



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



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/

Be part of our Christmas Spirit

At the 4:00 & 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Masses we would like to include as many young people as possible: greeting people as they enter, Lectors, gift bearers and help with assorted other jobs.

Specifically at the 4:00 pm Mass, we will have a children's procession coming in with the priests.

At the 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00 pm Masses, we need helpers to spread Christmas cheer to our children immediately following the Mass.

Please contact Joanne, ext. 230, if you are interested in helping.

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 required. Call Darlene, ext. 228, at the parish office.



YOUTH MINISTRY
 April Fogle, x 229

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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



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.

Christmas Party: Friday, Dec 16, 7 - 9 pm Join us in our ELF themed Escape room, and bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange.



Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)
 Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Liguori Hall. Contact Anna Friesen, (cell) 780-831-8338, for information.



Bring your talents to the Annual St. Joe's Got Talent. Whether it's plate spinning, singing your favorite song, or showing us your

Whip and Nae Nae; we want to see it! Please call Joanne, ext. 230, at the parish office before Tuesday, December 13, to be added to the program.

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!



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.

ADULT FORMATION

Our monthly **Prayers for Healing** are this Thursday, December 8, following the 7 pm Mass, in the church. Join us for Mass and stay to experience the healing of our Lord through these powerful prayers.

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.

Ministry of Welcome at Christmas Masses

Do you have a gift for welcoming and a bit of extra time on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? We are looking for parishioners who can come about 45 minutes before Mass to greet people as they arrive. At the 4:00, 6:30 and 9:00 pm Masses those greeting will also collect the Mass tickets given out during Advent. The 12 Midnight and Christmas morning Mass greeters will only welcome. 8 people needed at each Mass. If you can assist in this way please call the office by **Monday, December 19** to register.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 5 - 10

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 5,	7:00 am: †	Sr. Pauline Kruchten
Tues. 6,	10:30 am:	
	7:00 pm: †	Kelly Reed
Wed. 7,	7:00 am: †	Joe Mazo
	7:00 pm: †	Catalina Chong
Thurs. 8,	7:00 pm: †	Berthe O'Flaherty
Fri. 9,	7:00 am: †	John Kruchten
	10:30 am:	Lucille Normandeau /
		† Rosario Normandeau
Sat. 10,	9:00 am: †	Berthe O'Flaherty

Christmas Mass Singers Needed: The Music Ministry is looking for singers to join us for the Christmas Eve Masses at 6:30, 9:00 and Midnight. Practice for these Masses will be on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 3:30 to 5 pm in the church. All singers are welcome.

Advent Retreat - The Gift of Emmanuel

Reflect on the real meaning of Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 17, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, in Liguori Hall
Presenters: Jennifer Wrzosek & Pat Hunt 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

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

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.



From the Social Justice Committee

Did You Know about SOCK SUNDAYS?

During Advent, after all weekend Masses, Social Justice Committee members are collecting socks, mitts, toques, etc. (Only new items please!) Small cash donations (toonies?) are also accepted and socks purchased with the money. After each Mass items collected are distributed to one of these organizations: Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Community Village, Red Cross, HIV North, Friendship Centre, St. Joseph Walk in Ministry, Sunrise Youth Shelter, Odyssey House, Rotary House, Community Social Development, Oasis Warming Centre & St. Lawrence Centre. Thank you for helping others keep warm during our cold winter months.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially

Michael Hardie

Marc Jodoin

Alter Server's Christmas party, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 11 am in Tranquille Hall. Fun games, making decorations, and snacks. If you plan to attend please contact Brenda, 780-538-0506,

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.*

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.

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???

Second Sunday in Advent: Our Need to Change

Isaiah 11:1 - 10. The rule of Emmanuel

Romans 15:4 - 9. Prayer of encouragement

Matthew 3:1 - 12. John the Baptist

Key Passage: "This is the one [John the Baptist] of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight.'" *Matthew 3:3*

Question: What do you need to change so that others can see from watching you that Christ walks among us?