



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 23, 2025

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Congratulations to our pastor Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R., who has been elected the Coadjutor Bishop for our Archdiocese!** He will be assisting Archbishop Pettipas, C.Ss.R. until he steps down. That day, Bishop Charles will automatically become the Archbishop of Grouard McLennan. We have been so blessed to have Fr. Charles as our pastor and we know that he will be a great leader as he takes over from Archbishop Pettipas, C.Ss.R. Please keep him and Archbishop Pettipas in your prayers.

**We are excited to welcome 2 new Ministry Coordinators!** This past summer Karen Gorman took over to lead Marriage Preparation & OCIA (ext. 224) and Jean-Marc Guenette has just joined us to look after children's Sacraments, including baptism (ext. 228).

**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. Your support and generosity will go towards programs for healing and reconciliation for Indigenous communities in our Archdiocese. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church."

**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 6 week program is at 7:30 pm on Thursdays, beginning March 6. Brochures available on the literature rack in 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.

**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/](http://www.archgm.ca/ocia-parish-renewal/)

## Parish Finances

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

**2024 Income Tax receipts** - This is the last weekend they will be available in the church after Mass.

They will continue to be available from the office during office hours. Call if you cannot pick them up.

**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 27

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

**Liturgy of the Word Leader Come & See,** this 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](http://LWWC)



Catechesis of  
the Good Shepherd  
Association of Canada

For children, 3 & 4  
years old.

A Montessori-based

international program for children to grow in relationship with God. **Please note:** this program will resume in the fall on Saturdays from 10 - 11:30 am. For information & registration contact Marie, [catechesisgp@gmail.com](mailto:catechesisgp@gmail.com) or go to [saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/](http://saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/)

## Sacraments

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

**Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation.** For information call the parish office or check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/)

**During Lent we do not schedule 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 do 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](http://saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth).



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: Friday, February 28. Join us for Mardi Gras in Tranquille Hall!



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

**Please note:** Next Youth

Choir: Saturday, February 22 & March 1. 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 & Mar. 1, St JPII Room (following 7:00 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](http://StJoesYoungAdults)



Young Adults 18+

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

## Mass Intentions

February 24 - March 1

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 24, 12:15 pm: ✠ Dymetry, Mary, Roman & Laura Woychuk

Tues. 25, 7 pm: ✠ George & Virginia Bond

Wed. 26, 12:15 pm: ✠ Thelma Scheunhage

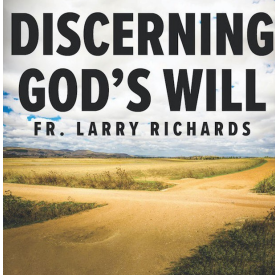
7 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski

Thurs. 27, 7 pm: ✠ Joseph Delorey

Fri. 28, 12:15 pm: ✠ Joseph Pinto

Sat. 1, 9 am: ✠ Rita Boivin

## Adult Formation



### FORMED:

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and person stories.

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

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

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

### Catholicism Video Series with Bishop Robert Baron

7:45 pm, in Tranquille Hall, Wednesdays until March 12. 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

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

[Patdeluca9@gmail.com](mailto:Patdeluca9@gmail.com)

### February 23 - March 2 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 22: 5:** 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza Practice

8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room

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

3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

**Mon. 24:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

**Wed. 26:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
7:45 pm Catholicism Series, Tranquille Hall

**Thurs. 27:** 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall

**Fri. 28:** 7 - 10 pm, Mardi Gras Masquerade, Tranquille Hall

7 - 8:30 pm, EDGE, Tranquille Hall (Mardi Gras)

7 - 9 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall

**Sat. 1:** 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza Practice

8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room

**Sun. 2:** 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.

### 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](mailto:miklge@telus.net)



### 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 takes 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	Victor Guindon
Milagrosa Diaz	Chelsea & Casey Kent
Ivan Romkes	Kendra McKenna
Priscila Lanada	Helena Gabad Rimando
Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick	

#### The deceased, especially

Eve Bouchard

**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.

**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.

**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.

## Sunday Readings

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### In Another's Shoes

**1 Samuel 26:2, 7 - 9, 12 - 13, 22 - 23.** Saul's life spared; Saul admits his guilt  
**1 Cor. 15:45 - 49.** The natural and spiritual body  
**Luke 6:27 - 38.** Love of one's enemies

**Passage:** Jesus said..., "I say to you that listen: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you."  
 Luke 6:27 - 28.

**Question:** What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

## 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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/) or call Jean-Marc, ext. 228 (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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office

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

**Catholic Women's League:** [cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus:** [kofc3241gp@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/). Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.