8:30 pm in St JPll Room
Next gathering: May 3

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.



Camp St. Martin registration is open.
Grade 9 - 12: August 5 - 10
Grade 7 - 8: August 11 - 16
Grade 4 - 6: August 18 - 21
Register [here](#)

Young Adults



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandepairie

Making meals for St. Lawrence Centre, Tuesday,
Apr. 30, 5 pm, Tranquille Hall Kitchen

Adult Formation



FORMED - WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA? In light of St. Catherine's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

The Way of the Light (Via Lucis), Sunday, April 28, 4 pm in the church, led by the newly baptized at Easter. As the Way of the Cross complements the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Way of the Light parallels the Glorious Mysteries. It highlights the events that took place from the time of Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost. Please join us in this joyful devotion.

Mass with Anointing of the Sick, Thursday, May 9, at 1:30 pm - an opportunity for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This Sacrament is available for anyone who has a serious illness: the elderly whose frailty is becoming more pronounced, major surgery/serious medical tests, uncontrollable and chronic illnesses (arthritis, diabetes, etc.), mental illness. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this sacrament or is homebound due to infirmity, please help them attend this Mass. Refreshments will follow in the Grouard Room.

Mass Intentions

April 29—May 4

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
Mon. 29, 12:15 pm: ✠ Sebastian Netto
Tues. 30, 7 pm: ✠ Kylie Bain
Wed. 1, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marie, Gus & Mark Jantz
7 pm: ✠ Emerenciano Lugao
Thurs. 2, 7 pm: ✠ Lill Sexton
Fri. 3, 10:30 am: ✠ Pinto & Nunes Families
12:15 pm: ✠ Sr. Louise Blum
Sat. 4, 9 am: Archbishop Pettipas, C.Ss.R.

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Ruth Gardner Uta Neuwoehner
Marcos Mazorra, brother of Maria Mazorra
Pat Gauthier, mother of Donna Mostowy
Wilfred Wanihadie Tony Wanihadie
Pat Hunt Archbishop Pettipas
Wanda Boucher Fr. Rajmund Dorawa
Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker
Josie Tuazon, sister of Tessie Foster
Darryl Palmer, father of Darlene Lemay
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk
Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes

The deceased, especially

Florence Beaulieu, mother of Marie Moreau
Bernard Bautista Armand Cyr
Erlinda Repato, aunt of Charmaine Mapaye

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

Applications for the **CWL Frances Pronovost Scholarship** are being accepted until June 30. Please call Lorraine, 780-539-4766, for information.

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

Gift Shop: A large selection of First Communion and Confirmation gifts are available. Come and check them out. Open after Saturday, 7 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass.

Parish Games Night, Thursday, May 9, Tranquille Hall

5:30 pm: Supper sponsored by Ken & Linda
Landr - Chili & a bun, coleslaw
Gluten Free options available
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

Christian Meditation course to introduce interested newcomers to this form of prayer. Sundays until May 26, from 3 - 4 pm in the chapel and will run for 6 weeks. Meditation is central to the Christian experience and is deeply rooted in Christian tradition. It is a prayer of silence and listening, also known as contemplative prayer. Email Mia, miklge@telus.net for more information. No charge.

School Board By-Election for Ward 1 (Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Sexsmith and the surrounding area)

Nominations are now open for candidates for one Trustee in the Grande Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School Division, for the By-Election on June 25. Nomination packages are available from the Board Office in Grande Prairie at 9902 – 101 Street during regular business hours.

Nominations may be submitted until noon on May 28. Details about school board elections can be found at <https://www.gpcsd.ca/apps/pages/by-elections2024>

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.

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Strengthening Your Faith

Acts 4:26 - 31. Saul visits Jerusalem

1 John 3:18 - 24. The actions of believers

John 15:1 - 8. The vine and the branches

Key Passage: [The vine grower] removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

John 15:2

Question: When have you been “pruned” by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

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THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK NEEDS

Canned pasta, canned tomatoes, canned meat (chicken, ham, turkey), canned fruit, boxed soup, pudding/Jello, oatmeal, children’s snacks, juice boxes, diapers (newborn, sizes 5 & 6), Pull Ups (3 - 4T & 4 - 5T), shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

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