



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Family Day, Monday, February 17 The parish office will be closed and weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am. Have a wonderful day with your family.

Ash Wednesday Collection, March 5. Until 2026, this collection is for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to fulfill our Archdiocese's commitment to raise \$165,000. It will go towards programs for healing and reconciliation for Indigenous communities within our archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity and support as we strive to move forward together towards reconciliation. Donations can also be dropped in the Sunday collection basket or anytime at the parish office (mark envelope - Ash Wednesday Collection). Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church."

OCIA & Parish Renewal Workshop, Saturday, Mar 8, 9:45 am – 1:30 pm, Tranquille Hall. Discover how the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) can revitalize your parish and create a culture of welcome and transformation. You will leave inspired and equipped to bring new energy into your parish community! A light lunch, coffee, and snacks will be provided! Register now at www.archgm.ca/ocia-parish-renewal/

Catholics Returning Home - Have you been away from the church? Do you have family or friends who no longer come to church? Do you have questions concerning the Catholic faith? This may be a good time to attend Catholics Returning Home. This 6 week program is at 7:30 pm on Thursdays, beginning March 6. Brochures available on the literature rack in the entrance of the church and on our website. For information contact the parish office, 780-532-2351. (Registration is not required. You may also just show up.)

2025 Mardi Gras - Friday, Feb. 28, 7 - 10 pm

Theme: Radical Room All-ages costume party!

Join us in Tranquille Hall. Bring your friends.

Deejay, dancing, door prizes, games, snacks, photobooth, Bouncy Castle (7 - 8 pm).

Costume ideas: If you could go anywhere or any time, what would you wear?

Free tickets after weekend Mass.

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, February 20 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!

Please remember in your prayers all the ladies who are attending the Cursillo this weekend. We pray that they will experience the love and grace of our loving Father, and leave the weekend refreshed and renewed.

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca

2024 Income Tax receipts available during February after weekend Masses or from the office during office hours.

2025 Donation envelopes - Available from the parish office during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - noon and 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Donation options: Envelopes

PAP (Pre-Approved Payments): monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account

Credit Card: monthly donation

Online donation through our website

E-transfer: email to sjc.etransfer@gmail.com

Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Check the bulletin board in the church for Family & Children events.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2nd & 4th Thursdays

7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: February 27

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: February 20

VBS 2025: Great Journey with Jesus through the Church Year. July 7 - 11. Planning now. Call Kristen

Liturgy of the Word Leader Come & See, next weekend, February 22/23. Join us to explore whether this ministry to our little ones is for you. Saturday 6 pm, Modern Martyrs Room. Sunday 10:10 am, Modern Martyrs Room. Sign up to let us know you are attending at LWWC

Sacraments

Jean-Marc ext. 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

This weekend, through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Wyatt Dube and Benjamin Whitelaw to our faith family. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy.

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

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. Since Baptism is when we first *encounter* new life with Jesus, we will not celebrate baptism during Lent. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Check out our programs for youth at saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth.



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays

Next gathering: Friday, February 21



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday

Please note: Next Youth Choir will be Saturday, February 22. Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office. Singers & musicians welcome!

HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12, 8 - 10 pm Saturday, Feb. 22, St JP II Room (following 7 pm Mass).

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

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

Bible & Beer, Thursday, Feb. 27, 7:45 pm, upstairs at Mr. Mike's Restaurant.

Mass Intentions

February 17 - 22

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 17, 9 am: ✠ Rita Boivin

Tues. 18, 7 pm: ✠ Margaret Martin

Wed. 19, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jose & Felisa Alido

7 pm: ✠ Lucy, Casey & Derrick Glodek

Thurs. 20, 7 pm: Thanksgiving

Fri. 21, 12:15 pm: ✠ Oliver Pinto

Sat. 22, 9 am: ✠ Francisco Polidario

Adult Formation



FORMED: How to Lent - Video Series

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent - we just don't know how to do it. This series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Catholicism Video Series with Bishop Robert Baron

Wednesdays, 7:45 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Join us as we discover the richness and full meaning of our faith through this video series. Come for one or all evenings.

Save the date: Cast Your Worries, Embrace Joy!

Women's Retreat, May 2 & 3. Presented by CWL.

COR: Men's group study - Forms & strengthens Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation & fraternity.

Contact Patdeluca9@gmail.com for information.

Christian Meditation - Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. Everyone is welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity.

For information contact Mia, miklge@telus.net

February 15 - 23 Dates to Remember

Sat. 15: 11:15 - 3:30 pm, Couples Retreat, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 16: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Mon. 17: Family Day - Parish Office Closed

9 am, Weekday Mass, church

Tues. 18: 7 pm, K of C COR, St. JP II Room

Wed. 19: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

7:45 pm Catholicism Series, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 20 : 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall

7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing after Mass, church

Fri. 21: 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room

Sun. 23: After 9 & 11 am Mass, Pancake Breakfast,
Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

General Information

2025 Parish Mission: Pilgrims of Hope, April 6 - 9

Save the Date! You do not want to miss this. The Mission is for all ages and will be in the evening. More information coming soon.

Ultreya, Friday, Feb. 28, 7 pm, Liguori Hall

A short time of prayer, faith sharing and support. Make new friends (and bring some old). Everyone is welcome. Come greet the ladies fresh off the Women's Cursillo.



K of C Pancake Breakfast Sunday, Feb. 23

after 9 & 11 am Mass, in Tranquille Hall

\$10/person \$30/family

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

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

All are welcome. No sewing skills required. If you are interested in joining contact the office for formation.

Know someone who can't come to Mass due to illness or infirmity? Our Communion Team take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound, in the hospital and senior's homes. Please call the parish office for details or to sign up.

We need your old palm branches from previous Palm Sundays. The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on previous Palm Sundays. Place them in the box in the entrance to the church.

Gift Shop "Clearance Sale" - 50% off Old Stock!

February only - Lots of items available!

Shop open after Saturday evening 7 pm Mass and Sunday morning, 9 & 11 am Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Roland Antonio

Chelsea & Casey Kent

Milagrosa Diaz

Annette Cymbaluk

Ivan Romkes

Kendra McKenna

Priscila Lanada

Helena Gabad Rimando

Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially

Bohdanan Andruskiw, mother of Roma Kosyk

Please be mindful of our church neighbours: Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot (south of our parking lot).

The Refugee Committee in Sexsmith needs 4 volunteers for the City of Grande Prairie.

Commitment is 2 - 3 hours/month, delivering food and assisting refugees in the city. Contact our parish office, 780-532-2351.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Marion Pilgrimage of Hope

Visit Marian churches, grottos and/or any Marian statues or icons in the Archdiocese. Copies of the Archdiocesan "Pilgrim's Passport" may be found at the Information Centre in the church, at the parish office or print your own copy at www.archgm.ca/jubilee.

World Day of Prayer 2025, March 7, 7 pm will be hosted by Forbes Presbyterian Church, 9635 76 Ave, with snacks and fellowship to follow afterwards. This international ecumenical Christian Laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually on the first Friday in March. This year's prayer "I Made You Wonderful" was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands, based on Psalm 139:14 "I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made". The service will include participation from various churches in our city. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday Readings

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Reaching Out to Others

1 Jeremiah 17:5 - 8. True wisdom

1 Cor. 15:12, 16 - 20. The resurrection and faith

Luke 6:17, 20 - 26. The great discourse

Passage: Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." *Luke 6:20*

Question: In what ways are you serving the poor, as Jesus did?

Child: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?

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Frequently Asked Questions

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

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

Daily Masses (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

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 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 Karen G, ext. 224, or email sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca

Interested in joining the church or completing Sacraments for adults? Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca

Religious Gift Shop/Library: After Saturday 7 pm & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: kofc3241gp@gmail.com

Information Centre in church New? Know of any newcomers/visitors to our parish? Questions/need information? On weekends see volunteers at the Centre.

Event Promotion: Fill in a Request to Promote form on our website saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/. Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.