

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017**

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Family Movie
Secret Life of Pets
Sunday, Jan 22, at 3:00 pm,
in Tranquille Hall. Juice and
popcorn provided. Bring
something comfy to sit on.

Christmas Environment takedown, this Monday, January 9, beginning at 7:00 pm in the church. If you can spare a few hours to help put away Christmas decorations it would be greatly appreciated.

"**Living in the Image and Likeness of God**" is a three part DVD presentation that takes us through the scriptures and the writings of theologians to help us truly understand our created nature and to live with the "Divine Fire" within us. Fr. Ron teaches with warmth, humor and wisdom. Come for lunch, watch Fr Ron's DVD (1 hour) and enjoy some informal discussion afterwards in Tranquille Hall from noon - 2:00 pm.

Part 1: January 22

Part 2: February 5

Part 3: February 19

FYI - the ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the Palms used on Palm Sunday last year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your old palm branches to church before **Sunday, February 19** so that we have time to burn them before Ash Wednesday.

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is seeking a **Receptionist** (30 hours per week) for the Grande Prairie office. Please see details on the website: <http://archgm.ca>, or contact Lauri at the Chancery office: 780-532-9766 or exec.agm@live.ca.
Deadline for applications: Friday, Jan. 13, 2017.

JANUARY 8 - 15 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 9: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 7 pm, Christmas environment take-down, church
Tues. 10: 6 - 7 pm, CWL Exec, Grouard Room
- 7 - 9:30 pm, CWL meeting, begins with Mass, church
- 7 - 9:30 pm, K of C meeting, begins with Mass, church
Wed. 11: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
Fri. 13: 7 pm, Adoration, church
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St. JP11 Room
Sun. 15: after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast,
Tranquille Hall

Did you know....January is the month that has the *highest rate of couples seeking marriage help?*



Retrouaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems? helpourmarriage.ca, 587-598-4357, or info@helpourmarriage.ca
Next Edmonton Program starts **March 17 - 19**



Marriage Encounter - Make your good marriage better! Marriage enrichment! wwme.org, 780-464-2874, or gvankup@telus.net
Next Edmonton program starts **June 4 - 7**

FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.

Look for @stjoespastor



(gr. 3 - 5) Next gathering is January 20, in the St. JPll Room.



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 any-time!! **Next gathering: Wednesday, January 18.**

Check our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



with our Lord is filled with great joy.

Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Darby Dyck, Addison Ash, London Byrne, Amara Guiam and Yzabella Guiam to our faith family. We pray their journey

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.

On Stewardship... Today we remember the wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring - our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do - are equally precious in His sight.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



EDGE (gr. 6 - 9) -Our next gathering is January 13th, from 7 - 9 pm in the St JPll Room. Join us for the 4 F's: Faith, Fun, Fellowship and Food!

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!



For more information on these ski trips visit archgmyouth.com or call Jocelyne, 780-837-1335:

Sr. High - Ski Marmot. Explore Jasper. Adore Christ. Feb. 17, 3:30 pm - Feb. 20, 5:30 pm

Jr. High - Adore. Restore. Ski Whispering Pines, AB Feb. 24, 4 pm - Feb. 25, 7:30 pm.

Register by Jan. 20 to be entered to win 50% off!

Registration deadline: Feb. 3

From Development & Peace - The feast of Epiphany reminds us that Christ brings light to all nations. Thank you for your charity to all those suffering from conflict, particularly in the Middle East. Your help assists us to provide care for 7,750 children through the Education and Protection program of our partner Caritas Jordan. For info 1 -844 -480-3387, <http://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/syria>

ADULT FORMATION

Eucharistic Adoration, this Friday, January 13, beginning with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm.



St. Joseph Pilgrimage

Join us for an unforgettable journey to a sacred destination. On Sunday, March 5 we invite you to participate in a pilgrimage experience right here in our parish. With each step on this unique journey, you will grow in your understanding of Jesus' presence in our lives. See you Sunday, March 5 from 7 - 9 pm!

St Joseph Parish Mission 2017: *Ignite the Light*

Sunday, March 26 - Wednesday, March 29

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

Come and be recharged and get to know God in a new & fresh way! Fr. Eugene has a compassionate understanding of people and the complex world we live in. He also has a great sense of humour, and is a gifted musician and composer. More details soon!

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, **from Jan. 24 - Apr. 25**.

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.

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



Religious Gift Shop

New selection of jewelry!

Saturday evening 7:00 pm Mass &

Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

Cupid's Ball

Saturday, Feb 11th, at 7:30pm, in Tranquille Hall . Semi- formal, social dance with late evening snacks for those who like to share good times with friends. Tickets \$ 30.00 available at Eternity Fine Jewellery on 9918- 100 Ave, between 10 - 5 pm week days. Cash or cheque please.

Any questions please call Beata, 780-532-8427.

Bring your friends, great shoes, and have fun!

Marriage Encounter We are interested in having Marriage Encounter once again in Grande Prairie. An initial meeting to explore this possibility is on Saturday, February 11 at 11:00 am in the Grouard Room. Please join us if you have had some experience with Marriage Encounter and can share with us some of your wisdom. Please join us if you think you might have something to offer to this ministry or if you think you might be called to this ministry.

WINTER PARKING- During months when there is snow it is difficult to see lines for parking spaces. In order to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or fellow parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly, please do not park along curbs or in laneways and leave adequate space at the end of rows (at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners). We appreciate that parking off-site can be a hardship and thank you for your consideration and understanding in helping to eliminate congestion in our parking lot. (*For your information:* any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 9 - 14

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 9,	7:00 am: †	Hector Letourneau
Tues. 10,	7:00 pm:	CWL / Mary Claire Binns
Wed. 11,	7:00 am: †	Jennie Blaszcak
	7:00 pm: †	Hector Letourneau
Thurs. 12,	7:00 pm: †	Nicholas Holm
Fri. 13,	7:00 am: †	René Lejeune
	9:30 am: †	Frank Anderson
Sat. 14,	9:00 am: †	Lloyd Jr. Bradley

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The deceased, especially

Ira Stanley

Julian Veloz, father of Roel Veloz

Edith Macauley, mother of Erna Moon

The first CWL meeting in 2017 is this Tuesday,

January 10, beginning at 7:00 pm with Mass in the church. *CWL Executive meeting at 6:00 pm.*

Reminder: \$25 fees are due at the end of January.

Used Stamps- The CWL would like your used stamps. They donate them to raise money for Development & Peace and a Redemptorist initiative - Canadian Food for Children. There is a collection box at the back of the church on the first Sunday of each month for these stamps.

St. Joseph CWL Student Funding for Christian-based volunteer work. Call Lorraine, 780-539-4766 for info. *Deadline: January 15.*

The monthly K of C meeting is this Tuesday, January 10th, beginning with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm.

Mark your calendars: Catholic Family Services Annual Spring Fling, March 18, 2017.

2017 Sunday collection envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please be sure to pick yours up. If you do not currently have envelopes you may pick some up at that time.

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???

Epiphany of our Lord: A GIFT FOR ALL PEOPLE

Isaiah 60:1 - 6. Glory of the new Zion

Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6. Commission to preach God's plan

Matthew 2:1 - 12.. The visit of the magi

Key Passage: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage." Matthew 2:1 - 2

Question: What insights about your own faith have you gained from learning about other faith traditions?