

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017

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Ash Wednesday (March 1) Schedule

7:00 am, Mass in church
12:10 pm, Mass in church
7:00 pm, Mass in church

Distribution of ashes will be available at all three.

On February 10, we will have our **Ash Wednesday Collection for the Needs of the Missions of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan**. The proceeds are used for repair and renovation projects in our mission churches. See the poster in the church or the Archdiocese's website, archgm.ca, for more details. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church". Thank you for your support!

Ash Wednesday (March 1) & Good Friday, (April 14)

are universal days of fasting (ages 18 - 59) and abstinence from meat (ages 14 & older) This is not a "black fast" which implies eating nothing. We are invited to limit ourselves to one ordinary meal (more simple than usual), simpler meals at other times and to refrain from snacking. The purpose is to learn to discipline ourselves and to be in solidarity with so many around the world who have much less than we have. (Fasting is never intended to harm our health! If you have a medical condition in which you must eat certain foods at specific times, or are pregnant or nursing a child, continue with your regular meals.)

Friday Observances Throughout the year Fridays are days of penance which usually includes abstaining from meat (with the option of doing special acts of mercy or charity instead). During Lent we try to be more diligent about abstaining on Friday's.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,194.53
Children's collection	\$127.00

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 5 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 27: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 28: 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls' Group, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP II Room
Wed. 1: Ash Wednesday
- 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
Thurs. 2: 7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home, church
Fri. 3: 5:30 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room
Sat. 4: 7 pm, Youth Choir, church
- 8 - 10:30 pm, Youth Movie Night, St. JP II Room
Sun. 5: 7 - 9 pm, St. Joseph Pilgrimage, church

Lenten Fridays - Soup, Reflection & Stations of the Cross. Starting Friday, March 3, the CWL will serve soup and buns at 5:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall. The Social Justice Committee will give a short reflection, followed by the Stations of the Cross in the church at 7:00 pm. *This is a wonderful Lenten activity for individuals and families.* All proceeds go to Development & Peace. *Donations of soup or buns would be greatly appreciated.* If you would like to help by donating soup or buns, and/or with serving, contact Helen, 780-532-1071. Join us for either or both events, whichever your time allows.

Reflection themes:

Mar 3 - D&P overview & Share Lent stories
Mar 10 - Friendship Center
Mar 17 - Middle East Refuge Crisis
Mar 24 - Chalice Trip
Mar 31 - Camp Addictions Clinic/CAIRN
April 7 - D&P Solidarity Bolivia Tour



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



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/

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Ashley Morgan, Sophia & Samantha Shannon, Hannah Court, Mason Dowell and Elizabeth Anderson 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.

During Lent we are not scheduling baptisms. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the six weeks of Lent we are in the desert preparing for new life, which is the resurrection. Baptism is when we first encounter new life with Jesus. Therefore, it is not appropriate to celebrate baptism *during* Lent as we are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 16 and throughout the Easter Season

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

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



YOUTH MINISTRY
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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Youth Choir & Movie Night (gr. 6 - 12)
March 4 join us in the youth choir at 7:00 pm Mass followed with snacks and a movie "Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them," 8 - 10:30 pm in St JPll Room



(gr. 6 - 9) Friday, Mar. 10, 7 - 9 pm, in the St JPll Room.



Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 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!

Kitchen Volunteers needed:

Prep helpers for 3 hour (or longer) shifts.

Contact Tracy Fogle, 780-518-3392.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 27,	7:00 am: †	Frank Blaszcak
Tues. 28,	7:00 pm: †	Rene Lejeune
Wed. 1,	7:00 am: †	Brady Grattan
	7:00 pm: †	Jean-Gilles Chauvin
Thurs. 2,	7:00 pm: †	Francesca Canavan
Fri. 3,	7:00 am: †	Magdalene Wardrobe
	10:30 am:	Thanksgiving to our Lady of Valankani
Sat. 4,	9:00 am: †	Mike Paul Vavrek

ADULT FORMATION

Catholics Returning Home “I’m concerned about the future” “I am worried about what is happening in the world” “I don’t understand my children!” “I feel out of touch” “The world is changing too fast” Know someone who no longer attends Mass for these reasons? Invite them to Catholics Returning Home, a six week program Thursdays during Lent. Attend with them for support. Brochures available on the literature rack in the church.

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. JP II 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.

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. To register call Pat, 780-532-1338 or Sheila, 780-532-7231.

Development and Peace Share Lent Workshop “Women at the Heart of Change” Saturday, March 18, 9 am – 1 pm (lunch included) Register with Mia, mklge@telus.net, 780-354-2108 or Josy, 780-518-1378



St. Joseph Pilgrimage

Join us as a pilgrim next Sunday, March 5 from 7 - 9 pm. For many, pilgrimages are transformational, and we promise a unique experience. Whether you are seeking deeper meaning to your life, wanting to let go of something, healing, or just to get to know Christ better, you will want to join us on the journey - right inside

the church building. The pilgrimage is best suited for older teens & adults.



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.

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

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 - For 50 years, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada has been “striving first for the Kingdom of God” by standing in solidarity with our marginalized brothers and sisters around the world. Our first Lent campaign took place in 1968 and raised \$ 1.35 million, benefiting projects in 32 countries. For more info go online www.devpo.org

