

Ascension of the Lord
June 1, 2025



Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Children's Sacrament Preparation Coordinator

10 - 15 hours/week. Working hours are flexible and seasonal. We are looking for a practicing Catholic with knowledge of church sacraments for the position of *Sacramental Preparation Coordinator*. The successful candidate will need strong organization skills, computer skills and the ability to minister within the context of the parish team. The primary responsibilities of this position include the sacraments of initiation (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation), liaise with the Catholic schools and coordinate preparation for students who do not attend Catholic schools, or have missed receiving sacraments. Complete job description available on the parish website or from the office. Resumes accepted until June 16 at 5 pm or until the position is filled. Submit resume, with 3 references including a reference from current parish priest (if you are not from St. Joseph Parish) to Fr. Ed Eherer, C.Ss.R. Resume may be submitted to the parish office or electronically to finance@saintjoseph.ca, "Attention Fr. Ed Eherer".



VBS 2025: Great Journey with Jesus through the Church Year

July 7 - 11. Ages 4 - grade 5/6
Kids will have fun learning about Jesus while celebrating the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Ordinary

Time, Lent and Easter.

Register at saintjoseph.ca/VBS

Call Kristen today if you want to be on team. Volunteers have more fun!



Filipino Mass, Sunday, June 8, at 4 pm in our church

Presider: Fr. Nel Esguerra

For more details email dotgr@hotmail.com

Discovery Youth Camps! [Register now!](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery)



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.

For more information go to saintjoseph.ca/discovery

Thank you! On Wednesday May 14, we gathered at Saint Joseph Church in Grande Prairie for a beautiful episcopal ordination. I will cherish this evening for many years to come. Many thanks to all of you who helped prepare, who were there to help on that day, and all of you who came or participated through the live feed. Thank you for your many words of congratulations, support, and encouragement. Thank you to all of you who brought or sent cards and gifts. My heart is really full of thanksgiving. I thank God for the grace of this sacrament given to me, to this Archdiocese and to you all. Please, continue to pray that I might be faithful to this calling and to you all.

+ Charles Duval *csr*

+Charles Duval, C.Ss.R.

Coadjutor Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan

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

Sacraments

Jean-Marc ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Skyler Rosales to our family of faith. 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/. There will not be any prep classes during the summer. The last sessions before summer will be June 2 & 3. Please call the parish office.

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 family@saintjoseph.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: June 12

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: June 5

Liturgy of the Word with Children (Saturdays 7 pm, Sundays 9 & 11 am) All hands on deck! Men, women and youth, our community is growing quickly, and we all need to pray about how to help. Call Kristen if you don't already receive LWWC emails.

Year-Round Work Bees Thursday mornings 10 am - noon. Prep for VBS and other special events. Contact Kristen (you may also help prep outside of these workbee times).

May 31 - June 8 Dates to Remember

Sun. 31: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Wed 4: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
Thurs. 5: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JP II Room
Fri. 6: 8 am, CWL Convention, Tranquille Hall
Sat. 7: 8 am, CWL Convention, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 8: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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



Grade 7 - 9: 7 - 8:30 pm, St JP II Room
Please join us for our year-end party on June 21st, details coming soon



Gr. 7 - 12:
Moved to June 14

Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office. Singers & musicians welcome!

HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12, 8 - 10 pm
June 14, after 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



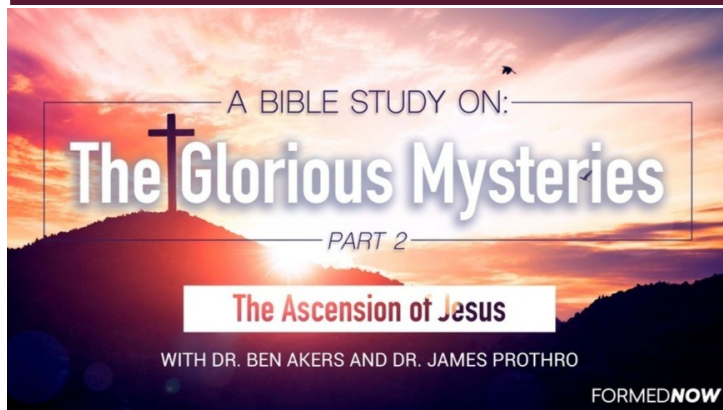
Check Facebook page for events.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Marie Guest
Renata Zarzycka
Tessie Foster
Ivan Romkes
Femy Rouleau
William Edgerton
Marilyn Lawless
Chelsea & Casey Kent
Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick

Adult Formation



**FORMED: A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries-
The Ascension** Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

7 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, Friday, June 13 (Note date change.) Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus. Please note: This is the last evening of Adoration until September.

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

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

Mass Intentions

June 2 - 7

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 2, 12:15 pm: ✠ Philip & Monica Fonseca
Tues. 3, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Edic Grzesko
7 pm: ✠ Mr. Jimmy DeCruze
Wed. 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Sebastian Heemskerck
7 pm: Jon & Toña Bartlett
Thurs. 5, 7 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski
Fri. 6, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Rod McNeil
12:15 pm: Debbie Mathias, Tyler Grattan /
✠ Peter Guest
Sat. 7, 9 am: ✠ Mary Austin

General Information

K of C Father's Day BBQ, June 15 following 11 am Mass. Burgers, hotdogs, beans & salad and cake. Gluten free available. Cost: Donation

Applications for the **CWL Frances Pronovost Scholarship** are being accepted until June 30. For information email cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com or contact the parish office.

Gift Shop Coordinator Needed (volunteer position)
Duties include: managing volunteers and inventory. Contact the parish office.

Our Outside Renovation Project has Begun!
We are replacing the paving stone in front of the belltower between the church entrance and the office entrance with a concrete walkway. Your understanding is appreciated.

Christian Meditation - Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. All are welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity. For information contact Mia, miklge@telus.net

The Quilting Bee-Levers will resume in the Fall. For information, call the parish office.

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.

The St. Joseph Refugee Committee is collecting bedding and towels for Sexsmith CWL who are assisting newcomers. If you have some bedding or towels to donate please leave your name and phone number at the parish office and a committee member will get in touch with you.

Please Note: Road Construction in front of the church until end of July. Please be aware that this construction will likely disrupt traffic around the church.

THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK NEEDS ARE EVEN GREATER IN SUMMER MONTHS

Please note: the Food Bank often has a greater demand during summer months when children do not have access to school breakfast/lunch programs. If everyone donates a little it can add up to a lot. Please place food donations in the creche in the entrance to our church.

Samaritan's Basket is getting low on toiletries to give to our clients: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Both travel size and regular would be appreciated.

Presented by Oliver's Funeral Home - Free! Seniors' Day at the Movies, Wednesday, June 4 "Summer Camp" at Oliver's Funeral Home. Doors open at 6 pm. Movie begins at 6:30 pm. Seating limited. Registration required. 780-532-2929 or go to www.oliversfuneralhome.com/seniors-day-at-the-movies

Sunday Readings

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1 - 11. Jesus' final instructions and ascension

Ephesians 1:17 - 23. A Spirit of wisdom

Luke 24:46 - 53. The ascension

Passage: Brothers and sisters: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him... *Ephesians 1:17*

Question: Who in your family has the gift of wisdom? How do they use their gift?

Child: Who is the wisest person you know? What have they taught you?

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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 adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Interested in joining the church or completing Sacraments for adults? Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca

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

Catholic Women's League: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: kofc3241gp@gmail.com

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

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

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.