

Ascension of the Lord  
May 12, 2024



EMBRACING  
the KINGDOM of GOD

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY** to all our mothers!

### **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 position is filled. Submit resume to Father Charles Duval, C.Ss.R. via the parish office or electronically at [CharlesDuval@gpcsd.ca](mailto:CharlesDuval@gpcsd.ca).



### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Sunday, May 12: *Mother's Day* following the 9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall.  
Gluten free available.

**Everyone is welcome to join us at Mass, May 13 & 14 as the children are being confirmed.**

The Confirmation Masses are at 7:00 pm on  
**Monday, May 13:** The schools attending are Holy Cross, St. Catherine, St. Clement & St Patrick

**Tuesday, May 14:** The schools attending are St. Gerard, St. Kateri, Mother Teresa & Louis Riel  
*If your family is unable to attend the date of the celebration allocated for your school, you are welcome to attend the other celebration.*

Please keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

**Road Construction in front of the church, May 6 to June 10.** Please be aware that this construction will likely disrupt traffic around the church.

## Dates To Remember

### **May 12 - 19**

**Sun 12:** after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall  
**Mon 13:** 7 pm, Confirmation Mass, church  
**Tues 14:** 7 pm, Confirmation Mass, church  
**Wed 15:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
7:45 pm, Prayer Vigil for World Peace, church  
**Thurs 16:** 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP II Room  
7 pm, Mass followed by Prayers for Healing, church  
**Fri 17:** 7 - 8:30 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room  
7 - 8:15 pm, Mass & Adoration, church  
**Sat 18:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP II Room  
**Sun 19:** noon, Pentecost gathering, Tranquille Hall

### **Interfaith Prayer Vigil For Peace**

Wednesday, May 15, 7:45 to 8:45 pm (after Mass)  
Please come and gather together for urgently needed prayers for peace in our broken world.  
Everyone welcome.

**Pentecost, May 17/18** Come to Mass wearing red (the liturgical colour for the day) or wearing clothing that represents your cultural heritage. After 11 am Mass we will gather in Tranquille Hall to share baked goods from the many ethnic groups in our parish. If you would like to contribute please contact Thomas, [st.ioes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.ioes.ppc@gmail.com).

## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto: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

Parents are required to complete a **Baptism course for each of their children.** For information check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://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 16



**Grade 3 - 6 youth group**  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
St JP11 Room. Volunteers needed.  
Next gatherings: May 23 & June 13



### 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](#)  
Register children on our website [click here.](#)

**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.

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



**Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday**  
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm  
Next gathering: May 18

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** Grade 9 - 12  
**1st & 3rd Saturday**  
8 - 10 pm in St JP11 Room  
Next gathering: May 18



Grade 7 - 9  
**1st & 3rd Friday**  
7 - 8:30 pm in St JP11 Room  
Next gathering: May 17

### 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](#)

**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

**Adoration + Trivia Night**  
Friday, May 17, church

## Adult Formation



### FORMED - FINDING FATIMA

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film *the 13th Day*, this powerful, in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

**Sign up for FORMED on our website:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

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

**Adoration: Friday, May 17, 7 – 8:15 pm.** Join us for Mass. Stay afterwards for this quiet, reflective prayer in the presence of our Lord.

**Prayers for Healing:** Thursday, May 16, after 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.

## Mass Intentions

May 13 - 18

✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
SH - Mass at a senior's home  
Mon. 13, 12:15 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski  
Wed. 15, 12:15 pm: ✠ Elsie Repetowski  
7 pm: Nunes Family  
Thurs. 16, 7 pm: ✠ Jennie Croken  
Fri. 17, 10:30 am: ✠ Pinto Family  
12:15 pm: ✠ Joseph Vavrek  
7 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes  
Sat. 18, 9 am: ✠ Mabel & John McNeil/✠ Stacey Hagg

## General Information

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

<b>The sick, especially</b>	Adrian Trepanier
Toni McKenzie	Rick Lafrance
Ruth Gardner	Uta Neuwoehner
Marcos Mazorra, brother of Maria Mazorra	
Pat Gauthier, mother of Donna Mostowy	
Wilfred Wanihadie	Tony Wanihadie
Pat Hunt	Wanda Boucher
Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker	
Josie Tuazon, sister of Tessie Foster	
Darryl Palmer, father of Darlene Lemay	
<b>The deceased, especially</b>	Ed Biegel
Annie Helkenbeg	Avalon Leonie Thompson
Carol Holobowich, sister of Ken Landry	
Sandra Van Schaick, daughter of Paulette & Wayne	Patterson

**Please note:** *The CWL May meeting* is postponed to Tuesday, May 21, beginning with Mass at 7 pm in the church.

*The Knights of Columbus May meeting* is also postponed until May 21, 7 pm, in Liguori Hall.

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Work-Bee

Saturday, June 1, 9:30 - 12 noon, in the Grouard Room (enter through the front doors of the church). Cutting, drawing, coloring, & laminating, etc. - 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](http://www.cgsac.ca).*

Applications for the **CWL Frances Pronovost**

**Scholarship** are being accepted until June 30.

Please call Lorraine, 780-539-4766, for information.

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

**SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"** There are a number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In order 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.

**School Board By-Election for Ward 1 (Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Sexsmith and the surrounding area)**  
Nominations are 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/](http://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.

#### 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.

**Church Parking** 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.

## 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/](http://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](mailto:sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments?** Contact ext. 224, or email [sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca)

**Religious Gift Shop/Library:** Open after weekend Masses

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. [stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [st.joes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.joes.ppc@gmail.com)

## Sunday Readings

### Ascension of the Lord

**Acts 1:1 - 11.** Jesus' final instructions and ascension

**Ephesians 4:1 - 13.** Building up the body of Christ

**Mark 16:15 - 20.** Conclusion of Mark's Gospel

**Key Passage:** "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." *Mark 16:15*

**Question:** How well are you fulfilling Jesus' command to share the good news with others?