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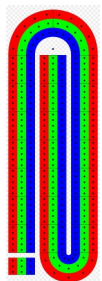
December 7, 2025  
**2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

# Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 8.** Please join us for Mass at 7 pm. The Redemptorist priests will renew their vows. A gathering will follow in the Grouard Room.

**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.



**Games Night, Thursday, Dec. 11, at 5:30 pm**

Everyone welcome! Join us for "Christmas Dinner" sponsored by Major's Family Restaurant.

Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Cost is by donation. Proceeds support St. Joseph Youth Discovery Camp.

**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

**December 6 - 14 Dates to Remember**

**Sat. 6:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir, pizza & practice

8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

**Sun. 7:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

4 pm, Filipino Mass, church

**Mon. 8:** 9 am - 3 pm: Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

2 pm, Fr. Julian Benedict Mary's funeral, church

7 pm, Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass, church

**Tues. 9:** 5:30 pm, CWL/K of C Christmas gathering,  
Tranquille Hall

**Thurs. 11:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,  
St. JP II Room

2 - 7 pm, Day of Mercy, church

5:30 pm: Games Night, Tranquille Hall

7 pm, SALT, St JP II Room

7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

**Sun. 14:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Filipino Mass, Sunday, December 7, 4 pm**

The presider will be Fr. Nel Esguerra

For more details, email dotgr@hotmail.com

**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

**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.

## Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 [sacraments@saintjoseph.ca](mailto: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](mailto:baptism@saintjoseph.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/)

## Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 [youth@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:youth@saintjoseph.ca)

Check out our programs for youth at [saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth](http://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.

**Youth and families, join us at Games Night, Thursday, December 11 at 5:30 pm** for Christmas Dinner followed by games.  
Proceeds will go to Discovery Youth Camp.

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](http://StJoesYoungAdults)



**Young Adults 18+**

**Meal for St. Lawrence Centre, Tuesday, December 16, 5 pm, Tranquille Hall Kitchen.**

**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.

## Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 [family@saintjoseph.ca](mailto: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: December 11

**The Inn - Las Posada, Sunday, Dec. 21, after 11 am Mass.** Join us at this traditional Latin American celebration as we journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character, farm animal or in your favourite PJ's. We will end with breaking a piñata in honour of Jesus' birth.

**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](#).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, especially

Ivan Romkes
John Glodek
Amanda Sideroff
Joyce Halwa
Bert Hunt
Melanie Morales
Kevin Moberly
Caroline Moberly
Kendra McKenna
Emma Wilson
Terry Ward
Denise Kohlman
Jane Haley

Barbara Schaefer, sister of Helen Walker

Dorothy Duhaime, mother of Annette Dechant

Danilo Rimando, brother of Tessie Rimando

#### The deceased, especially

Fr. Julian Mary

Jean-Paul Robertson

## General Information

**CWL/K of C Potluck Christmas Gathering**, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 5:30 pm, Tranquille Hall.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - We are looking for people to set up for Adoration, which takes place the first Friday of every month. Training provided. Please contact the parish office.

**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.

## Mass Intentions

December 8 - 13

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 8, 12:15 pm: Ann Long

7 pm: ✠ Bohdana Andrusz Kiw

Tues. 9, 7 pm: CWL / ✠ Georgette Langlois

Wed. 10, 12:15 pm: Doug & Carrie Heitrich

7 pm, ✠ Elaine Croken

Thurs. 11, 7 pm: ✠ Catalina Chong

Fri. 12, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Louis & Thérèse Laurin

12:15 pm: ✠ Titus Nunes

Sat. 13, 9 am: ✠ Jerry Hennessey, Peter Willete & Rex Duncan

## Christmas Choir Rehearsals

All rehearsals are in the church.

Please register [here](#) or via QR code.

Christmas Eve 4 pm Children & Youth Rehearsals:



	Age 4 - 7	Age 8+
Dec. 20	11:15 - 11:45 am	11:45 - 12:45 am
Dec. 22	2:45 - 3:15 pm	3:15 - 4:30 pm
Dec. 23	2:45 - 3:15 pm	3:15 - 4:30 pm
<i>Other Christmas Eve/Day Choir rehearsals</i>		
	6:30 pm Choir	9 pm Choir
Dec. 20	9:45 - 11:00 am	1:00 - 2:25 pm
Dec. 20	<b>10 am Christmas Day</b>	4:15 - 5:30 pm
Dec. 22	<b>Midnight</b>	7 - 8:45 pm

## Be Involved

Call the parish office 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.

**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** on Redemptorist TV and the Redemptorist social media pages for a video series of prayer and reflection to renew our hearts with hope as we await Christ's coming.

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

## Sunday Readings

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Our Need to Change

**Isaiah 11:1 - 10.** The rule of Emmanuel

**Romans 15:4 - 9.** Prayer of encouragement

**Matthew 3:1 - 12.** John the Baptist

**Key passage:** This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." *Matt 3:3*

**Question:** Can others learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

**Child:** What does it mean to follow Jesus? How can you show others?

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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/](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 [adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca)  
**Interested in joining the church or completing Sacraments for adults?** Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email [adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca](mailto:adultsacraments@saintjoseph.ca)

**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)

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. [stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/). Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.