

May 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord

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Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Closed: Monday, May 18, Victoria Day

Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

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!

Mass times will temporarily change during church interior renovations.

- As of June 27, Sunday Mass and all weekday Masses will be in Tranquille Hall.
- Sunday Mass Times:
Saturday, 5 & 7 pm
Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30 am, 12:30 pm
- Weekday Mass: *Beginning June 22*
We will begin the summer Mass schedule of one Mass per day and no weekday Mass on Saturday morning.
All weekday Masses will be at 12:15 pm.
For the week of June 22 - 26 only, weekday Mass will be in the chapel.
- We anticipate that the renovations will take place all of July & August.

You're invited to Vacation Bible School!

Age 4 - Grade 6 Mornings July 6 - 10

The church is being renovated so VBS will be at a school.

Volunteers (12 + year old) & Children register early!

Child t-shirt deadline: June 7

Sponsors and Volunteers needed!

Scan the QR code to register.

Details: family@saintjoseph.ca or

saintjoseph.ca/vacation-bible-school/



May 16 - 24 Dates to Remember

- Sat. 16:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP11 Room
- Sun. 17:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
- Wed. 20:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- Thurs. 21:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group
7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing after Mass, church
- Sat. 23:** 9 am, Worship & Witness Retreat, church
- Sun. 24:** 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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.

God Chose You For Me - a Married-Couples Retreat,

Saturday, June 13, 9 am to 4 pm, Tranquille Hall. A one-day event for all married couples 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. Scan the QR code or register at archgm.ca/marriage-retreat



Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

Donation options: Check our website 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 for 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 for more details. Application deadline: May 31.



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: May 16

Pizza, 5:30 pm

Choir practice, 6 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

Marie Guest

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 Josiah Thompson

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext. 230 family@saintjoseph.ca



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

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

Next gathering: May 28

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 who have received sacraments this year, and their families, in your prayers.

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

Through the waters of baptism, we welcome

Rhys Mackintosh, Alexis Ragat and Ember Ouellette 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

SAINT RITA of CASCIA

The True Story

FORMED: St. Rita of Cascia - The True story

A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patroness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic elements in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

Sign up for FORMED: saintjoseph.ca

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.

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

The Email for the Archdiocesan Misconduct Policy Advisor has changed. For complaints or issues please see their website archgm.ca/report-abuse/ or email misconduct.archgm@outlook.com.

Mass Intentions

May 18 - 23

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon 18, 9 am: ✠ Bill Hodder

Tues. 19, 7 pm: ✠ Nixon family

Wed. 20, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jim Smith

7 pm: ✠ Joe Sempowich

Thurs. 21: 7 pm: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski

Fri. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mark & Leonard Cunningham

Sat. 23, 9 am: ✠ Emerencio Lugao

This Week's Faith Spark:

Send Encouragement: Send a text or write a note to someone, letting them know you are praying for them.

Ultreya & Cursillo AGM & Dessert Potluck:

Friday, May 29, 7 pm, St JP11 Room
Join us for a short AGM followed by Ultreya, with an inspirational personal sharing, reflection and prayer. Bring a dessert to share! All are welcome.

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, May 21, after 7 pm Mass in church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present, through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

Church Parking Do not park on our sidewalks, along curbs, block laneways/entrances/exits or park behind cars. Only park in designated spaces and leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. If there is no parking available in our lot please park along the street (do not park in front of driveways). *For your information:* any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.

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

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 this 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, 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

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY" There are a number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In order to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

Sunday Readings

Ascension of Our Lord

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

Ephesians 1:17 - 23. Exaltation of Christ

Matthew 28:16 - 20. I am with you always

Points to Ponder from this Week's Homily:

St. Ambrose, wrote in the 4th Century: "The Church shines not with its own light but with the light of Christ."

We pray that we can be that mystery, that we can reflect the light of Christ for all to see, both as a Church and as individuals.

Next Sunday's Readings: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1 - 11

1 Corinthians 12:3b - 7, 12 - 13

John 20:19 - 23

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/ 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.