

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 7, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

We welcome into our family of faith those who were received into the church at the Feast of St.

Joseph: Erin Coffin, Sonja Devantier, Robert Kingsley, Mary Jane Mades, Kristian Toivonen & Chelsea Wheeler.

And all those who were baptized at Easter: Michael Binder, Ivy Chau, Jenna Fowler, Sophie Irla, Tenielle Kleinschroth, Haley Lefferson, Eric Merta, Martin Pearson, Vincent Rovere, Nevada Wafler, Lewis Devantier, Emma Wartena, Ellinore Watson, Violet Pearson, Quinn Reimer, Chloe & Zachary Lake, Scarlett Kingsley, Alistair, Isaac & Lucas Watson, Sakura Merta and Miah Wartena.

We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

We are hiring!

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 5pm 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

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. From 2:30 - 3:30 pm the chapel will be available for private prayers beginning with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Dates To Remember

April 6 - 14

Sat 6: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room

Mon 8: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
5:30 pm, Catholic Faith Formation, Tranquille Hall
7:45 pm, Ignite Emmaus Night, St JP11 Room

Wed 10: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
7:45 - 9 pm, Choir practice, church

Thurs 11: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP11 Room
5:30 pm, Supper & Games Night, Tranquille Hall
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JP11 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 April 13/14, 20/21 & 27/28 or on Eventbrite [click here](#).

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: April 11



Sharing & Learning Together

Grade 3 - 6 youth group
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
St JP II Room

Volunteers needed.

Next gathering: 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](#)

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

Save the date: April 28, 4-7pm

Come for fellowship with your whole family!

Enjoy a meal, conversation, music and more.

For more details email: sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

More dates to come!

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



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



Grade 9 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room
Next gatherings: April 6 & 20



Grade 7 - 9
1st & 3rd Friday
7 - 8:30 pm in St JP II Room
Next gathering: April 19

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

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

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

There are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

Adult Formation

FORMED - WHY CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN "LIFE EVERLASTING" The Catholic Church cares about every BODY. Think of relics and funerals - reverence for our bodies and the body's of holy people is part of being Catholic. But why? We find the answer at the end of the Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting." That's a pretty strong statement and it's founded on Jesus. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we can look forward to our own body's being raised at the end of time. Pretty cool, right?

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Work Bee

Saturday April 13, 10 am -12:30 pm, Grouard Room
Painting peg dolls, cutting, drawing, coloring, & laminating - materials supplied. Just show up if you are interested in learning more and helping out. Call the parish office if you have questions for Marie Moreau.

For more information about this program for young children visit the website www.cgsac.ca.

Supporting Parents & Families in Catholic Faith

Formation: Monday, Apr 8, 5:30 pm Tranquille Hall
Join us for Food and Resources
Coordinators: Trustees Michelle Gemmell, Russ Snoble

Mass Intentions

April 8 - 13

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 8, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marie, Gus & Mark Jantz
Tues. 9, 7 pm: CWL
Wed. 10, 12:15 pm: ✠ Dom Dika
7 pm: ✠ Betty Lou Lynch Noonan
Thurs. 11, 7 pm: ✠ Mavis DeCruz
Fri. 12, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Pinto Family
12:15 pm: Haley Mathias
Sat. 13, 9 am: ✠ Marcel & Ghislaine Guenette

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR


The sick, especially Archbishop Pettipas
Pat Hunt Fr. Rajmund Dorawa
Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker
Wanda & Johnny 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 Wade Kaczkielo
Ariel Canada Robert Fulk

CWL monthly meeting, Tuesday, Apr. 9, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

K of C monthly meeting, Tuesday, Apr. 9, 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.

Parish Games Night, Thursday, Apr 11, Tranquille Hall
5:30 pm: Supper - Butter chicken, Caesar salad, Naan

 bread and dessert from Major's 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

Church Parking: *Recently, people have received parking tickets for parking in front of driveways, blocking laneways and in other areas where parking is not permitted. Do not park along curbs or in laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. FYI: damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.*

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.

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.

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>

Sunday Readings

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Following the example of Jesus

Acts 4:32 - 35. Life of the Christians

1 John 5:1 - 6. Belief in Jesus Christ

John 20:19 - 31. Appearance to the disciples

Key Passage: The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

Acts 4:32

Question: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?

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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