



10404 - 102 St, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 2W3
Office: 780-532-2351 Fax: 780-538-2286
e-mail: sjc-church@gpcsd.ca
web site: saintjoseph.ca

Mid Summer Bulletin

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2016

St. Joseph Parish Pilgrimage

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 5, 2017! Plans are underway for our second Parish Pilgrimage - a journey unlike any other. Join us for this opportunity to come to know God through this unique and deeply meaningful experience.

Food Bank Donations: Remember to bring your food bank donations to Mass. Needed: Kraft dinner, tinned meat, pasta noodles, canned fruit, Ichiban noodles, peanut butter, jam, chunky soup, beans, cookies & crackers, canned vegetables, juice boxes, kid's snacks, shampoo & conditioner, men's & lady's razors, soap, diapers: sizes 4, 5 & 6.

NEW PRESCHOOL - Little Ark Academy Pre-school 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.



2nd Annual 100 Mile Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 16, 5:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall. This dinner is fun, educational and a great reminder of the bountiful area in which we live. The potluck dish is made from local ingredients found within a 100 mile radius of our region. Join us and be amazed at how many wonderful dishes can be created using locally sourced products!



4th Annual Diocesan Faith Rally - August 19 - 21



Join Catholics from around the archdiocese in Grouard for a week-end jam-packed with opportunities to worship, share your faith, and grow in love. See the poster on the bulletin board at the entrance to the church or check the diocesan website, <http://archgm.ca>, and click on the link for all the details. Look forward to seeing you there!

Watch for our "Pew Art" for our young children to draw on and colour during Mass. You will find it in the pockets of the pews.

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

Summer Mass Schedule July 1 - August 31

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	7:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 pm
Sunday Masses:	
Saturday evening	7:00 pm
Sunday morning	9:00 am & 11:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay, x 228

This summer, **THROUGH THE WATERS OF BAPTISM**, we welcome Weston & Nathaniel Montgomery, Beale Uy, Bryden Lannon, Bentley Fee, Benjamin Donnison, Aliza Strohm, Olivia Fairbrother, Ryan Ogston, Yuri & Zion Guarin, Mariska Baker, Kohen Friesen, Jacob Hagus, Joscelyn Schmidt, Giovanna Durdle, Roland Patio and Valkyrie de Gracia to our family of faith. We pray their journey with our Lord 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.

Please Pray For

The deceased, especially

Hector Letourneau	Jack Savage
Frank Blaszcak	Oliva Tardif

Farewell from Fr. Ed

Without a doubt, it's safe to say,
By Time, we are perplexed.
At times we wish it more prolonged;
At others, more compressed.

As I approach this last farewell
I wish that time stood still,
And we could linger, unperturbed
By Time's relentless will.

Alas, that isn't possible
So I must bid 'adieu',
And hold to golden memories
Of every one of you.

We've prayed together, played together,
Cried, and for our part,
We've reveled in community
Which occupies our hearts.

I leave a little piece of me
Here in this blessed place
And take a little bit of here
As I go, by God's grace.

Yet, who knows? I'll be back someday
So we may once again
Renew those old acquaintances
And talk once more, as friends.

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

General Information

Knights of Columbus Scholarships applications are due by August 31. Three \$500 scholarships to be awarded.

Are you struggling with Grief-The death and loss of a spouse, child, parent, relative or friend? **Come to Griefshare**, a nondenominational, companioning group that gathers upstairs in the St. John Paul II Room starting Tuesday, September 13, at 7 pm. The Group meets once a week for 13 weeks. It includes a video, discussion groups, a homework booklet, prayer and fellowship. The cost is \$15.00 for the booklet. Cost should not impede anyone from attending. For information or to register call Cam, 780-532-2972, (cell) 780-933-5374, or Allan, 780-538-1851.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 3

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 15,	7:00 am:	Bridget Bowen
Tues. 16,	7:00 pm:	† Sean Ferris
Wed. 17,	7:00 am:	† Brady Grattan
Thurs. 18,	7:00 pm:	Ben / † Judith Radke
Fri. 19,	7:00 am:	† Wilfred McIntyre
Mon. 22,	7:00 am:	† Jennie Croken
Tues. 23,	7:00 pm:	† Lucien Rouleau
Wed. 24,	7:00 am:	† Michel Sevigny
Thurs. 25,	7:00 pm:	† Rosario Normandeau
Fri. 26,	7:00 am:	† Bazel Driver
Mon. 29,	7:00 am:	† Mary Kelly
Tues. 30,	7:00 pm:	† Derryl & Danny Nelson
Wed. 31,	7:00 am:	† Fred Fisher
Thurs. 1,	7:00 pm:	† Napoleon Rimando
Fri. 2,	7:00 am:	† Jennie Croken
	10:30 am:	Fr. Ed Eherer, C.Ss.R.
Sat. 3,	9:00 am:	† Joe Mazo

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Confessions: Saturday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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, ext. 228 (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism Preparation for parents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in a Catholic Church must contact the Parish Office *at least 8 months and preferably one year* prior to their wedding date.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm.

Religious Gift Shop/Library - Contact parish office

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