

Archbishop's Dinner, Friday, Nov. 28, 6:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Tickets are sold out! Archbishop Charles Duval, CSsR, will speak on the theme "Called to Serve, Anointed to Lead". If you, your group or business, would like to donate for the silent or live auctions please contact Joanne at the parish office or email finance@saintjoseph.ca by Tuesday, November 25.

### Ministry Fair, November 29/30

An opportunity for ministries to recruit and volunteers to sign up after the weekend Masses. Tables will be set up in Tranquille Hall and refreshments will be available. If you would like to have a table at the Ministry Fair, please call the parish office before Wednesday, November 26.

Warm Winter Woolies Collection during Advent. Warm winter wear is especially needed in our community. Please drop donations of new socks, mitts, gloves, toques & scarves in the collection bin at the entrance to the church. (We cannot accept clothing.) Any monetary donations will be used to purchase more socks, mitts etc. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Parish Finances**

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

**Donation options: Envelopes** 

Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church PAP (Personally 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

## November 23 - 30 Dates to Remember

**Sun. 23:** 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 24: 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall Tues. 25: 5:30 pm, Ignite St. Lawrence Centre Meal, Tranquille Hall kitchen

**Wed. 26:** 7 pm, Volunteer Appreciation Mass **Thurs. 27:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,

Tranquille Hall

7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room Fri. 28: 6:30 pm, Archbishop's Dinner, Tranquille Hall Sat. 29: After 7 pm Mass, Ministry Fair, Tranquille Hall Sun. 30: after 9 & 11 am Mass, Ministry Fair,

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Sandwich Sunday (St. Lawrence Centre), Nov. 23, after 9 am Mass. Help assemble sandwiches after Mass!

#### The Newest Members of Our Parish Team:

Karen Gorman is a life-long member of our parish. Karen is married to Tom. After retiring from teaching at St. Joseph High School she joined us last summer and is in charge of Marriage Preparation and Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Jean-Marc Guenette moved with his family to Grande Prairie in 1998. We coerced him out of retirement to join us. He is in charge of Baptism for children and the Order of Christian Initiation Adapted for Families.

Anastasia Ibach has been a member of our parish since birth! She is in charge of Sacrament Preparation for our school-age children.

Isaac Hernandez is our new Building Coordinator.

Isaac has been living in Grande Prairie for the last 3 years, however his wife, Kerilynn, has lived here for many years. They have one daughter, Ixchel.

## **Sacraments**

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

**Parents of School-age Children receiving Sacraments** this year (Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation)

If you have not yet registered your child to receive a sacrament this year, please email Anastasia, or call the office, ext. 228.

Baptism Jean-Marc ext. 229 baptism@saintjoseph.ca

Parents are required to complete Baptism **preparation.** For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

# **Youth Ministry**

April ext .232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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



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

Next evening: December 6 Join us for pizza at 5 pm, followed

by choir at 7 pm Mass. Join us after Mass for High School Youth Group in the St JPII Room.

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!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Norma Liu Amanda Sideroff Joyce Halwa Bert Hunt Melanie Morales Kevin Moberly Caroline Moberly **Anne Menzies** Kendra McKenna Ivan Romkes, Jr. **Emma Wilson** Terry Ward Denise Kohlman Jane Haley Ivan Romkes

The deceased, especially Robert Major Fr. Lenny Marcotte, brother of Emile Marcotte

Aileen Mulvay, grandmother of Tyler Edey

# Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca

These ministries rely on many volunteers. Time commitment can be as little as 5 - 10 minutes, a few times per year. Speak to Kristen if interested. We are grateful for any and all help.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children** (ages 4 - grade 3) 7 pm Saturday and Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass. Older kids, youth & adult volunteers needed.

Mom's Group - Thursdays 10 am - 12 noon. Women and children welcome! Play, visit and pray! Children's Bookshelf - Prayerful books to help your little ones encounter God's love during Mass.

Work Bees: Thursdays 10 am - 12 noon (RSVP Kristen if you plan to come!)



Grade 3 - 6 youth group 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm Next gathering: Nov. 27 naring & Learning Together Email Kristen to register or see her

at the back of the church this weekend.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, for children 3, 4 & 5 years old. CGS is a Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. Register on parish website under Ministries.

# **Young Adults**

@ignitegrandeprairie or <a href="StJoesYoungAdults">StJoesYoungAdults</a>





Meal for St. Lawrence Centre, Tuesday, Nov. 25 5:30 pm in Tranquille Hall kitchen.

## **Mass Intentions**

November 24 - 29

⊕ -Mass for someone deceased

7 pm, Volunteer Appreciation Mass Thurs. 27, 7 pm: ⊕ Rob Kalinowsky Sat. 29, 9 am: P Ninfa Suarez

# **General Information**



FORMED: Who is Jesus Christ? with Sr. Bethany Madonna - Seek23 Discover the love of Jesus for yourself as Sr. Bethany Madonna, from the Sisters of Life, dives in the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Sign up for FORMED at: saintjoseph.ca

**Ladies Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JPII Room. All ladies welcome.

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.

**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

**Religious Gift Shop** - Advent Candles now available. Open after Saturday 7 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass.

**2025 Donation envelopes** available in the Grouard Room, beginning Nov. 29/30, until the weekend of Dec. 22/23, or stop by the office during office hours. Special collection envelopes also be available for those who do not use assigned envelopes to donate.

The Collection for Catholic Family Services was Last weekend. Make cheques payable to "Catholic Family Services". This collection is sent directly to Catholic Family Services. Please put your name and address on the envelope as your income tax receipt will come from them.

Catholic Family Services Annual Christmas Hamper Program welcomes donations in many forms. Please call 780-532-9381 to learn how you can help bring hope and joy to local families in need this Christmas. Deadline for donations: Monday, December 22

Filipino Mass, Sunday, December 7, 4pm
The presider will be Fr. Nel Esguerra
For more details, email dotgr@hotmail.com

## **Be Involved**

Join us at the Ministry Fair next weekend for these, and more, volunteer opportunities.

Mentors on the OCIA journey are indispensable.

Active parishioners: Is God calling you as a sponsor/
companion? Deepen your own faith as you help
others discover the incredible love of our God.

<u>Adults needed</u> to assist in parish-based classes. (All programs involving children require 2 screened adults to be present.) Share & grow in your faith, and help children to grow in theirs. Call Anastasia, ext. 228.

**Screen Volunteers** - Our Tech Ministry operates our projector screens at Sunday Mass. Tech savvy, or just eager to help, we would love to have you join the team. Time commitment will be approximately once per month. Email mcibach@telus.net

**Gift Shop volunteers** - Help people with purchases after 7 pm Saturday Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass.

**Offertory Gift Bearers** bring the Bread & Wine to the altar during Mass. Families and individuals welcome.

Occasionally provide bag lunch supplies for our emergency food service. These lunches contain specific items, so please do not drop off a donation without calling first.

**Holy Communion to the Sick** - Take Holy Communion to those who are homebound, in the hospital and other care centers.

Join the Redemptorists of Canada each Sunday in Advent for a video series of prayer and reflection to renew our hearts with hope as we await Christ's coming. Begins November 30 on Redemptorist TV and the Redemptorist social media pages.

We remember our deceased in a special way in November. Our Book of Remembrance is on a table near the church entrance. You are welcome to write your deceased loved ones names in it.

Our Emergency Food Service, Samaritan's Basket, gratefully accepts gift cards for grocery stores and toiletry items for both men & women. (Travel and regular sizes: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes, etc.)

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is hiring a Building and Property Specialist. 40 hours/week, including some evenings and weekends. Full job description at <a href="mailto:archqm.ca/job-opportunities">archqm.ca/job-opportunities</a> Submit cover letter and resume to <a href="mailto:jobs.agm@outlook.com">jobs.agm@outlook.com</a> or mail to Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, 10301 102 St, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2W2.

## **Sunday Readings**

Christ the King

#### True Authority

2 Samuel 5:1 - 3. David, King of Israel
Col. 1:12 - 20. Christ's fullness and reconciliation
Luke 23: 35 - 43. The crucifixion; the king of the Jews

**Key passage:** For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was please to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. *Colossians 1:19 - 20* 

**Question:** Following the example of Jesus, what is the best way to exercise your authority over others? *Child:* Who are the people who have authority over 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:**

Check 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**: Available after weekend Mass.

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.