

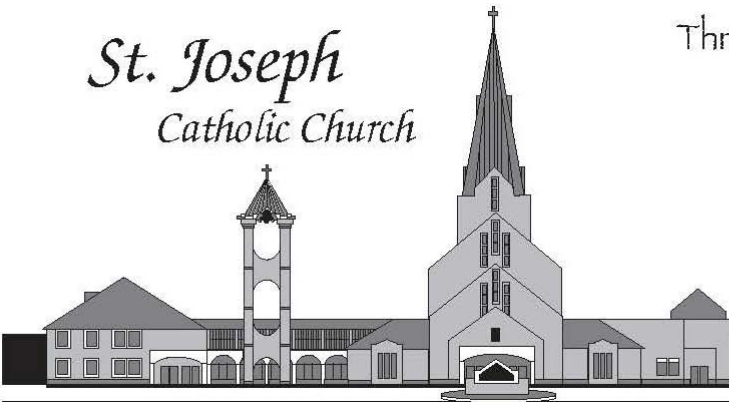
St. Joseph  
Catholic Church

Through worship, compassion, and perseverance  
we strengthen our faith community.

**First Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 2016**

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**Grande Prairie's Santa Claus Parade** Sunday, Dec 4,  
beginning at 1:00 pm.



Following the 11:00 am Mass,  
Tranquille Hall will be open for  
families to dress for the parade and  
enjoy hot chocolate and fellowship  
until 12:45 pm.  
All are welcome!

**2017 Sunday collection envelopes available** in the  
Modern Martyrs Room until Sunday, December 18.  
**Donators through automatic Bank withdrawal:**  
your extra collection envelopes will also be available  
in the Modern Martyrs Room.

**NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 4 DATES TO REMEMBER**  
**Mon. 28:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
**Tues. 29:** 7 - 9:30 pm, GriefShare, St JP11 Room  
- 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girl's group, Tranquille Hall  
**Wed. 30:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
- 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall  
**Sat. 3:** 8 - 10 pm, Youth Movie Night, St JP11 Room



**Discover the gift of listening.**  
Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 3 pm Tranquille Hall.  
Please bring your own lunch.

**THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be at 4:00, 6:30,  
9:00 pm & Midnight on Christmas Eve and 10:00 am  
on Christmas Day. **Free tickets** for the 4:00, 6:30 &  
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be available after  
the 7:00 pm Saturday evening Mass and the 9:00 &  
11:00 am Sunday Masses every weekend during Ad-  
vent until all the tickets are gone. **Tickets will not be  
available during the week from the office.** If you are  
unable to get to Mass on the weekend, please ask  
someone to pick up tickets on your behalf.

Family Christmas Talent Gala  
**FOURTH ANNUAL**  
**St. Joe's  
got Talent**  
Calling all singers, dancers, instrumentalists,  
actors, etc. We have a diverse and vibrant  
family, made up of many ethnic backgrounds  
and we want to celebrate us! Come share your  
gifts and talents on *December 17, 2 - 5 pm.*  
Please call Joanne, ext. 230, at the parish office  
before Tuesday, December 13, to be added to  
the program. Everyone is welcome, even if you  
do not wish to perform. Please come join in  
celebrating our parish family.  
Craft Table for kids, and light refreshments for  
all, to follow.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,769.86
Children's collection	\$152.00



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
April Fogle, x 229

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



**Next SALT (gr. 3 - 5)**  
**Friday, December 9, 7 - 9 pm**  
Meet in Tranquille Hall  
Adventures in Advent!

**SALT Christmas Party: Dec. 16.** Please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange

**Please note: No SALT December 2,** due to the staff Christmas Party. Next SALT December 9.



**The Mom's Group**  
**meets the 1st and 3rd**  
**Wednesday of each month**  
10:00 am - 12 noon  
in Tranquille Hall.

Come when you can for any or all of the time. Fun playtime for the kids and visiting for mom with a short reflection or prayer time at 11:15 am. Join us anytime!!

**Next gathering: Wednesday, December 7**

Check our Facebook page:

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

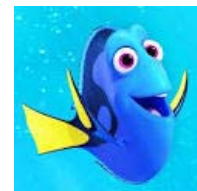


**UC27- Sunday, December 11, 6 pm** at Christian Fellowship Assembly. We are going to the GP Boys Choir Christmas concert. Tickets are \$18. Please RSVP with April, 780-882-4091.



**EDGE (gr. 6 - 9)** Friday, Dec. 9, 7 - 9 pm. Join us in St. JP11 Room, for faith, friends, food, and fun.  
**Friday, December 16, 7 - 9 pm**  
Christmas Party. More info to come.

**Youth Choir & Movie Night, Saturday, Dec. 3.** Join us in the choir at 7 pm Mass with the movie, "Finding Dory" & snacks to follow in the St. JP11 Room until 10:30 pm.



**Girl's Night Bible study, (gr. 10 - 12),** Thursdays after 7 pm Mass. Contact April for info, 780-882-4091.

**Challenge Girl's Group**  
**(gr. 5 - 8)**



Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall.

Contact Anna Friesen, 780-832-4068 or (cell) 780-831-8338, for information.

**Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups:** Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

**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.



**Religious Gift Shop**

*Advent candles! Christmas items!*  
Come check our stock following  
Saturday evening 7:00 pm Mass &  
Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

Another big **THANK YOU** to all who came out to help stuff the Christmas letter in preparation to mail it out. Once again, you are the best.  
Blessings during this wondrous season!

## ADULT FORMATION

### **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.

### **Journaling, A Tool for Working Through Grief**

Small group retreat day,  
*Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:30 am -3:30 pm, in Peace River*  
As Christmas approaches, we miss anew our loved ones who have died and won't be with us. Even if they died years ago, you may not have given yourself time to grieve. "Grief is a deep wound and it takes time to heal." Brochures are on the church bulletin board or contact Sr. Louise, 780-624-9211.

**Interested in Religious life?** Contact Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R. at the parish office, ext. 222.

### **Advent Retreat - The Gift of Emmanuel**

A little break for men and women to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas.

Presenters: Jennifer Wrzosek & Pat Hunt

When: Saturday, Dec. 17, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Ligouri Hall

Cost: \$15

Please bring a bag lunch, Bible, pencil crayons and journal if you wish.

To register please call Jennifer, 780-538-3165 or Pat, 780-532-1338

Brochures at the back of the Church.

Sponsored by Peace Retreats

### **Eucharistic Adoration Friday, December 9**

Come experience the love of the Lord, beginning with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm, followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm.

### **St Joseph Parish Mission 2017**

Sunday, March 26 – Wednesday, March 29

Times will be confirmed closer to the date.

**Mission Preacher - Fr. Eugene "Red" O'Reilly, C.Ss.R.**

Father Red is a Redemptorist who brings to his mission preaching a sense of humour and compassionate understanding of people and the complex world we live in. He has a special interest in music and has composed a number of religious songs, some of which we sing on Sundays.



### **50 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY**

Development and Peace was founded in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter *Populorum Progressio*, which says that **Development is the new word for Peace**. Peace cannot be seen simply as the absence of war. It must be built daily, and it must strive towards a more perfect justice among human beings (*Populorum Progressio*, 76).

Development and Peace is recognized as the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis.

To celebrate 50 years of solidarity for justice and peace, Development & Peace is offering **free membership**.

Two ways to become a member:

1) *Online*: <https://www.devp.org/>

2) *Membership card* at the back of the church

Be at the heart of change, become a member!

Learn about injustice and what you can do about it.

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 3**

(✠ Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 28,	7:00 am:	Larry Shepherd
Tues. 29,	7:00 pm: ✠	Frank Anderson
Wed. 30,	7:00 am: ✠	Joe Mazo
	7:00 pm: ✠	Nancy Galbraith
Thurs. 1,	7:00 pm: ✠	Kelly Reed
Fri. 2,	7:00 am: ✠	Jennie Croken
	10:30 am:	Bev Chomiak
Sat. 3,	9:00 am: ✠	Ollie Diachuk

## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

#### The sick, especially

Ira Stanley	Elizabeth Plamondon
Charmaine Muller	Marc Jodoin

#### The deceased, especially

Joan Grant

#### Winners of the CWL Raffle:

Nativity set - Carol Rigler  
 Stained glass quilted wall hanging - Jackie Lambert  
 Handmade cradle, doll & bedding - Mary Marcotte  
 4 framed cross stitches - Louise Greshner  
 The CWL appreciate everyone who supported their Annual Tea & Bazaar through donating baking & crafts and those who attended and generously purchased items. Joyeux Noel! Merry Christmas!

**Catholic Family Services is coordinating its Christmas hamper Program.** Your generosity helps provide hampers to families in need. Donations of cash and gift cards accepted at the CFS office, 10105-102 St. Also collecting IGA budget savers. For info or to sponsor a family please call 780-532-9381.

**34th Annual Festival of Carols**, Monday & Tuesday, December 5 & 6, at 7:30 pm in the church - two beautiful evenings of Christmas music by local community and church choirs and instrumentalists! No admission fee. Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles and Food Bank are welcome.

**St. Joseph CWL is offering Student Funding** for Christian-based volunteer work. For information, call Lorraine, 780-539-4766. *Deadline: January 15.*

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

#### 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  
**At 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 pm, or by appointment (call the parish office)

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *First Sunday in Advent: Putting on the light of Christ*

**Isaiah 2:1 - 5.** Zion, the messianic capital

**Romans 13:11 - 14.** Christian use of time

**Matthew 24:37 - 44.** The need for watchfulness

**Key Passage:** Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. *Romans 13:12*

**Question:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?