



First Sunday of Lent  
March 9, 2025

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### **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, March 8/9 and next weekend, March 15/16. 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.

**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.

### **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!

**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 in Events. For info call the parish office, 780-532-2351. Registration is not required. You may also just show up.

### **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 14* - Reflection: Overview of Development and Peace 2025 Share Lent Campaign

Stations led by the Grande Prairie Catholic School District Administration

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### **Games Night, March 13**

Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.

5:30 pm supper: Bacon Mac & cheese, potato skins, and salad sponsored and provided by

Mr. Mike's Steakhouse Casual. Dessert:

Subway cookies. Games after dinner until

8:30 pm. Cost is by donation. Proceeds support

St. Lawrence Centre meals.



### **Spring Forward!**

**Daylight Savings begins this Sunday, March 9, at 2 am.**

Remember to change your clocks!

## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [finance@saintjoseph.ca](mailto: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 13

**Moms' Group:** Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: March 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, March 7/8. 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](#)

**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](mailto:catechesisgp@gmail.com) or [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**  
Please note, our next gathering is:  
Friday, March 14 (note date change).



**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](http://StJoesYoungAdults)



**Young Adults 18+**

**Emmaus Night: The Holy Face**

March 11 at 7:45 pm in the St. JP II Room.

## Mass Intentions

March 9 - 15

✠ - Mass for someone deceased  
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home  
Mon. 10, 12:15 pm: ✠ Orest & Walter Woychuk  
Tues. 11, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Alice Chrenek  
Wed. 12, 12:15 pm: ✠ Sandra Van Schaick  
7 pm: Florence Watts  
Thurs. 13, 7 pm: ✠ Pinto Family  
Fri. 14, 10:30 am (SH): Fr. Raymond Dorawa, C.Ss.R.  
12:15 pm: Lydia Claud  
Sat. 15, 9 am: ✠ Leslie Scantland

## Adult Formation



**FORMED: A LENT TO REMEMBER - A Lenten Encounter with Mercy** This collection of videos explores the ways God reaches out to each of us with His mercy. Through Christ's suffering on the cross in the Paschal Mystery and His perpetual reception of His people in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God makes His love, His very self, present to us in the world. By reflecting on the Paschal Mystery and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite of Confession, A Lent to Remember communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love this Lent.

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

**Catholicism Video Series with Bishop Robert Baron**  
The final video will be on Wednesday, Mar 12 at 7:45 pm in Tranquille Hall. Everyone is welcome.

**Children receiving their First Reconciliation this March** will be acknowledged at all the Masses this weekend, March 8/9. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### March 8– 16 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 8:** 9:45 am - 1:30 pm, Parish Renewal Workshop, Tranquille Hall

**Sun. 9:** 10 - 11 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 in church  
7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall  
7:45pm, Ignite Emmaus Night, St JP II Room

**Wed. 2:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

**Thurs. 13:** 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall  
7 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room  
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

**Fri. 14:** 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection  
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church  
7 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room

**Sat. 15:** : 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza Practice  
8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room

**Sun. 16:** 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

## General Information

**Sandwich Sunday March 9**, following 9 am Mass in Tranquille Hall. Assembling sandwiches for St. Lawrence Centre.

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

**CWL March meeting, Tuesday, March 11**, beginning at 7 pm with Mass in the church.

**K of C monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 11**, 7:30 pm, Liguori Hall

**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)

**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)

**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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, especially**

Mike Ratvay
Pope Francis
Colleen Cooke
Marilyn Lawless
Victor Guindon
Summer Hatch
Chelsea & Casey Kent
Ivan Romkes
Kendra McKenna
Priscila Lanada
Helena Gabad Rimando
Helen Hobley & Judy Whiteside, sisters of Alice Brick

**The deceased, especially**

Luis Dante Ladonga, father of Pamela Mabida

**Friday observances** - Throughout the year Fridays are days of penance, which usually includes abstaining from meat. However, we have the option of doing special acts of mercy or charity instead.

*During Lent* we strive to be more diligent about abstaining from meat on Fridays in solidarity with those who have less to eat and are hungry.

**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.

**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.

**Joke for the Week** - Blessed are the flexible, for they shall be bent out of shape.

## Sunday Readings

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### Salvation Through Faith

**Deut. 26:4 - 10.** Thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness

**Romans 10:8 - 13.** The faith of the Christian

**Luke 4:1 - 13.** Temptation in the desert

**Passage:** For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." *Romans 10:13*

**Question:** How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

**Child:** Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?

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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/](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.