

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



Parish Office Closing Early: 4 pm, Monday, Dec. 1

Ministry Fair, November 29/30

Join us at the Ministry Fair! Discover ways to serve, grow and bless our church family. Your gifts can make a difference. Come enjoy refreshments and find out how you can get involved.

Day of Mercy - Thursday, December 11, 2 - 7 pm

Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual healing. All ages welcome.

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.

Filipino Mass, Sunday, December 7, 4pm

The presider will be Fr. Nel Esguerra
For more details, email dotgr@hotmail.com

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 29 - December 7 Dates to Remember

Sat. 29: After 7 pm Mass, Ministry Fair, Tranquille Hall

Sun. 30: after 9 & 11 am Mass, Ministry Fair,
Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Mon. 1: 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
4 pm, Parish office closes

Thurs. 4: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
Tranquille Hall

7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

Fri. 5: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church
7 pm, Ignite, begins in church

Sat. 6: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group, St JPII Room

Sun. 7: 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

Italian Night - Pasta Two Ways, Friday, Dec. 5

Doors open 5:30 - 7:30 pm. \$15/person \$40/family
Penne with Carbonara or tomato sauce with Italian sausage, salad, buns, dessert. Gluten-free available. All are welcome!

Presented by the Knights of Columbus

St. Joseph's Young Adults New Year's Eve Soiree

Dec 31, 7:00 pm-12:30 am 18+ event

Begins with Mass at 7 pm. Party to follow in Tranquille Hall. Cash Mocktail bar.

Formal/Creative Formal/Festive Black Tie
(Come dressed up for Mass.)

Tickets \$25, available after Mass starting Dec 6.

Questions? Email stjosephsNYE@gmail.com



Mass & Adoration

Friday, December 5, 7 pm, .

Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

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 gathering: 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 JP II 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

John Glodek	Fr. Julian Mary
Amanda Sideroff	Joyce Halwa
Bert Hunt	Melanie Morales
Kevin Moberly	Caroline Moberly
Kendra McKenna	Emma Wilson
Terry Ward	Denise Kohlman
Jane Haley	Ivan Romkes
Barbara Schaefer, sister of Helen Walker	
Dorothy Duhaime, mother of Annette Dechant	

The deceased, especially

Anne Menzies	Norma Liu
Fr. Norman Marcotte (corrected spelling), brother of Emile Marcotte	
Brian Brownlee, brother of Myrna Lemay	

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

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: December 11

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 [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Young Adults 18+

Adoration & Advent Party, Friday, Dec. 5, 7 pm.

Join us for Mass and Adoration in the church.

Advent party to follow in St. JP II Room.

2025 Donation envelopes available in the Grouard Room until the weekend of Dec. 22/23, or stop by the office during office hours.

Special collection envelopes also available for those who do not use assigned envelopes to donate.

General Information

FORMED: Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage and offers an engaging, practical reflection. **Sign up for FORMED at:** saintjoseph.ca

Ladies Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II 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

Quilting Bee-Levers, meet Mondays to make quilts which are donated to different organizations in the community who help those in need. Do you have any Fortrel fabric? Yes, they make those quilts that our grandmothers made that last forever.

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

For Unto Us - A Christmas Concert presented by Voices in the Wilderness Monday, December 15, 7:30 pm, in the church. Admission with a donation to the Salvation Army Christmas Campaign (monetary gifts or non-perishable food welcome). General seating. Sponsored in part by County of Grande Prairie No. 1

Be Involved

Join us at the Ministry Fair this 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.

Adults needed 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.

Mass Intentions

December 1 - 6

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 1, 12:15 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers

Tues. 2, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Titus Nunes

7 pm: ✠ Henriette Joubarne

Wed. 3, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mark, Marie & Gus Jantz

7 pm, ✠ Pinto & Mascarenhas Families

Thurs. 4, 7 pm: ✠ Margaret Martin/

Duncan & Aleda Bain

Fri. 5, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Arlene & Roman Antypowich

12:15 pm: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Families

7 pm: ✠ Philip & John Latos

Sat. 6, 9 am: ✠ Nathan Jantz

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*

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.

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 archgm.ca/job-opportunities Submit cover letter and resume to jobs.agm@outlook.com or mail to Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, 10301 102 St, Grande Prairie AB T8V 2W2.

Church Parking Lot - Do not park along curbs or in laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

Sunday Readings

First Sunday of Advent

Putting on the Light of Christ

Isaiah 2:1 - 5. Zion, the messianic capital
Romans 13:11 - 14. Christians use of time
Matthew 24:37 - 44. The need for watchfulness

Key passage: Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. *Romans 13:12b*

Question: What does it mean to put on the light of Christ?

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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.