

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SEEK FIRST  
THE  
*Kingdom*  
OF  
GOD

# Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**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!

**Parish office Closed Friday, May 8** for a staff development day.

**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 more information.

**Adoration for May will be on Friday, May 8, (note date change) following 7 pm Mass.** Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, May 10: *Mother's Day* following the 9 & 11 am Mass in Tranquille Hall.

Pancakes, potatoes, sausages, eggs, and flowers for the moms. Gluten free available.  
\$10/person \$30/family

### May 2 - 10 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 2:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

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

**Mon. 4:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

**Wed. 6:** 9:30 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

**Thurs. 7:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group

**Fri. 8:** *Parish Office Closed*

7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church

**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

**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. The experience is a call to rediscover the sacred bond you share as a sacramental couple. By seeing your marriage through the lens of faith, you will discover how your love reveals the presence of Christ in your everyday life.

Reserve your spot now. \$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)

**Insurance** - over the past 5 years our insurance (which covers the church and rectory) has increased 157.5%.

2021: \$44,332.31

2005: \$114,170.37

**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 Staff Applications open!** 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. If that sounds like you, we'd love to have you apply and be part of the mission. Go to [saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery/camp) for more details.



Gr. 7 - 12

Next Gathering: May 2

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** Ruth Gardner

Leah Sietsma Chelsea Kent

Ben Didham Kendra McKenna

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**

Richard Dumas

## 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

**Parents of school-age children receiving**

**Confirmation:** If you have not yet registered your child this year, please email Anastasia, or call the office, ext. 228.

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

**Through the waters of baptism, we welcome** Andie Russell, Charlotte Cunningham and Harper Gourlay into our faith family. We pray their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

**Parents are required to complete Baptism**

**preparation.** For information call the parish office or check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/)

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie 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: Carlo Acutis: God's Influencer

This beautifully animated film brings to life the inspiring story of Carlo Acutis, a modern teenager who used his passion for technology to share the Catholic faith with the world.

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.

**Quilting Bee-Levers need gently-used sheets** (any size or colour) for backing for their quilts. Contact the parish office. "Contributing comfort to the community since 1995."

**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. Please call the parish office.

## Mass Intentions

May 4 - 9

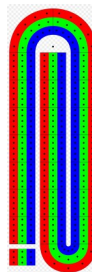
✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home  
Mon 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jerry Hennessey & Peter Wilette  
Tues. 5, 10:30 am (SH): Marirose Manzano-Leal  
7 pm: ✠ Dulce Adarna Diao  
Wed. 6, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mascarenahas & Pinto Families  
7 pm: ✠ Robert Major  
Thurs. 7: 7 pm: ✠ Aileen Mulvay  
Fri. 8, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ John Vavrek  
12:15 pm: ✠ Jim Smith  
Sat. 9, 9 am: Carrie & Doug Heitrich

### This Week's Faith Spark: *Be Kind*

If you begin to feel agitated or angry in a situation, try to take a moment and pray for understanding and openness. Try to listen to hear, rather than listen to respond. What a wonderful world it would be if we all lived with more understanding.

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.

### Games Night, Thursday, May 14



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.

## 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.

**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

**Church Parking** 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 are no designated parking spaces available in our lot please park along the street (do not park in front of driveways). *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

**Where in the church?**

Answer in next bulletin...

*Last week's answer:* Altar bells rung during the consecration of the bread and wine.

**Sunday Readings****Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 6:1 - 7.** The need of assistants

**1 Peter 2:4 - 9.** Living stones

**John 14:1 - 12.** Last discourse: the way, the truth and the life

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

What is most important, community service or the Word of God?

Who are you a cornerstone for?

"Where I am going, you know the way." What is the way?

**Next Sunday's Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8:5 - 8, 14 - 17.

1 Peter 3:15 - 18.

John 14:15 - 21.

**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.