

*St. Joseph
Catholic Church*

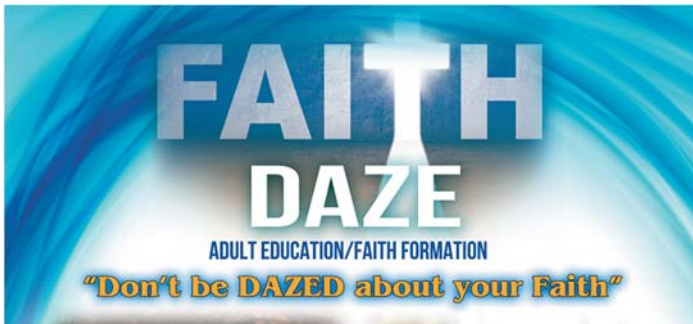


Through worship, compassion, and perseverance
we strengthen our faith community.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017**

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Join us at the third session of our Faith Daze
"Managing Grief", Wednesday, February 22,
beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.
Session to follow in Tranquille Hall until 9:15 pm.

2016 DONATION RECEIPTS will be available in the
back of the church after Masses next weekend Sat/
Sun Feb. 25/26.



Discovery Youth Retreat Mar. 17 - 19

Kitchen Volunteers needed:

Prep helpers for 3 hour (or longer)
shifts.

Contact Tracy Fogle, 780-518-3392.

"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 teach-
es with warmth, humor and wisdom. Come for
lunch, watch the DVD (1 hour) and enjoy some in-
formal discussion afterwards.

Part 3: Sunday, February 19, noon - 2:00pm

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$19,255.37
Children's collection	\$182.00

FEBRUARY 19 - 26 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 19:** noon - 2 pm, Fr. Rolheiser DVD, Tranquille Hall
- Mon. 20: Family Day**, 9 am, weekday Mass, church
- Tues. 21:** 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls' Group, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP II Room
- Wed. 22:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 9:15 pm, Faith Daze Tranquille Hall
- 7:30 - 9 pm, Choir practice, church
- Thurs. 23:** 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
- Fri. 24:** 7 - 11:30 pm, Mardi Gras, Tranquille Hall
- 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall

Parish Office Closed on Family Day, Monday, Febru-
ary 20. Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am in the church.

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

Tickets available at the door.



Mardi Gras

Full costume or just a
mask, all ages welcome!
Something for the whole
family – bouncy castle,
games, DJ, snacks,
refreshments and fun,
fun, fun.

Bring your whole family out for this great mid-
winter celebration!

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

Welcome Table volunteers needed. Do you have a
desire for building our parish community? Feeling
welcome is a key part. The time commitment is
minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with
people. Volunteer screening is not needed.
We Need You! Contact Joanne, ext. 230.



Family & Children's
m i n i s t r y
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



YOUTH MINISTRY
April Fogle, x 229
stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



(gr. 3 - 5) Next gathering is Friday, March 3, in the St. JPII Room. Learning about Lent. Be sure to join us.

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Hero Central - Vacation Bible School 2017



Monday to Friday, July 10 - 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...)*



EDGE (gr. 6 - 9) Mardi Gras! Wear your masks and come for the dance, photo booth, bouncy castle and much more.



Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.



Discovery Youth Retreat
March 17 - 19, St. Kateri School
Registration available at the parish office, school offices or our webpage.
Registration Deadline: March 3
Register ASAP as it fills up fast!



The Mom's Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10 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, March 1.** Check our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



Jr. High - Adore. Restore.
Ski Whispering Pines, AB
February 24, 4 pm -
February 25, 7:30 pm
For more information visit archgmyouth.com or call Jocelyne, 780-837-1335:

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Oliwia Pala, Natalie Lapp, Robert Chartrand, Hannah Mazurek, Nathalie Okemow and Aliyah Sheppard to our faith family. We pray that 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 required. Call Darlene, ext. 228.

Parish-based Reconciliation sessions: Sunday, Feb. 26 & Mar. 5, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church.

Parish-based Eucharist sessions: Beginning Sunday, Feb. 26, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 20 - 25		
(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)		
Mon. 20,	9:00 am:	Dwayne Kish
Tues. 21,	7:00 pm: †	Jose & Felisa Alido
Wed. 22,	7:00 am: †	Nicholas Daskewech & Mike Christopher
	7:00 pm: †	Bill Cove
Thurs. 23,	7:00 pm: †	Francesca Canavan
Fri. 24,	7:00 am: †	Cody Moules
Sat. 25,	9:00 am: †	Rene Lejeune

ADULT FORMATION

The February Prayers for Healing are this Thursday, Feb. 23, following the 7 pm Mass in the church. Come for prayers for healing, support, strength, etc. for yourself or someone else. All are welcome.

Ultreya: Join us at the precious time of prayer, music and fellowship. Connect with God and fellow Cursillistas! Friday, Feb.22, 7:30 pm, Liguori Hall. *Witness speaker:* Jim Davis. Please bring a snack to share. For info, call 780-978-2106 or 780-512-6357.

Catholics Returning Home. -Is it time to Re-member your Catholic roots? A six week refresher program on the Catholic faith and practices will be held during Lent, on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm beginning March 2 . Please call 780-532-2351 to register or just come the first night.

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.

Parish Blog: Visit our web page, saintjoseph.ca and read our newest feature: the parish blog. A team of parishioners take turns to submit a new reflection every two weeks. Sign up on our website to receive each newly posted blog. Don't have access to the internet? Pick up the most recent blog on the literature rack in the narthex of the church.

A Day Away (Retreat) Sponsored by Peace Retreats
Come spend some time with Jesus in the Gospels
Tuesday, March 14, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Liguori Hall
Cost \$15. Presenter: Pat Hunt
Please bring your Bible, a journal, and a bag lunch
Registration deadline: Friday, March 10



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.

World Day of Prayer 2017 - March 3, 7 pm at St Paul's United Church. This international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Their motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. This year's prayers "Am I Being Unfair to You?" are written by the women of the Philippines. *Everyone* is welcome!

From Development & Peace - By supporting our brothers and sisters around the world, we love our neighbour as we love ourselves. In the Philippines, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has helped to form the Community of Yolanda Survivors and Partners, an alliance of 172 local organizations ensuring active citizen participation in reconstruction efforts following Typhoon Haiyan, thus protecting 10,000 families threatened by displacement. This was made possible in part to the over \$65,000 raised by the Archdiocese of Grouard McLennan. <https://www.dev.org/en/emergencies/philippines>

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The deceased, especially

Wendell Steeves, grandfather of Alysha Maurice
Peter Taninglac, father of Paul Rovin

The CWL will be **hosting Friday Soup Suppers** during Lent (March 3 to April 7) from 5:30 until 7 pm. CWL members are encouraged to assist with meatless soup for one or more of these dates. Please call Helen at 780-532-1071 if you can contribute soup and assist in the kitchen. Thank you.

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

If you still have unused envelopes from a previous year please do not use them. Discard them. We reassign envelopes and we want to be sure that donations are credited to the correct person.

The **Salvation Army Food Bank** would appreciate **donations of plastic grocery bags** for clients to carry food. Please drop off at the Salvation Army Monday - Thursday between 9:30 - 11:45 am and 1:30 - 4 pm.

Western Canadian Catholic Home School Conference, March 9 - 11, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton. www.wcchsc.net, Veronica 780-467-8410 or email wcchscrg@shaw.ca Parents & young adults welcome.



Religious Gift Shop

New selection of jewelry!
Saturday evening 7:00 pm Mass &
Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

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???

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: LOVE OF ENEMIES

Leviticus 19:1 - 2, 17 - 18. Various rules of conduct **1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23.** The work of God's ministers
Matthew 5:38 - 48. New law of retaliation; love of enemies

Key Passage: [Jesus said,] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43 - 44

Question: What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

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