



Second Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Gathering to Celebrate Archbishop-Elect Fr. Charles
Sunday, March 23, following the 11 am Mass.
Please join us for refreshments in Tranquille Hall as we extend to Fr. Charles all our love and prayers for his new appointment.

Celebrating our parish patron, Saint Joseph, on Wednesday, March 19, 5:30 pm

We will begin with Mass in the church followed by a meal and entertainment in Tranquille Hall.
Sign up for supper after Mass this weekend. You will be asked to bring a salad or dessert.
5:30 pm: Mass (No sign up required)
6:30 pm: Meal and entertainment, Tranquille Hall.
Donations accepted to offset the cost of the meal.

Our Outreach program, Samaritan's Basket, needs grocery gift cards & some toiletries. We find gift cards of \$25 & \$50 work best. Toiletries - small or travel size shampoo & conditioner, soap/body wash and deodorant. Please drop off your donation at the parish office during office hours.

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

Sunday, April 6: Jesus, our Hope
Monday, April 7: Living in a Hope-filled church
Tuesday, April 8: Reconciliation, The Gift of Hope
Wednesday, April 9: Hope in the Midst of Suffering
Each evening will begin at 7 pm.
There will be a program for children grade 3 - 6.
Plan to attend. You won't want to miss this!

Lenten Fridays: Soup, Reflection, Stations of the Cross

5:45 pm: meatless soup & buns served by CWL in Tranquille Hall. Donations for Development & Peace
6 pm: Reflection, organized by Social Justice Committee
7 pm: Stations of the Cross in the church
Join us for all 3 or whatever your time allows.
March 21 - Reflection: Local Hope - The Mustard Seed
Stations led by the CWL

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!! We are very excited to announce **Discovery Youth Camps!** All camps will be held near Grande Prairie.

High School Week (gr. 9-12): August 4 - 9

Jr. High Week (gr. 7-8): August 10 - 15

Family Camp Weekend (all ages welcome): August 15 - 17

Many volunteer opportunities. Registration open!

For more information go to saintjoseph.ca/discovery

CWL Bake Sale Saturday & Sunday, March 29/30, following Mass in Tranquille Hall. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. If you have questions, contact cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com
Drop off donations Friday, March 28, from 1 - 5 pm at the parish office, or up to an hour before each Mass in Tranquille Hall.

Church Parking There are many people parking outside of designated parking spaces in our lot - on sidewalks, along curbs, blocking laneways/entrances/exits and parking behind cars, effectively preventing them from leaving. Only park in designated spaces and leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. If there are no designated parking spaces available in our lot please park along the street (do not park in front of driveways).

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

2024 Income Tax receipts are available from the office during office hours. Call to make other arrangements 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: Check our website

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: March 27

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

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: A Montessori-based international program for 3 & 4 year old children to grow in relationship with God. Resuming in the Fall on Saturdays from 10 - 11:30 am. For info & registration contact catechesisgp@gmail.com or saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/

Sacraments

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

Celebration of First Reconciliation, Sunday, Mar. 16
Please pray for all our children who will be receiving this precious sacrament of healing this Sunday.

1:30 pm: St. Gerard, Louis Riel, Holy Cross, St. Kateri
3:00 pm: St. Catherine, St. Clement, St. Patrick,

Mother Teresa

Children from the parish-based program may attend either time.

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check 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.



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Please note, our next gathering is:
Friday, April 4



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

Next Youth Choir: Saturday, March 15. 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, Mar. 15, St JP II Room (following 7 pm Mass).

Save your Bottles for our Youth Programs: Drop off 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



Bible & Beer, Thursday March 27, 7:45 pm, at Mr. Mike's Restaurant in the upper room.

Mass Intentions

March 17 - 22

✠ - Mass for someone deceased
Mon. 17, 12:15 pm: ✠ Donald Sawchuk
Tues. 18, 7 pm: Angela Wiebe
Wed. 19, 12:15 pm: Jenny Lynn Gerbrandt
7 pm: Feast of St. Joseph Mass
Thurs. 20, 7 pm: ✠ Sandra Van Schaick
Fri. 21, 12:15 pm: ✠ Nunes Family
Sat. 22, 9 am: ✠ Boh Guerrette

Adult Formation



FORMED: The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin with Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Fr. Robert Spitzer is a Jesuit scientist and scholar on the Shroud of Turin. He offers some amazing facts about the Shroud, including what we can learn about the Crucifixion from what we see on the cloth. They also discuss the infamous carbon dating claims (they've been scientifically debunked). If you've ever wondered how seriously we can take the Shroud of Turin, you have to see this episode!

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Save the date: Cast Your Worries, Embrace Joy!
Women's Retreat, May 2 & 3

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Mar. 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!

March 15 - 23 Dates to Remember

Sat. 15: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza Practice
8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room
Sun. 16: 1:30 & 3 pm, Children's First Reconciliation
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Mon. 17: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm, K of C COR, St. JP II Room
Wed. 19: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
5:30 pm, Mass for Feast of St. Joseph
Thurs. 20: 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall
7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing after Mass, church
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room
Fri. 21: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church
Sun. 23: 12:15 pm, Celebration for Fr. Charles,
Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

General Information

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

COR: Men's group study - Forms & strengthens Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation & fraternity. For information contact Patdeluca9@gmail.com

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

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.

Catholics Returning Home - Have you:

- been away from the church?
- family or friends who no longer come to church?
- questions concerning the Catholic faith?

Come to Catholics Returning Home at 7:30 pm on Thursdays until April 10 and learn more about our Faith. This is a 6 week program but you may join at any time.

Brochures available on the literature rack in the church and on our website in Events. For info call the parish office, 780-532-2351.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Willy Klein-Gebbinck
Pope Francis	Colleen Cooke
Marilyn Lawless	Victor Guindon
Summer Hatch	Mike Ratvay
Ivan Romkes	Chelsea & Casey Kent
Priscila Lanada	Kendra McKenna
Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick	
The deceased, especially	Tony Kramps
Judy Whiteside, sister of Alice Brick	

Upcoming Renovation Projects: After 17 years in our “new” church we are at the point where updates are needed. This year we have two capital projects to complete - sidewalk repair in front of the bell tower and work in the interior of the church. Our hope is to complete both projects with as little disruption as possible. Your understanding is appreciated.

Development & Peace Event: Tuesday/Wednesday

April 1/2. Join our Social Justice group as they welcome Bishop Izaguirre from Peru, who represents the Episcopal Commission for Social Action, a partner organization of D & P (Caritas Canada).

•Tuesday: 7 pm Mass, Archbishop Pettipas, Archbishop-elect Duval and Bishop Izaguirre will concelebrate. Fellowship in Tranquille Hall following Mass.

•Wednesday, 5:30 pm: bonus Lenten Soup Supper, in Tranquille Hall. Bishop Izaguirre will speak about his organization, CEAS. Luke Stocking, Acting Executive Director for D&P, will speak about the work of D&P.

The Refugee Committee in Sexsmith needs volunteers for the City of Grande Prairie 2 - 3 hours/month, delivering food and assisting refugees in the city. Contact our parish office, 780-532-2351.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Entertainment, March 17 at Immaculate Conception Church, Sexsmith

5:30 pm: Green Beer Dinner: 6:00 pm

\$20/person; \$50/family

For information/tickets call our parish office.

Sunday Readings

Second Sunday of Lent

Transformed by Christ

Genesis 15:5 - 12, 17 - 18. The covenant with Abram

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1. Christ our goal

Luke 9:28b - 36. Jesus transfigured

Passage: But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 3:20*

Question: When you have important choices to make, do you and your family pray to make the right choice?

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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 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

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.