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Catholic Church



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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016**

Be humble. Live in mercy. Experience joy.

**PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS
WITH REGISTRATION FOR
Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation
NOVEMBER 1, 3 & 5, in Tranquille Hall**

In our diocese children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6. All children receiving sacraments in the 2016 - 2017 school year, regardless of the school they attend (Catholic or otherwise) must be registered at a forum.

The Parent Sacramental Forums this year will be held all in one week:

Tuesday, November 1, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday, November 3, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday, November 5, 9 - 11 am

Parents only need to attend one session. Plan on being there for the full 2 hours. *Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.*

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS NOT ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEIVING A SACRAMENT THIS YEAR, OR WHO MISSED RECEIVING A SACRAMENT (including children in Catholic School) contact Darlene, x-228, at the parish office. You must also attend this forum.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Training



**Don't just teach kids to count.
Teach them what counts the most**

Anyone new to this ministry or anyone wanting a refresher, attend one of these sessions in the Modern Martyrs Room:

Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 10, 11 am

Sunday, September 25, following the 11 am Mass

If you have not completed your volunteer screening, please contact Joanne, ext. 230.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Labour Day, Monday September 4. Weekday Mass will be in the church at 9:00 am.

2nd Annual 100 Mile Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 16, 5:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall.

This dinner is fun, educational and a great reminder of the bountiful area in which we live. The potluck dish is made from local ingredients found within a 100 mile radius of our region. Join us and be amazed at how many wonderful dishes can be created using locally sourced products!



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



RCIA is the process by which adults formally join the Catholic Church. If you are:

- Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church
- Not Baptized, but recognize a need for spirituality in your life

•Baptized into another Christian denomination, but wish to join the Catholic Church

•Married to a Catholic and attend Mass but want to take the next step to become a Catholic

•Baptized Catholic, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Then RCIA is for you. A new session begins in September. Contact John Witschen, 780-532-2351, ext 232, for information.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,718.29

Offering received last Sunday \$19,274.98

Children's collection \$147.00

Family & Children

Joanne Chiasson X-230

The first SALT (gr. 3 - 5) this Fall is Friday, September 23, from 7 - 9 pm, in St. JP II Room. Registration will begin at 6 pm (bring you child and they can stay as soon as they are registered.)

Adult volunteers required. Questions? Call Joanne, ext. 230.



What a splash we made at Vacation Bible School this year on our Deep Sea Discovery! 165 children and 75 volunteers dove in to the excitement! Young divers participated in experiments and hands-on activities that helped them grow and learn that "God is with me wherever I go". Thank you to everyone who participated and helped in anyway - from the volunteers who were with us every day, to those who dropped off snacks or helped behind the scenes. Mark your calendars for *Vacation Bible School 2017, July 10 - 14* - you won't want to miss it!!

****Calling all VBS volunteers and participants** - join us for Welcome Ministry before the 11 am Mass on September 25th. Wear your t-shirt and meet outside the Grouard Room at 10:30 am.**



The Mom's group meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10:00 am - noon in Tranquille Hall. Come when you can for any or all of the

time. Fun playtime for the kids and visiting for mom including a short reflection or prayer time at 11:15 am. Please join us anytime!!

First gathering: Wednesday, September 21.

Check our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our upcoming news & events: www.saintjoseph.ca/youth



Please note April's new email: stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

WATER BALLOON MANIA

Fri, Sept. 16 from 6 - 9:30 pm
 Grades 6 - 12. Meet at St. Joseph Church and travel to PRBI for youth rally & water balloon fight (if weather permits.) Bring an extra set of WARM clothes. Bus returns to church at 9:30 pm.

Tim Neufeld and the Glory Boys Concert, September, 18, 6:30 pm at Christian Fellowship Assembly. Please RSVP with April by Sept. 9th

Disturbing the Peace Youth Conference - Oct. 14 - 16, grades 6 - 12. This awesome weekend is full of music, games, awesome speakers, entertainment and tons of fun. Register at www.disturbingthepeace.ca



EDGE will resume on September 23. Details to follow.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay, x 228



This summer, through the waters of Baptism we welcome Leticia Quintero Padron, Olivia Ty and Aria Maynard into our family of faith. We pray that their faith journey will be filled with joy.

Parents are required to complete a Baptism Course for each of their children. You are welcome to attend while still expecting your child. Pre-registration is required. Call Darlene, ext. 228, at the parish office.

ADULT FORMATION

Sacristans Needed especially for the 7:00 pm Saturday evening Mass and 9:00 am Sunday morning Mass. Please consider taking a few minutes before and after Mass to help out in this important ministry. This will probably occur two or three times in a three month period. Call Thérèse, 780-532-1531 or email: therese2@telus.net.

St. Joseph Parish Pilgrimage

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 5, 2017!

Plans are underway for our second St. Joseph Parish Pilgrimage - a journey unlike any other. Join us for this opportunity to come to know God through this unique and deeply meaningful experience.

Are you struggling with Grief-*The death and loss of a spouse, child, parent, relative or friend?* **Come to Griefshare**, a nondenominational, companioning group that gathers upstairs in the St. John Paul II Room starting Tuesday, September 13, at 7 pm. The Group meets once a week for 13 weeks. It includes a video, discussion groups, a homework booklet, prayer and fellowship. The cost is \$15.00 for the booklet. Cost should not impede anyone from attending. For information or to register call Cam, 780-532-2972, (cell) 780-933-5374, or Allan, 780-538-1851.

Catholic School Prayer Partners - *"How powerful prayer is! May we never lose the courage to say: Lord, give us your peace."* ~ Pope Francis (Twitter Jan 17 2014) Schools in our community are often in need of the power of prayer: prayers of hope, petition and thanksgiving. Grande Prairie Catholic School District is asking parishioners to sign up to be school prayer partners. Prayer partners would commit to praying for a Catholic School of their choice for the ten months of the school year. Whatever form this takes is up to the prayer partner. It may include getting together with other prayer partners or once a month dedicating praying the rosary for the school. Prayer Partners will also be notified if the school is in need of extra prayers, for instance if the school is putting on a special performance. Please consider being a school prayer partner, and supporting the staff and students in our Catholic Schools. To sign up or for more information contact Laura Tapson at the Catholic Education Center, 780-532-3013, or email lauratapson@gpcsd.ca

"Sing a New Song – Stir a New Story" Fall Retreat September 24, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Camp Tamarack
Cost: \$20. Please bring a bag lunch, journal, and a camera (optional)

Presenters: Arlene Logan & Jennifer Wrzosek
Celebrating the Autumn Equinox and the Feast of St. Michael while exploring the connection between Celtic spirituality and the Christian Tradition. We will also pray the Labyrinth and listen for a new opportunity to sing a new song and stir a new story.
For information or to register call Arlene 780-513-6070 or Jennifer 780-538-3165.

Sponsored by Peace Retreats

Workshop for Lectors

(One who proclaims the readings and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass) ***If you are already involved in this ministry, or would like to be involved:*** It is always important to update and renew our understanding of our ministry, therefore, even if you have been involved in this ministry for a number of years, please attend one of the workshops in the church:

- **Saturday, October 1, 10:30 am to noon**
- **Monday, October 3, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 4, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**

Again, you need attend only one workshop but please plan to attend one.

NEW PRESCHOOL - Little Ark Academy Preschool is opening this September. *Located in the new Dormition Ukrainian Catholic Church*, Little Ark Academy features 30+ minutes of physical activity in their on-site gymnasium paired with a Catholic/Christian curriculum. Wooden toys, natural sunlight and open to all children ages 3 and 4 yrs. 2 day, 3 day and 5 day per week class options. Check their Facebook page or visit www.LittleArkAcademy.com for information. Registration OPEN NOW and will continue until classes are full.



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Look for @stjoespastor

Join our parish group on Facebook, "St Joseph Catholic Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada". www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephCatholicChurchGPAB/ and request to join.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially

Sherylle Castro

The deceased, especially

Assunta Pucci

Jack Savage

Oliva Tardif

Ignacio Bautista Jr.

Justin Rogg

Attention Quilting Bee-Levers: The first meeting this Fall is Monday, September 12, beginning at 9 am in Liguori Hall.



The Religious Gift Shop is back to regular operating hours: following the Saturday evening 7:00 pm Mass and Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses. Come in and check out our selection of merchandise.

On Stewardship...

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

From the Family of Frank Blaszcak -

Thank you from Anna and the family for your kindness at the time of Frank's passing. Thank you to all who made this such a beautiful farewell Mass, for the mass cards and sympathy cards and for your presence at the funeral.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 5 - 10

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 5, 7:00 am: † Alice Sempowich
 Tues. 6, 10:30 am: Mark
 7:00 pm: Thanksgiving Mass
 Wed. 7, 7:00 am: † Jennie Croken
 7:00 pm: † Martha, Harry, Irene & Dennis
 Lauren
 Thurs. 8, 7:00 pm: † Kylie Bain
 Fri. 9, 7:00 am: † Brady Grattan
 10:30 am: † Frank Anderson
 Sat. 10, 7:00 am: † Kylie Bain

???Question of the Week???

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Discerning God's will**

Wisdom 9:13 - 18. Solomon's Prayer
Philemon 9 - 10, 12 - 17. Plea for Onesimus
Luke 14:25 - 33. Sayings on discipleship

Key Passage: For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless and our designs are likely to fail. *Wisdom 9:13 - 14*

Question: How do you try to discover what God is asking of you?

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am
 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 3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

9:30 am: 2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor**Sunday Masses**

Saturday evening 7:00 pm

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

Confessions: Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., or by appointment (call the parish office)

Morning Prayer: Mon - Fri, 8:45 am, in the Chapel.

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help at Wednesday Mass.

Baptism for Infants & Young Children: Contact Darlene at the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about Baptism Preparation for parents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church must contact the Parish Office *at least 8 months* prior to their wedding date.

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. Contact Cliff, cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Open after the Saturday 7:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

Spanish Prayer Group: Saturdays, 8 - 10 pm, in the Modern Martyrs Room. Contact Ana, 780-978-4966

El Shaddai Prayer Group: After Saturday 7 pm Mass, Grouard Room. Irene, 780-380-9540/Gilbert, 780-978-8006