

# St. Joseph

Catholic Church



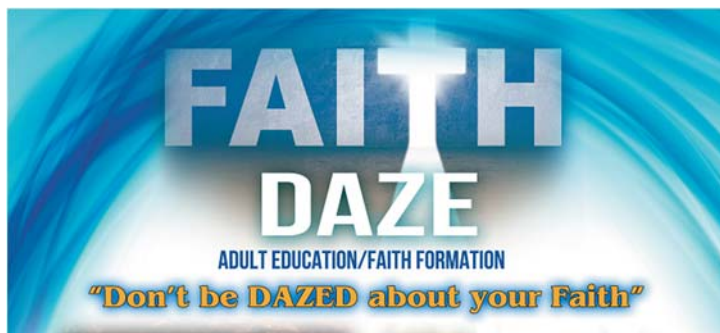
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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 25, 2016**

Be humble. Live in mercy. Experience joy.



Delve into our faith and come to a deeper understanding of God's great love for us, His children. There will be four different sessions throughout the year. Join us for the first session this Wednesday, Sept. 28 for "Paschal Mystery" the cycle of life and death. It will begin with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm and continue in Tranquille Hall until 9:15 pm.

The next sessions will be Practice of Forgiveness, Managing Grief and Real Presence. Watch for the dates or check on our website.

**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

### Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:

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. If you missed donating this weekend, you may bring your contribution to the parish office during office hours. Make cheques payable to *St. Joseph Church*.

### SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- Mon. 26:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Tues. 27:** 7 - 9:30 pm, GriefShare, St JP II Room
- Wed. 28:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
- 7:30 - 9:15 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 30:** 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room  
- 7:30 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall
- Sat. 1:** 10:30 am - noon, Lector Workshop, church  
- 7 - 10:30 pm, Youth Movie Night, St JP II Room

### 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.**

**Family & Children**

Joanne Chiasson X-230

The next SALT (gr. 3 - 5) is Friday, October 7, from 7 - 9 pm, in St. JP II Room. *Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt*. Registration is ongoing.



**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)



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](http://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.



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!!

Next gathering: **Wednesday, October 5**

Check our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/](http://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



If you are interested in this rewarding ministry, and have not attended a training session, please contact Joanne, ext. 230. All materials are prepared and supplied, therefore, very little is required on your part. Leaders and helpers are needed at all Masses.

**SACRAMENTS**

Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Riley & Ainsley Burdess, Audrey Carreon, Mark Tianggao, Nixon Kays, Mary Herath Mudiyansele and to our faith family. We pray that their journey of faith is 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.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,919.90
Children's collection	\$112.00



**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 open 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!

Join us on our second St. Joseph Parish Pilgrimage - a journey unlike any other. Come experience God in new ways 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 need the power of prayers: hope, petition, thanksgiving, etc. Grande Prairie Catholic School District invites parishioners to sign up as school prayer partners who 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 you. It may include getting together with other prayer partners or once a month dedicating praying the rosary for the school. Prayer Partners will be notified if the school is in need of extra prayers, i.e. if the school is putting on a special performance. Please consider supporting the staff and students in our Catholic Schools through prayer. To sign up or for 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,"* starts Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 pm in Tranquille Hall and will run for 8 weeks. This powerful Bible study reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and our lives. If you have ever wanted to learn more about the Bible this is a great opportunity. Beginners 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.



**WOLF PAX**, the Catholic club at GPRC, meets 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.



**Remembering the Faithful Departed** During the month of November we remember and pray for those who have died. We will be celebrating our special annual memorial Mass for all those in our parish who have died in the last year on **Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm in the church.** The names of all who were buried from our parish in the last year will be read aloud. As well, if you have an immediate family member (parent, sibling or child) who died in the past year but not from our parish, we invite you to call the office *before Friday, October 21 at 12 noon* so that we can have their names included in the program and read aloud. All are welcome to join us at this Mass.

### 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

Austin Weiler, son of Lorne &amp; Angela Weiler

Tessie Foster

**The deceased, especially**

Juliana Belyan

Lucien Malo

**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.

**Join our parish group on Facebook**, "St Joseph Catholic Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada".  
[www.facebook.com/groups/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/)

**NEW PRESCHOOL** - Little Ark Academy Preschool opened this month. *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. With wooden toys and natural sunlight, it is 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 1**

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 26, 7:00 am: † Dominique Dika

Tues. 27, 7:00 pm: † Ma Sheung Tak

Wed. 28, 7:00 am: † Denise Fisher

7:00 pm: † Vera DesBarres

Thurs. 29, 7:00 pm: † Margaret Martin

Fri. 30, 7:00 am: Jerome Bowen

Sat. 1, 7:00 am: † Wilfred McIntyre

**FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.**

Look for @stjoespastor

## ???Question of the Week???

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:*  
**The Rich and the Poor**

**Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7.** Third woe**1 Timothy 6:11 - 16.** The good fight of faith**Luke 16:19 - 31.** The rich man and Lazarus

**Key Passage:** There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. *Luke 16:19 - 21*

**Question:** What are the "rewards" of caring for the needs of the poor?

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Regular Mass Schedule**

Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; 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 &amp; 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