

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2017

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Come one! Come all! to our 5th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade on Friday, February 24, at 7 pm.



Mardi Gras

Full costume or just a mask, all ages welcome! There'll be something for the whole family – a bouncy castle, games for all ages, a DJ and all manner of fun, plus snacks and refreshments. Free tickets available after weekend Masses beginning next weekend. Bring your whole family out for this great mid-winter celebration!

Mardi Gras helpers needed to decorate, set-up, take-down, kitchen, and assorted help throughout the evening. Call Joanne at the office, ext. 230.

Hero Central - Vacation Bible School 2017



Monday to Friday, July 9 - 14. Volunteers: mark your calendars! Our enrollment continues to grow each year, but we are limited to the number of children we can accommodate by the number of volunteers. Help

us to accept all the children who desire to come by joining us that week from 8:30 - noon. Please call Joanne, ext. 230. *(Truthfully, as a volunteer, you will get more out of this than the kids. Just don't tell them that...)*

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,351.88
Children's collection	\$204.50
FYI - As of December 31, 2016, our loan with the School Board Foundation is now at \$178,865. The original amount was \$400,000.	

JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 5 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 29:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation Class, Church
- Mon. 30:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Tues. 31:** 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls' Group, Liguori Hall - 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP11 Room
- Wed. 1:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room - 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall - 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall - 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 3:** 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP11 Room
- Sat. 4:** 7 pm, Youth Choir & Movie Night, St JP11 Room
- Sun. 5:** noon - 2 pm, Fr. Rolheiser DVD, Tranquille Hall

Parish Office Closed: Friday, February 3. Parish staff will be attending the Faith Development Day for our Catholic Schools and staff.

Blessing of Candles On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we bless candles. Bring candles to the church anytime from 4 to 5 pm on Thursday, February 2. This is not Mass but rather a short time of prayer and blessing. Bring as many as you wish to have blessed - prayer, memorial, decorative, birthday, etc. We will also be blessing candles at the 7 pm evening Mass.

Blessing of Throats On the Feast of St. Blaise (February 3) it is traditional in the Catholic Church to bless throats. We will be celebrating this short ritual the 7 am Mass on Friday, February 3.

"Follow Me" Called to be a Disciple Men of Integrity Conference. Lead by Example! Feb. 3 & 4, Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove, AB. Brochures are on the bulletin board in the church, call 780-961-3346 or on-line at www.catholicfamilyministries.com



Family & Children's
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YOUTH MINISTRY
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(gr. 3 - 5) Next gathering is Friday, February 3, in the St. JPll Room.

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



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, February 1.**

Check our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



EDGE (gr. 6 - 9) The next gathering is Friday, February 10, from 7 - 9 pm in the St JPll Room.



UC27 (gr. 9 - 12) Sunday, January 29 Meet in the St JPll Room

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Josephine Zinterer and Olivia & Owen Steinke to our faith family. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy.

Parish-based Reconciliation sessions: Sundays, from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church.

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.

From Development & Peace - As we strive to be peacemakers, let us pray for those affected by the conflict in Syria. Development and Peace supports partners in Syria who provide essential care to those affected. Thanks to your generosity, the Archdiocese of Grouard McLennan raised almost \$40,000 to support communities displaced in the region. More info at <https://www.devp.org/en/emergencies/syria>



Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8) Tuesday, January 31, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.



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

SKI • VENTURE

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.

Registration deadline: Feb. 3



Discovery Youth Retreat March 17 - 19

Kitchen Volunteers needed. Prep helpers for 3 hour (or longer) shifts. Contact Tracy Fogle, 780-518-3392.



Youth Choir & Movie Night (gr.6-12)

February 4 join us in the youth choir at 7:00 pm mass with a movie and snacks to follow from 8 - 10:30 pm in St JPll Room

ADULT FORMATION

Poverty Awareness Dinner: *The KD Gala*, January 30, 11:30 am, Golden Age Center. Forget "fancy." Join them for dishes made from Kraft Dinner to witness the reality of what many people in poverty eat regularly. For info or tickets contact the United Way AB NW, 780-532-1105 or info@unitedwayabnw.org.

Catholic Family Services Volunteers *Still Needed*

CFS is one of the recipients of the proceeds from the Dream Home Lottery. They need assistance to man the DREAM HOME Lottery Booth at the Prairie Mall April 3 - 9, Saturday- Wednesday, noon - 6 pm; Thursday and Friday, noon - 9 pm. Minimum 2 people required per 3 hour shifts. Call Ric Moreau, 780-882-2758, for information or to sign up.

Wednesday Evening Bible Exploration Study

8 week study on the Gospel of John. "The beloved disciple" shares his personal insights into Jesus' life and ministry. 7:30 pm Wednesdays in Tranquille Hall. Open to everyone. Beginners welcome!

Struggling with Grief? - *The death and loss of a spouse, child, parent, relative or friend?*

Come to Griefshare, Tuesdays 7 - 9 pm, in the St. JPll Room. This nondenominational, companioning group includes video, discussion groups, homework booklet, prayer and fellowship. \$15 for booklet (Cost 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 4

(✠ Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 30,	7:00 am:	✠ Juliana Belyan
Tues. 31,	7:00 pm:	Special Intention
Wed. 1,	7:00 am:	✠ Juliana Belyan
	7:00 pm:	✠ Lloyd Jr. Bradley
Thurs. 2,	7:00 pm:	✠ Albert Vant Erve
Fri. 3,	7:00 am:	✠ Victor Knourek
	10:30 am:	Mrs. Yvette Robertson
Sat. 4,	9:00 am:	✠ Hector Letourneau



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

Sunday, Mar 26 - Wednesday, Mar 29

Mission Preacher -

Fr. Eugene O'Reilly, C.Ss.R.

Come to 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. Be sure to join us.

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Marriage Encounter - We are interested in having Marriage Encounter in Grande Prairie. An initial meeting to explore this possibility is Saturday, Feb 11 at 11:00 am in the Grouard Room. Join us if you have some experience with ME and can share some of your wisdom, or if you would like to be involved.

"Living in the Image and Likeness of God" This three part DVD presentation 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 Rolheiser teaches with warmth, humor and wisdom. Come for lunch, watch the DVD (1 hour) and enjoy some informal discussion afterwards.

Sundays in Tranquille Hall from noon - 2:00 pm.

Part 2: February 5 Part 3: February 19

