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THE  
*Kingdom*  
OF  
GOD

May 10, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Happy Mother's Day, Moms!** "There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one." *Jill Churchill* Have a wonderful day!

**Worship and Witness Retreat! Saturday, May 23, from 9 am - noon.** We would like to invite everyone involved in any ministry, and anyone discerning a role, to our upcoming retreat. Join us as we seek to inspire, renew and engage our parish community in deeper service and faith-filled mission. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**Renovations to the church interior** - including new carpet and pew repairs - will take place in July and August. During this time, Mass will be celebrated in Tranquille Hall. Please watch for updates in the coming months, as weekend, and some weekday, Mass times will temporarily change.

**Support Camp Discovery: Purchase a raffle ticket!**



Prizes: 1st - \$2000,  
2nd - \$1000, 3rd - \$500  
Tickets: \$10 each.

Draw: June 1 at the church.

**Volunteers needed!** Help sell ticket books. Contact April at the parish office for info.

**Everyone is welcome to join us at the Confirmation Masses, May 11 & 12, at 7 pm.**

**Monday, May 11:** The schools attending are St. Gerard, St. Kateri, Mother Teresa, Louis Riel

**Tuesday, May 12:** The schools attending are Holy Cross, St. Catherine, St. Clement & St. Patrick Parish-based are welcome to attend either night.

*If your family is unable to attend the date of the celebration allocated for your school, you are welcome to attend the other celebration.*

### May 9 - 17 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 9:** After 7 pm Mass, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

**Sun. 10:** After 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Mother's Day Breakfast, Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Mon. 11:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
7 pm, Confirmation Mass, church

**Tues. 12:** 7 pm, Confirmation Mass, church  
7 pm, CWL Meeting, St JP II Room

7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall

**Wed. 13:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

**Thurs. 14:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group  
5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall  
7 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room

**Sat. 16:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

**Sun. 17:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**God Chose You For Me - a Married-Couples Retreat,** Saturday, June 13, 9 am to 4 pm, Tranquille Hall. This one-day event for all married couples is sponsored by the Archdiocese and Worldwide Marriage Encounter. A new way to pray, a new way to connect, a new way to encounter God's love. Your marriage is not just a relationship - it is a holy commitment. Your sacrament is a living sign of Christ's presence in the world. \$100/couple.

Register at [archgm.ca/marriage-retreat](http://archgm.ca/marriage-retreat) or scan the QR code.



## Parish Finances

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

**Donation options:** Check our website [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

## Youth Ministry

April ext. 232 youth@saintjoseph.ca

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



### Camp Discovery 2026 registration!

Join us for an unforgettable week away at Pineridge Adventure camp - just 10 minutes south of GP.

High School Week (gr. 9 - 12) August 9 - 14

Jr. High Week (gr. 7 - 9) August 16 - 21

Cost is \$300 per camper for the week.

Financial support available upon request. Go to [saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp) for more information.

**Camp Discovery Junior Councilors Needed!** Want to be part of something meaningful? This is more than just a summer job - it's joining a team that supports one another as a faith community and makes a real difference in the lives of young people. Be part of the mission. Go to [saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp) for more details. Application deadline: May 31.



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: May 16

Pizza, 5:30 pm Choir practice, pm.

Youth Group to follow 7 pm Mass in SJPII 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** Kerry Kamieniecki

Ruth Gardner Leah Sietsma

Chelsea Kent Ben Didham

Denise Kruchten Wilfred Wanihadie

Amanda Sideroff Emma Wilson

Roger Monfette, brother of Alain Monfette

Betty Lamothe, sister of the Wrzosek family

Myla Lieskovsky, great-niece of Donna Boutilier

Marc Gauthier, father of Donna Mostowy

#### **The deceased, especially**

Nick Cantwell, cousin of Joanne Chiasson

Phil Walker, father of Kevin Walker

## Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: May 14

Invite a friend! Register [here](#).

**ChangeMakers Lab VBS**, July 6 - 10 in the morning. Kristen will be at the back of the church after Mass this weekend if you have questions, or email her.

## Sacraments

Anastasia ext. 228 sacraments@saintjoseph.ca

Please keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

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

### Through the waters of baptism, we welcome

Jeremiah Adrian and Kion Jovellanos into our faith family. We pray their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

**If you are planning to have your child baptized during the summer** *the last parent session before the summer is the beginning of June.* Please fill in the form on our website under [sacraments/baptism](#).

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

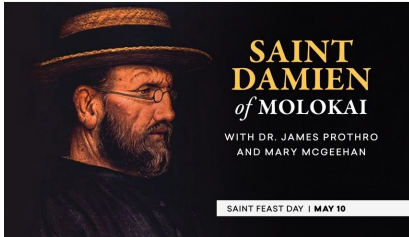
Check their Facebook page for upcoming events.



Catechesis of  
the Good Shepherd  
Association of Canada

For children 3, 4 & 5 years old. *We are finished for the spring and summer and will resume in the fall.* CGS is a Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. Questions? Check our website under [Ministries](#) or email Marie at catechesisgp@gmail.com

# General Information



## FORMED: St. Damien of Molokai - Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel.

Sign up for FORMED: [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

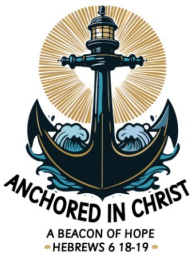
Coffee & Cookies May 9 after Saturday 7 pm Mass in Tranquille Hall. Join us for refreshments & fellowship.



## Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, May 10: *Mother's Day* following the 9 & 11 am Mass in Tranquille Hall. Pancakes, potatoes, sausages, eggs, and for the moms: flowers. Gluten free available. \$10/person \$30/family

**Know someone who can't come to Mass due to illness or infirmity?** Our Communion Team takes the Eucharist to those who are homebound, in the hospital and senior's homes. Call the parish office.



## Catholic Education Week, May 9 - 15

Please pray for Catholic Education in Alberta. Read the letter from the Alberta bishops on the literature rack in the church or on our website under News - Letters and Notices.

# Mass Intentions

May 11 - 16

✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home  
Mon 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marilyn Lawless  
Tues. 12, 7 pm: CWL  
Wed. 13, 12:15 pm: ✠ Ben Driesen  
7 pm: ✠ Isabel Pereira  
Thurs. 14: 7 pm: ✠ Collen Jones  
Fri. 15, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Henriette Joubarne  
12:15 pm: Scott Saunders & Family  
Sat. 16, 9 am: ✠ Jennie Croken

## This Week's Faith Spark:

**Coffee (or Tea) with God!** Spend just 5 minutes reading a Psalm, some Proverbs or a chapter in your Bible, before checking your phone.

**CWL May Meeting**, 7 pm, St. JP II Room.

**K of C May Meeting**, 7:30 pm, Liguori Hall.

## Games Night, Thursday, May 14



(Last one until Fall)

Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.

5:30 pm supper, sponsored by Major's Restaurant: Mushroom pork chops, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, buns and, for dessert, Flapper & Key Lime pie.

Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Proceeds to support Camp Discovery.

Cost is by donation.

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

# Simple Acts of Service

Call the parish office for these, and more, volunteer opportunities.

**Screen Volunteers** - Operate our projector screens at Sunday Mass. No experience necessary. Training provided. For information email [mcibach@telus.net](mailto: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.

**The Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works is next weekend, May 16/17.** One-third of the funds collected is for the Pope's charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.

Please make cheques payable to *St. Joseph Church*

### Archdiocese Communications Officer

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is seeking a full-time (35 hours per week) Communications Officer to work out of the chancery in Grande Prairie.

Job description available on Indeed.

Send applications to Julie by email, [exec.agm@live.ca](mailto:exec.agm@live.ca), fax 780-532-9706, or mail 10301 102 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V2W2. Deadline for submissions: May 29

### Foundations for life 4th Annual Father's Day Family Golf Tournament - Saturday, June 13

Morningview Golf Club. For information and to sign up go to [myfoundations.ca/events](http://myfoundations.ca/events)

### Where in the church?

*Last week's answer:* Tabernacle Candle, also known as Sanctuary Lamp - a perpetually burning flame positioned near the tabernacle to signify the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. It is red to represent sacrificial love; it signifies Christ's presence (body, blood, soul, and divinity).

## Sunday Readings

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 8:5 - 8, 14 - 17.** Philip in Samaria

**1 Peter 3:15 - 18.** Christian suffering

**John 14:15 - 21.** Promise of the Paraclete

### Points to Ponder from this Week's Homily:

The symbol of fire is often associated with the Holy Spirit. As with any fire, we have to keep the fire of faith well stoked. To rekindle the flame of Pentecost is a worthy goal for all of us. As we prepare for Pentecost, we ask God to fill our hearts once again with His Spirit.

### Next Week's Readings: Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1 - 11.

Ephesians 1:17 - 23.

Matthew 28:16 - 20.

## 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 Home Masses at 10:30 am:

1st Tuesday - The Gardens 1st Friday - Heritage Lodge

2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor 3rd Friday - Prairie Lakes

**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.