

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2025



Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

February 9 is World Marriage Day. During the Sunday celebrations, we will have a special blessing of married couples. Come with your spouse.

Games Night, February 13

Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.
5:30 pm supper: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, veggies, strawberry & pecan salad and carrot cake sponsored and provided by Major's Family Restaurant. Games after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation. Proceeds support our youth programs.

Live Your Best Life in Love, Saturday, Feb. 15,
Free Half-Day Couples Retreat - 11:15 am - 3:30 pm
Presentations (via video link) followed by discussion time with your partner. Grow in faith and love! Whether engaged or married, this retreat offers a peaceful, prayerful environment to enrich connection within your relationship. For questions or to register email sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca or at the back of the church after weekend Mass.

Women's Cursillo weekend, Friday, Feb. 14, 6 pm - Monday, Feb. 17, 5 pm. Calling all Cursillistas! Now is the time to invite your friends and family to attend this weekend of sharing, faith, laughter, building community, and good food (prepared by someone else!) For applications and sponsor forms go to www.cursillo.archgm.ca/cursillo-application

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

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

Theme: Radical Roam 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.

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.

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.

Parish Finances

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

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 13

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: February 13

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 8/9. 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

sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca or 780-532-2351(parish office)

This weekend, through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Brynlee Cumine to our faith family. We pray that her 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 JPII 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

@ignitegrandepairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

Emmaus Night: The Four Loaves, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:45 pm.

See Facebook for details.

Mass Intentions

February 10 - 15

✠ - *Mass for someone deceased*

SH - *Mass at a Senior's Home*

Mon. 10, 12:15 pm: Natalie Borman

Tues. 11, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Joan Piebiak

Wed. 12, 12:15 pm: ✠ Milly Wrzosek

7 pm: ✠ Barry McDermott

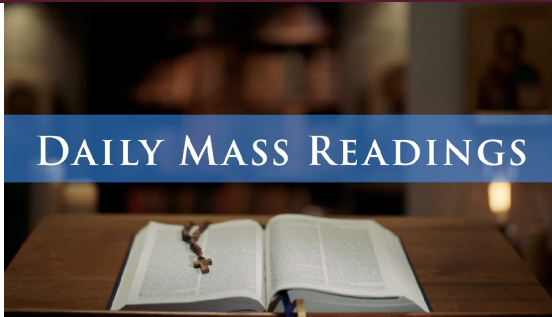
Thurs. 13, 7 pm: ✠ Kenneth Loiselle

Fri. 14, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Henriette Joubarne

12:15 pm: ✠ Warren Pinto

Sat. 15, 9 am: ✠ Rita Boivin

Adult Formation



FORMED: This collection contains the daily and Sunday Mass readings alongside insightful reflections from Dr. Tim Gray, president of the Augustine Institute. Immerse yourself in the transformative power of God's Word as you explore the liturgical calendar and discover the timeless truths that shape our faith. Sign up at [Formed Daily](#) to receive the daily readings and reflections directly to your inbox.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

Contact Patdeluca9@gmail.com for information.

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. This Wednesday's topic: "The Church". Come for one or all evenings.

Save the date: Caste Your Worries, Embrace Joy!
Women's Retreat, May 2 & 3. Presented by CWL.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Annette Cymbaluk	Ivan Romkes
Eyleene Joachin	Kendra McKenna
Tessie Foster	Priscila Lanada
Helena Gabad Rimando	Wilfred Wanihadie
Cecile Thibeault	Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially

Richard Moon	Charles Wisekal
Michael George Ramos, cousin of Richie de los Reyes	

General Information

CWL February Meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 11, beginning with Mass in the church.

K of C monthly meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 pm, in Liguori Hall.

K of C Sandwich Sunday, February 9. Sandwiches will be assembled after 9 am Mass.

K of C Pancake Breakfast has been postponed from February 16th to the 23rd.

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.

February 8 - 16 Dates to Remember

Sat. 8: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 9: 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Mon. 10: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 11: 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church
7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall
Wed. 12: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
7:45 pm Catholicism Series, Tranquille Hall
Thurs. 13 : 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall
5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall
7 pm, SALT, St JP II Room
Sat. 15: 11:15 - 3:30 pm, Couples Retreat, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 16: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

From Pat Hunt: The February 20, 7 pm Mass is in thanksgiving for all the family and friends who prayed for me while I was in hospital last year. God bless you. *(Pat would love it if you joined her at this Mass.)*

Coffee & Muffins Morning at St. Paul's United Church, Wednesday, Feb 12, 10 - 11:30 am. A fundraiser for the **"Grandmothers to Grandmothers" Campaign** (an initiative of the Stephen Lewis Foundation). Your "coffee" donation will go to grandmothers in Africa, whose children have passed away due to HIV and are now raising their grandchildren.

Oliver's Funeral Home: National Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony, Thursday, Feb. 13. Once a year, Oliver's lays retired flags to rest during a ceremony at Grande Prairie Cemetery. Flags can be dropped off at Oliver's year-round. For information and the schedule go to oliversfuneralhome.com

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).

Archdiocesan Jubilee Marian 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.

Sunday Readings

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Stretching Our Limits

Isaiah 6:1 - 2a, 3 - 8. Call of Isaiah

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11. Christ's resurrection

Luke 5:1 - 11. Call of the first disciples

Passage: Simon Peter... fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." ... Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

Luke 5:8, 10b

Question: When have you felt inadequate to a task or role you were given? How did you respond?

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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.