

St. Joseph

Catholic Church



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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2, 2016**

Be humble. Live in mercy. Experience joy.

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:

- Monday, October 3, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

- Tuesday, October 4, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Acceptance of Candidacy and Ministry of Lector

At the 7:00 pm Mass on Saturday, October 8, Archbishop Pettipas will accept Emmanuel Ekanem, our seminarian intern, as a Candidate for Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood. At the same Mass, Travis Chabot will receive the Ministry of Lector. Candidacy for Ordination is a ceremony by which the Archdiocese accepts a seminarian in an official way as a candidate for eventual ordination. While not a firm commitment on the part of the seminarian or the diocese, it is a step along the way that acknowledges the good will of both. The Ministry of Lector is one of the two lay ministries that precedes a seminarian's ordination to the Diaconate. The other lay ministry is that of Acolyte. On Thursday, October 13 at the 7:00 pm Mass, the Archbishop will install Gerald Logan in the Ministry of Lector. Gerald is in his third year of the formation program for the Permanent Diaconate.

The Archbishop's Dinner 2016 will be hosted by Deanery One (McLennan), in English and French, on Friday, October 28, at the Cultural Centre in St. Isidore, beginning at 6 p.m. Archbishop Gerry will be speaking in French on "Indian Residential Schools: A Meditation on IRSSA and the TRC." Tickets are \$25 and available from a parish priest in Deanery One or contact Lauri in the Archbishop's Office (exec.agm@live.ca or 780-532-9766).

OCTOBER 2 - 9 DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. 4: 7 - 9:30 pm, GriefShare, St JPII Room

Wed. 5: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

- 7:30 pm, Bible Study Tranquille Hall

Fri. 7: 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JPII 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.

Sign Up For Breaking News on our web-page (saintjoseph.ca) for special parish updates. We assure you that we will not clutter your inbox but only send you timely and important notices.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,718.29

Offering received last Sunday \$19,713.79

Children's collection \$129.00

Family & Children

Joanne Chiasson X-230

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

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



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) is on October 7, from 7 - 9 pm. Parents, please join us at 7 - 7:15 pm, for a quick meeting.

SEARCH High School Retreat Weekend- Gr.10-12

There will be a bus going down to the SEARCH weekend in St. Albert on Nov.18 - 20th. Register early to get a spot on the bus. Registration and info found on parish website. Cost is \$45. Deadline: Nov.1st.



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/

Family Hallowe'en Party - helpers needed.



On October 29, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm we are having our annual family party. Help (adult and youth) is needed for set-up, games, kitchen and cleanup. Call Joanne, ext. 230, or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Calder Widdifield, Hazy Pagcaliwagan, Natalya Magnone, Dillon Plesko and Tisha Sundby 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.



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.**

SAVE YOUR BOTTLES FOR OUR YOUTH GROUPS
Please drop them off at any Bottle Depot with this information on them:
St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351
We appreciate your donations and assistance!



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.**

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

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.

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.

BEST CHURCH PRACTICES As you will remember, Archbishop Pettipas has instructed the faithful to remain standing during communion until everyone has received communion (Archbishop's letter dated September 18, 2012). This practice of standing is envisioned by the Roman Missal because communion is a communal act. For most of us this is opposite to what we were taught as children so this is a good example of how our understanding of liturgy evolves. The church makes the distinction that Mass is public prayer not private devotion. After the last person has received communion, sitting or kneeling is appropriate as we enjoy an extended time of silence. If however, it is difficult for you to stand because of illness, it is appropriate to sit during communion. Of course, while everyone is standing it is another sign of unity if the entire congregation is also singing!

Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, October 14, beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by Adoration in the church. Come experience the love of our Lord!

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.

From the René Lejeune Family

Sincerest thank you to all who have expressed condolences during our time of sorrow. Your love and prayerful support gave us much comfort. A special thanks to Fr. Remi for administering the Sacrament of the Sick and for celebrating the funeral Mass. Thank you also to the choir, their beautiful music and to the Knights of Columbus for providing René the Honour Guard.

God bless you all, *Sharon Lejeune & family*

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially

- Marc Jodoin
- Tessie Foster
- Betty Chailler
- Charlotte Patterson

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world. Through a week-end experience, couples learn how to make their good marriage even better. They learn practical communication techniques and have an opportunity to rediscover their hopes and dreams for their marriage.

The *next Marriage Encounter is in Edmonton on November 18 - 20*. Register early - space is limited. For information visit www.wvme.org or contact Gavin & Nicole, 780-464-2984, or gvankup@telus.net.

Calling all children who have received First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Come join the Altar Servers' Ministry. Please Call Brenda, 780-538-0506 or email jm0506@telus.net.

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 for information. Registration OPEN NOW and will continue until classes are full.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 3 - 8

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

- Mon. 3, 7:00 am: † Jennie Croken
- Tues. 4, 10:30 am: John & Mary Vavrek
- 7:00 pm: † Raphael Mascarenhas
- Wed. 5, 7:00 am: Joanne Tally / Brad Schaefer
- 7:00 pm: † Michael Long
- Thurs. 6, 7:00 pm: † Madonna Kelly
- Fri. 7, 7:00 am: † Dominique Dika
- 10:30 am: † Margaret Mascarenhas
- Sat. 8, 9:00 am: † Madonna Kelly

???Question of the Week???

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Faithful Christians

Habakkuk 1:2 - 3, 2:2 - 4. Habakkuk's complaint
2 Tim 1:6 - 8, 13 - 14. Exhortation to faithfulness
Lk 17:5 - 10. Sayings on the requirements of faith

Key Passage: Jesus said, "So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" *Luke 17:10*

Question: When have you done more than what was required of you in the service of others?

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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