

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 19, 2017**

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## 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

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



### St. Joseph Parish Mission

#### Sunday - Wednesday, March 26 - 29

7 - 8:15 pm, Sunday - Tuesday

7 - 8:30 pm, Wednesday

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Weekday Masses are changed during the Mission:

Monday & Tuesday - 12:10 pm

No morning Mass on Wednesday

**LUNCH with Fr. Eugene** You are invited to a  
luncheon with Fr. Eugene after the 12:10 pm  
service for Sacrament of the Sick on Wednesday,  
March 29. To register, please call the office, 780-  
532-2351, or Thérèse, 780-532-1531 OR sign up at  
the back of the church March 25/26. You **MUST** sign  
up by March 26 to attend as we need to plan for the  
appropriate number of people. There is no cost for  
lunch but a donation at the door is welcome.

**Penitential Service before Easter** - Every year  
during Lent we have a special evening communal  
penitential service. This year that opportunity will  
take place on Tuesday, March 28, during our parish  
mission.

Please join us and "Be Reconciled".

### MARCH 19 - 26 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 19:** after 9 & 11 am Masses, K of C Breakfast,  
Tranquille Hall

- 1 & 3 pm, 1st Reconciliation Celebration, church

**Mon. 20:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

- 5:30 pm, Celebration of Feast of St. Joseph, begins  
with Mass in church

**Tues. 21:** 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP11 Room

- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls' Group, Modern Martyrs Room

**Wed. 22:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room

- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

**Fri. 24:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall

- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Tranquille Hall

- 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall

**Sun. 26:** 7 - 8:15 pm, Parish Mission, church

**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.

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

Offering Required Weekly \$23,816.35

Offering received last Sunday \$21,727.03

Children's collection \$60.00



**Children and their families: Come "Ignite the Light" at our Parish Mission, Sunday March 26 - Wednesday, March 29, from 7 - 8:15 pm.** There will be activities for children (grade 3—5) Sunday - Tuesday, and regular Liturgy of the Word for Children (age 4 - grade 3) on Wednesday evening during the final Mass.



**(gr. 3 - 5)** Next gathering is Friday, April 7, 7 - 9 pm, in the St. JPll Room. Stations of the Cross! Bring a friend.

**Please note:** There will be no SALT Friday, April 21.



**The Mom's Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 10 am - 12 noon** in Tran-

quille 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, April 5.** Check our Facebook page:

## 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 - the resurrection. Baptism is when we first encounter new life with Jesus. Therefore, it is not appropriate to celebrate baptism during Lent since we are preparing for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 16 .

**Parish-based Sacramental Preparation for Children**  
**Eucharist:** Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church.  
**Confirmation:** 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:



**Come join us at the parish mission,** with NET Ministries (National Evangelization Teams). The youth (grade 6 - 12) will be meeting at 7 pm in Tranquille Hall for games, great music, talks & prayer.



**(gr. 6 - 9)** Friday, Mar. 24, 7 - 9 pm, in St. JPll Room.



**Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)**  
 Tuesday, March 21, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Modern Martyrs Room.

**In your prayers please remember all our youth** who are attending the Discovery Youth Retreat this weekend.

**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!

**FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.**  
 Look for @stjoespastor

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 20 - 25

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

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| Mon. 20,   | 7:00 am: † | John Kudeba          |
| Tues. 21,  | 7:00 pm: † | Boh Guerrette        |
| Wed. 22,   | 7:00 am: † | Sr. Pauline Kruchten |
|            | 7:00 pm:   | Andy Martin          |
| Thurs. 23, | 7:00 pm: † | Rene Lejeune         |
| Fri. 24,   | 7:00 am: † | John Kruchten        |
| Sat. 25,   | 9:00 am: † | Agnes Boisvert       |

## ADULT FORMATION

**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 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.*

### Transportation to Chrism Mass, Tuesday April 11 in McLennan:

There is a bus going to the Chrism Mass from Grande Prairie. If you would like to attend this Archdiocesan event leave the driving to someone else. A seat on the bus is \$25 and the bus leaves from St. Joseph Church parking lot at 4:30 pm.

If you are interested, please call Sylvia, 780-228-0411 or Thérèse, 780-532-1531.

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

***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.

**From Development & Peace** The woman Christ meets at the well is excluded from her community. Too often, many people are excluded and unable to have a voice in political processes. Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006. Find out more at <http://www.dev.org/en/50years>.

### 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...)

**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.



**Marriage Encounter** - Make your good marriage better! Marriage enrichment! [wwme.org](http://wwme.org), 780-464-2874, or [gvankup@telus.net](mailto:gvankup@telus.net)

Next Edmonton program starts

**June 4 - 7**



**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. Call Brenda, 780-538-0506.



### Religious Gift Shop

New selection of jewelry!

Open after Saturday evening 7:00 pm Mass & Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

#### The Sick, especially

Roland Logan

Lou Kilarski

#### The deceased, especially

Pat Kimpe

**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.

**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.

**“Living Well, Leaving Well: How to Protect Your Family When You’re Gone”,** a workshop to help you prepare yourself, your children and executor. Presented by Oliver’s Funeral Home, Tuesday April 4 at 7 pm at Christian Fellowship Assembly Church. Free admission; adults over 18 years of age are welcome.



### 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.

### 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???

### Third Sunday of Lent: SOURCE OF STRENGTH

**Exodus 17:3 - 7.** Water from the rock

**Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8.** Faith, hope and love

**John 4:5 - 42.** The Samaritan woman at the well

**Key Passage:** Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” *John 4:13 - 14*

**Question:** Where have you found a source of “living water” for your own journey of faith?