

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017**

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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.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Sunday, March 19

1 pm: St. Kateri, St. Gerard, Holy Cross & St. Clement students

3 pm: St. Catherine, St. Patrick, Mother Teresa & parish-based students

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.

Celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Monday, March 20. This is our Church's Feast Day and we wish to gather as a parish community. (The feast is actually on the 19th but moved to Monday since the 19th 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.

MARCH 12 - 19 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon. 13:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 14: 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP11 Room
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Eucharist Parent Meeting, Tranquille Hall
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls' Group, Modern Martyrs Room
- 7 - 9:30 pm, CWL GM, begins with Mass in church
- 7 - 9:30 pm, K of C Mtg, begins with Mass in church
Wed. 15: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Pray & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
Thurs. 16: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
Fri. 17: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St. JP11 Room
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Tranquille Hall
Sat. 18: 9 am - 1 pm, D&P Workshop, Liguori Hall
Sun. 19: after 9 & 11 am Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall
- 1 & 3 pm, 1st Reconciliation Celebration, church



Stations of the Cross Dramatization - On Good Friday, April 14, at 8:00 pm, there will be a unique and powerful presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Needed: Men, women and children (when accompanied by an adult) of all ages. No previous acting experience required! Please consider participating in this wonderful prayer. First rehearsal and costume fitting Saturday, March 18, at 1:00 pm in the church. Call Brenda, 780-538-0506.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$20,250.68
Children's collection	\$156.00



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



(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/

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



YOUTH MINISTRY
April Fogle, x 229
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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



(gr. 6 - 9) Friday, Mar. 17, 7 - 9 pm, in Tranquille Hall



Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)
Tuesday, March 14, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Modern Martyrs Room.



Discovery Youth Retreat
March 17 - 19,

Please pray for the team and candidates.



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 13 - 18		
(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)		
Mon. 13,	7:00 am: †	John Kudeba
Tues. 14,	7:00 pm:	CWL / † Rene Lejeune
Wed. 15,	7:00 am: †	Raoul Tremblay
	7:00 pm: †	Mabel & John McNeil
Thurs. 16,	7:00 pm: †	Margaret Mascarenhas
Fri. 17,	7:00 am: †	Margaret Mascarenhas
	10:30 am: †	Frank Blaszczyk
Sat. 18,	9:00 am:	Anne Patrick

ADULT FORMATION

The next Prayers for Healing are this Thursday, **March 16** after the 7 pm Mass in the church. All are welcome.

Lenten Fridays - Soup, reflection and Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent. Join us for all three events or whatever your time allows. Beginning at 5:45 pm the CWL serves a simple meal of soup and buns in Tranquille Hall. Donations will go to Development and Peace. You are welcome to arrive later if you wish. Shortly after 6:00 pm we will have a presentation organized by the Social Justice Committee:

Mar 17 – Middle East Refuge Crisis
 Mar 24 – Chalice Trip
 Mar 31 – Camp Addictions Clinic/CAIRN
 April 7 – D&P Solidarity Bolivia Tour

Stations of the Cross begin at 7 pm in the church.

Development and Peace Share Lent Workshop

"Women at the Heart of Change"

Saturday, March 18, Liguori Hall
 9 am - 1 pm (lunch included)

Register with Mia, mklge@telus.net, 780-354-2108 or Josy, 780-518-1378

"70 x 7: The Meaning and Practice of Forgiveness"

A retreat sponsored by Peace Retreats on Saturday, March 18 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at Holy Cross Church in Grande Cache. Please call or email Roma for more information or to register, 780 -539-7875 or roma.kosyk@gmail.com.

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

From Development & Peace The message today is of how God, revealed to us, brings hope and promise. In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. Living out this Gospel promise of hope, through its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations. Check <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.

With a new theme each night, this is great opportunity to get recharged and deepen your relationship with Christ. Come each night or as you are able. Babysitting and youth and children's programs for children Kindergarten to Grade 8. Be sure to join us!

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.



2ND ANNUAL WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, March 18, 2 - 4 pm,
 Muskosepi 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!

Ultreya, Friday, March 24 at 7:30 pm, in Liguori Hall

Join us and get support and encouragement on your walk with Christ and one another.

Witness Speaker: Lorrie Walker

Please bring a snack to share and if you have musical talent please come and share that too. For info call Tessie, 780-978-2106 or Debbie, 780-532-5423.

The Mystery of the Disappearing Breviaries...

The parish has purchased a number of Breviaries to be used during the Liturgy of the Hours. If you have mistakenly taken one home with you, please return it to the chapel. (Their fellow breviaries miss them and there will be no questions asked...)

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The deceased, especially
Cody Sundby

The CWL monthly meeting is this Tuesday, March 14, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm. **Executive meeting at 6 pm** in the Grouard Room

The March K of C Meeting is this Tuesday, March 14, beginning with Mass in the church.

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 Counselling Program. Call the CFS office, 780-532-9381 for tickets, \$50.00

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, March 19 following the
9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall.
NEW: Gluten-free pancakes. St. Joseph High School's Interact Club will be helping serve.



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???

Second Sunday of Lent: CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

Genesis 12:1 - 4. Call of Abraham.

2 Timothy 1:8b - 10. Exhortation to faithfulness

Matthew 17:1 - 9. Jesus transfigured

Key Passage: Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. *Matthew 17:1 -2*

Question: How has your faith in Jesus transformed you?