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Catholic Church



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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 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 available on the parish website). PPC meets 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. Nominations are by a parishioner or self-nomination. 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

SEPTEMBER 18 - 25 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 18: After 9 & 11 am Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall
Mon. 19: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 20: 7 - 9:30 pm, GriefShare, St JP II Room
Wed. 21: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
Thurs. 22: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
Fri. 23: 6 - 7 pm, SALT registration, St JP II Room
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP II Room
Sun. 25: after 11 am Mass, Liturgy of the Word Training, Modern Martyrs Room
- 4:30 pm, Youth Mass followed by Youth Kick-Off in Tranquille Hall

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese/eparchy by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, has described this Collection as an invitation to "all the faithful to participate in these areas of Church life and witnessing by their fervent prayers, moral support, and financially helping their diocese/eparchy with the annual contributions to the regional assemblies and to the national Conference." Any additional revenue raised helps the diocese/eparchy support its own pastoral programs and other activities.

This collection is next weekend, Sept. 24/25. Through your contribution to the Collection, you too can collaborate with the Bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern, as well as support the faith and evangelization mission of the Church.

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| Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227) | |
| Offering Required Weekly | \$23,718.29 |
| Offering received last Sunday | \$19,112.70 |
| Children's collection | \$129.50 |

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.

****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/

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.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Connor Orłowski, Abigail Tom Huete, Kurt Rizaldo and Luke Watson to our faith family. We pray that their journey of faith is filled with great 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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



Fall Kick-Off 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. Bring friends.



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



EDGE (gr. 6 - 9) "It's a Surprise", is on September 30, from 7 - 9 pm. Parents, please join us at 7 - 7:15 pm, for a quick meeting.

Youth Choir and Movie Night

(gr. 6 - 12) Saturday, Oct. 1, 7 - 10:30 pm. *"Captain America: Civil War"*. Join us in the choir at 7 pm, followed by youth group in the St JP II Room. Bring a friend.



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.*



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.*

ADULT FORMATION

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.

Struggling with Grief? - *The death and loss of a spouse, child, parent, relative or friend?* **Come to Griefshare**, a nondenominational, companioning group gathering Tuesdays at 7 pm upstairs in the St. John Paul II Room. Video, discussion groups, homework booklet, prayer and fellowship. \$15 for booklet (Cost of booklet should not impede anyone from attending.) For info 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

Bible Exploration - Mary: A Biblical Walk With Our Blessed Mother! starting Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7:30 pm in Tranquille Hall and will run for 8 weeks. This is a powerful Bible study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. If you have ever wanted to learn more about the Bible this is a great opportunity. Beginners are welcome! The first evening is a video and explanation of the study. Questions? or to register call Angele or Roger, 780-532-7529 or Bill, 780-532-7367, or just come the first evening.

"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 Catholic club at GPRC. They meet on campus over the lunch hour (11:45 - 12:45) the last Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 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 these 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

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. Contact John Witschen, 780-532-2351, ext 232, for information.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially

Marc Jodoin

The deceased, especially

Joyce Radke, mother of Russ Radke

Halina Tredowicz-Pietrzykowska

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 Tessie, 780-978-2106, or Debbie, 780-532-5423.

The Monthly Prayers for Healing are this Thursday, Sept. 22 following the 7 pm evening Mass in the church. In the past these prayers have been on the third Thursday of each month, but that may not be the case this year. Watch the bulletin for future dates.

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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 19 - 24**

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 19, 7:00 am: † Peter Guest
 Tues. 20, 7:00 pm: † Helma Fletcher
 Wed. 21, 7:00 am: † Dominique Dika
 7:00 pm: Orest Woychuk
 Thurs. 22, 7:00 pm: † John, Mary & William White
 Fri. 23, 7:00 am: † Peter Wiebe
 Sat. 24, 7:00 am: † Gloria Dela Pena

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Look for @stjoespastor

???Question of the Week???

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
The faithful Christian****Amos 8:4 - 7.** Against greed**1 Timothy 2:1 - 7.** Conduct of men and women**Luke 16:1 - 13.** The dishonest steward

Key Passage: Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. *Luke 16:10*

Question: Should cheating and deception ever be justified?

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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

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