

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2017**

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**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE REDEMPTORIST  
COMMUNITY** who, as of March 29, will have  
served in our diocese for 85 years. We pray  
for God's continued blessing upon them.



**St. Joseph Parish Mission**  
**Sunday - Wednesday, March 26 - 29**  
7 - 8:15 pm, Sunday - Tuesday  
7 - 8:30 pm, Wednesday

**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, youth and children's programs for children Kindergarten to Grade 8. Be sure to join us!

*You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item.*

**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.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Weekday Masses are changed during the Mission:  
Monday & Tuesday - 12:10 pm  
No morning Mass on Wednesday

**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 26 - APRIL 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 26:** 7 - 8:15 pm, Parish Mission, church  
**Mon. 27:** 7 - 8:15 pm, Parish Mission, church  
**Tues. 28:** 7 - 8:15 pm, Parish Mission, church  
**Wed. 29:** 12:10 pm, Sacrament of the Sick, church  
- 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP11 Room  
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Parish Mission, church  
**Fri. 31:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall  
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church  
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St. JP11 Room  
**Sat. 1:** 7 - 10:30 pm, Youth Choir & Movie Night, begins with Mass in church

#### PARENT MEETING FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**On Tuesday, April 4,** from 7 - 8:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall, there is a meeting for parents of children who will be confirmed this year.

**Presentation of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.** At the end of Masses on the weekend of April 1/2 children being confirmed will be asked to come forward to "be presented" to the parish community and the parish community will be asked to pray for them.

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

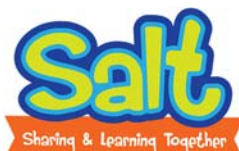
*We don't split hairs but we do **Split Palms** for Palm Sunday Masses. Please join us on Saturday, April 8. We will have a work bee in Tranquille Hall beginning at 9:30 am. Many hands make light work.!*

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

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$19,708.53
Children's collection	\$132.00



**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. JP II 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 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, April 5.** 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. During Lent we are in the desert preparing for new life - the resurrection. 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. 31, 7 - 9 pm, in St. JP II Room.



**Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)** Tuesday, April 4, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.

**Youth Choir & Movie Night, April 1-**

Join us in the choir at 7:00 pm Mass. Then come join us for snacks & movie from 8:00 - 10:30 pm in the St JP II Room. Bring something comfy to sit on.



**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!

**Next Sunday, April 2, is Solidarity Sunday**  
 Each year during Lent, Canadian Catholics are invited to stand in solidarity with communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who are struggling for dignity and justice. We have so much love to give. By opening our hearts during the Lenten season, we can contribute to building a world rooted in justice, equality, compassion and love. By sharing with the world's poorest people, we are walking the path that Jesus walked. Please donate generously to D&P's "Share Lent" Campaign and help build the Kingdom of God. *Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

## 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 31 – Camp Addictions Clinic/CAIRN

April 7 – D&P Solidarity Bolivia Tour

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

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



### STEWARDSHIP

One of our parishioners Lisa Kroeger is the New Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese. On Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> and both Masses on Palm Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>

she will be doing a quick 15 minute presentation after Mass in Tranquille Hall. Please plan to attend. Learn about stewardship, some interesting diocesan facts and an exciting new program. We invite you to stay and support her!

***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. JP11 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** One of the themes in today's Gospel is how life can sometimes be precarious. People affected by war are always living at risk. This week, read the story of Hannan, who tells us how, by speaking up and working with others, she helped 280 Syrian women to build towards a better economic future! For more information go to [www.devp.org/testimonials](http://www.devp.org/testimonials)

**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 interested, please call Sylvia, 780-228-0411 or Thérèse, 780-532-1531.

**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.



**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.



### 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**

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 27 - APRIL 1

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 27,	7:00 am: †	Sr. Pauline Kruchten
Tues. 28,	7:00 pm: †	Jean-Gilles Chauvin
Wed. 29,	7:00 am: †	John Kruchten
	7:00 pm: †	John Griffin
Thurs. 30,	7:00 pm: †	Agnes Boisvert
Fri. 31,	7:00 am: †	Dallas Gerck
Sat. 1,	9:00 am:	Marion & Tammy Holm

## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

#### The Sick, especially

Betty Challer

#### The deceased, especially

Nilo Miranda, father of Nizza Degracia & Noreen Aquino

**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.

**Aurora Home’s Annual Spring Dinner & Auction,** April 22. For tickets contact Joan, 780-897-5847, or email resourcecoordinator@nahws.com

**100th Anniversary of St. Anne’s Parish in Falher,** Sunday, June 18, 2017. Mark your calendar and tell your family and friends.

**FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.**

Look for @stjoespastor

### 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???

### Fourth Sunday of Lent: SOURCE OF LIGHT

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13.** Samuel anoints David      **Ephesians 5:8 - 14.** Duty to live in the light  
**John 9:1 - 41.** The man born blind

**Key Passage:** For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Ephesians 5:8 - 9

**Question:** What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?