

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**First Sunday of Lent  
March 5, 2017**

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**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. Join us for either or both events, whichever your time allows.

#### Reflection themes:

- 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

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph, March 19** *This is our Church's Feast Day* and we wish to gather as a parish community. Celebrate with us **Monday, March 20** (the feast is moved to Monday since the 19<sup>th</sup> falls on Sunday). Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a meal and festivities in Tranquille Hall. Tickets are FREE but you do need to get a ticket to attend. Tickets available after weekend Masses. We supply the main course but ask that you sign up to contribute by signing up for a particular item when you pick up your tickets. Please join us for the meal even if you are unable to bring anything.



#### SPRING FORWARD

Next Sunday morning, March 12, at 2:00 am we officially change to Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to change your clocks to one hour ahead.

#### MARCH 5 - 12 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 5:** 7 - 9 pm, St. Joseph Pilgrimage, church
- Mon. 6:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Tues. 7:** 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls' Group, Liguori Hall  
- 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP II Room
- Wed. 8:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 10:** 5:30 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall  
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church  
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St. JP II Room

#### SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

**On Tuesday, March 14**, from 7 - 8:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall, there is a meeting for parents of children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this year.

#### Presentation of children receiving First Eucharist.

You will remember at the end of Masses on the weekend of February 11/12 that the children receiving their First Reconciliation were asked to come forward to "be presented" to the parish community so that we could pray for them. We will be doing this for the children receiving their First Eucharist (Holy Communion) **on the weekend of March 18/19.**

Please remember to keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

#### Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$15,970.23
Children's collection	\$117.00



(gr. 3 - 5) Next gathering is Friday, March 17, 7 - 9 pm, in the St. JPll Room. St. Patrick's Day! Wear green and bring a friend!



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 15.** Check our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)

## SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,  
x 228



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, 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**  
April Fogle, x 229  
[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



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



**Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)**  
Tuesday, March 7, 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: *changed to March 8*

**Kitchen Volunteers needed:**

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

**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 MARCH 6 - 11

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 6,	7:00 am: †	Jean-Gilles Chauvin
Tues. 7,	10:30 am:	Judy Van Dresar
	7:00 pm: †	René Lejeune
Wed. 8,	7:00 am: †	Eugene Noga
	7:00 pm: †	Madeline Daley
Thurs. 9,	7:00 pm: †	Jean-Gilles Chauvin
Fri. 10,	7:00 am: †	Peter Guest
	9:30 am:	Win Anderson
Sat. 11,	9:00 am: †	Andy Vavrek

## ADULT FORMATION

**Parish Blog:** Visit our web page, [saintjoseph.ca](http://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 (on the homepage under "subscribe") 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:mklge@telus.net), 780-354-2108  
or Josy, 780-518-1378

**From Development & Peace** - Jesus goes into the wilderness to prepare himself for the ministry that lies ahead. As we journey through Lent, Development and Peace reflects on the special vocation of women in building a better tomorrow. Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship? <http://www.devp.org/en/50years> to find out more!



**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.

**We are exploring if there is a need to provide transportation (bus)** within the City of Grande Prairie to the Mission March 26-29. This is only for people who otherwise would be unable to attend. If you have access to a ride, the DTS Bus, or G.P. Transit, please use those forms of transportation. If you are interested, please sign up after Mass March 4/5 or 11/12. A decision will be made after the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**2ND ANNUAL WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY**

Saturday, March 18, 2 - 4 pm, Muskoseepi Park Pavilion

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*

EVERYONE is welcome to join in an afternoon of winter fun! Bring your winter gear, skates, and sleds for fun around the park. Stop inside the large room at the Pavilion for snacks, warm drinks and fellowship! No cost & no need to RSVP. Just come enjoy some time with others from our parish!



**Retrouvaille** - A lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems?

[helpourmarriage.ca](http://helpourmarriage.ca), 587-598-4357, or [info@helpourmarriage.ca](mailto:info@helpourmarriage.ca)

Edmonton Program starts **March 17 - 19**

**Marriage Encounter** - Make your good marriage better! Marriage enrichment!

[wwme.org](http://wwme.org), 780-464-2874, or

[gvanakup@telus.net](mailto:gvanakup@telus.net)

Next Edmonton program starts

**June 4 - 7**



## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

#### The deceased, especially

John Latos  
Victoria Shaba

***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.

**Welcome Table volunteers needed.** Do you desire to help build our parish community? Feeling welcome is a key part. Time commitment minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with people. Volunteer screening is not needed. Contact Joanne, ext. 230.



### Catholic Family Services Spring Fling

Saturday evening, March 18  
Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Center.  
Admission includes "art walk", entertainment by Sean Lecomber, Paul Strand Band (Jazz), wine, hors d'oeuvres, raffles, door prizes, live and silent auction. Join us in supporting a very worthy cause. All proceeds go to support the Counseling Program. Tickets, \$50.00, available after weekend Mass or call the CFS office, 780-532-9381



### Religious Gift Shop

New selection of jewelry!  
Open after 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???

### **First Sunday of Lent: OVERCOMING TEMPTATION**

**Genesis 2:7 - 9, 16 - 18, 25, 3:1 - 7.** The fall of humankind **Romans 5:12 - 19.** Humanity's sin through Adam  
**Matthew 4:1 - 11.** The temptation of Jesus

**Key Passage:** Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. *Matthew 4:1*

**Question:** What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?