

# St. Joseph

Catholic Church



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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 11, 2016**

Be humble. Live in mercy. Experience joy.

## PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS

WITH REGISTRATION FOR

### Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

NOVEMBER 1, 3 or 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.**

**Parish Pastoral Council Nominations** Concerned with the "pastoral" needs and direction of the parish, this is the most immediate group of advisors to the pastor and pastoral team. More information about PPC is available on the parish website. They meet the first Thursday of each month from 7:45 - 9:15 pm and also for a retreat day once a year in the fall to discern the pastoral theme for the new liturgical year.

We are now seeking nominations to fill 3 vacancies. You can be nominated by a parishioner or self-nominated. The election is the weekend of October 22/23. Council members are asked to commit themselves to at least one three year term. Nomination forms and a list of the needed qualifications are available in the entrance of the church.

**Nomination closing date: Sunday, September 25**

## 2nd Annual 100 Mile Potluck Dinner

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

This dinner is fun, educational and a great example 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!



## Kitchen Volunteers Needed!

Disturbing The Peace (DTP) is an annual local youth conference happening on **October 14 - 16**. Our parish is responsible for the organization of the meals for this conference, and is looking for any volunteers who are willing to give a few hours of their time to help prepare the meals. If you are interested or available to help in any way, **please contact April, 780-532-2351 ext. 229.**

## Liturgy of the Word with Children Training

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



Sunday, September 25, following the 11 am Mass in the Modern Martyrs Room. New to this ministry? Need a refresher? Attend this last session or contact Joanne, ext 230. Volunteer screening is required for all leaders and helpers. **We desperately need 9 am leaders** in order to consistently offer this program each Sunday.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$20,115.90
Children's collection	\$109.00

**Family & Children**

Joanne Chiasson X-230

The first SALT (gr. 3 - 5) this Fall is Friday, September 23, from 7 - 9 pm, in St. JPII 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.

**\*\*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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)

**SACRAMENTS**

Darlene Lemay, x 228



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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 12 - 17**

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

- Mon. 12, 7:00 am: † Dominique Dika
- Tues. 13, 7:00 pm: CWL / † Jack Fitzpatrick
- Wed. 14, 7:00 am: Rita McCullough
- 7:00 pm: † Josefa Tolentino
- Thurs. 15, 7:00 pm: † Margaret Mascarenhas
- Fri. 16, 7:00 am: † Dominique Dika
- 10:30 am: John Vavrek
- Sat. 17, 7:00 am: † Jennie Croken

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**YOUTH MINISTRY**

April Fogle, x 229

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Go online to see our upcoming news & events: [www.saintjoseph.ca/youth](http://www.saintjoseph.ca/youth)



**WATER BALLOON MANIA**

Fri, Sept. 16 from 5:30 - 9 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.

Starts with **Youth Mass: Sunday, Sept. 25 at 4:30pm**

Please bring your whole family. Potluck (bring your favourite dish!) and registration to follow in Tranquille Hall. Games, activities and fun for the whole family.



**Disturbing the Peace Youth Conference**



October 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](http://www.disturbingthepeace.ca)



EDGE will resume on September 30th. Please join us for Water Balloon Mania and our Fall Kick-off on Sunday, Sept. 25.

**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.

## 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: there2@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

**Adoration** - *Mark Your Calendars!*

Fridays: September 16, October 14, November 18, December 9. Come, experience the love of the Lord! Mass at 7:00 pm followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

**"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

**WOLF PAX** is the name of the Catholic club at GPRC. The Catholic club meets on campus over the lunch hour (11:45 - 12:45) the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 28. Look for the WolfPax posters at the college or go to "Wolf Pax Catholic Club" on Facebook for more details. Be sure to share this with family and friends who are students at the college.

### 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

### From the Oliva Tardif Family:

A heartfelt thank you to all who have expressed their condolences and prayers during our time of sorrow and sadness. Your love and support gave us great comfort. A special thanks to Fr. Remi for presiding over the memorial and to Fr. Leo for administering the final Sacrament of the Sick. Also a thank you to the choir for their music ministry. God bless you all. *Germaine Tardif and family*



GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

**The sick, especially**

Robert Mascarenhas

**The deceased, especially**

Francesca Canavan, mother of Frank Canavan

René Lejeune

**The first CWL GM of the Fall is this Tuesday, September 13**, beginning at 7 pm in the church. Executive meets at 6 pm in the Grouard Room.

**The September K of C meeting is this Tuesday, Sept. 13**, beginning with Mass at 7 pm in the church.

**Ultreya** can fulfill many roles on the road to perseverance: re-affirming friendships from Cursillo, support & encouragement on your walk in Christ, time for prayer, music, reflection & fellowship! Would you like to be in a group reunion? Haven't been to Cursillo yet? **Join us Friday, Sept 30 @ 7:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.** Speaker: Liz Richard. Please bring a snack to share. If you are able to help in any capacity (music, hosting, welcoming, set-up &/or take down) please contact Tesie, 780-978-2106, or Debbie, 780-532-5423.



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

next Sunday, September 18  
following the 9 & 11 am Masses,  
in Tranquille Hall.

**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](http://www.LittleArkAcademy.com) for information. Registration OPEN NOW and will continue until classes are full.



**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. **Volunteers needed after the 7:00 pm Saturday Mass and the 11 am Sunday Mass.**

???Question of the Week???

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Courage to Forgive**  
**Exodus 32:7 - 11, 13 - 14.** The golden calf  
**1 Timothy 1:12 - 17.** Paul's gratitude  
**Luke 15:1 - 32.** The prodigal son

**Key Passage:** The slave replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

*Luke 15:27 - 28*

**Question:** Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Regular Mass Schedule**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am  
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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](mailto: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