

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017**

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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.

*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!*



Our recent Mission was an immensely inspiring experience! It takes a great many people to help facilitate such an event. We want to thank all those on the organization committee and those who contributed their time and talents

to help inspire us and our children. And thank you to all of you who came and participated. We pray for God's continued blessings as we spread His light to all the world.



Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children, April 14 at 11 am.

This liturgy is to help children understand why we celebrate on Good Friday - Jesus' passion for us, through his death on the cross. *Communion is not distributed at this liturgy.* We would like to have as many children involved as possible: readers, choir, cross-bearers, etc. If your child is interested please contact Joanne, ext. 230.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.35
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,629.97
Children's collection	\$162.00

APRIL 2 - 9 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon. 3:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Tues. 4:** 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's Group, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP II Room
- 7 pm, Confirmation Parent Meeting, Tranquille Hall
- Wed. 5:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP II Room
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Choir Practice, church
- Fri. 7:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP II Room
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall
- Sat. 8:** 9:30 am, Palm Splitting Workbee, Tranquille Hall

Chrim Mass Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan. Come together as one family in faith, one Church in Christ, to celebrate the annual Chrim Mass. This special celebration is presided over by the archbishop and accompanied by the clergy and laity from all parts of the diocese. During this Mass, the clergy with the bishop recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. The three oils used in the celebration of sacraments are blessed: the oil of catechumens used in baptism, the oil of the infirm used in the anointing of the sick and dying and the oil of Chrim used in baptism, confirmation, Holy Orders and in the dedication of altars and churches. In the consecration of the oil of Chrim, a balsam or perfume is added to the oil. Refreshments will be served in the lower hall following Mass.

Transportation to Chrim Mass A bus is going to the Chrim Mass from Grande Prairie. If you would like to attend 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. Please call Sylvia, 780-228-0411 or Thérèse, 780-532-1531.



(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 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 any-time!! **Next gathering: Wednesday, April 5.** Check our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.

Look for @stjoespastor

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



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



(gr. 6 - 9) Friday, April 7, 7 - 9 pm, in Liguori Hall.



Challenge Girl's Group (gr. 5 - 8)

Tuesday, April 4, 7 - 8:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.

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!

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 (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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 3 - 8

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 3,	7:00 am: †	Magdalene Wardrobe
Tues. 4,	10:30 am:	Celestina Shaba & baby
	7:00 pm: †	Alcide Lachance
Wed. 5,	7:00 am: †	Jerry Backmeyer
	7:00 pm: †	Mabel & John McNeil
Thurs. 6,	7:00 pm: †	Muriel Charron
Fri. 7,	7:00 am: †	Dominique Dika
	10:30 am: †	Socorro Fontelera
Sat. 8,	9:00 am: †	Charlotte Patterson

ADULT FORMATION

The final Lenten Friday meal is April 7 in Tranquille Hall Beginning at 5:45 pm the CWL serves a simple meal of soup and buns. Donations will go to Development and Peace. You are welcome to arrive later if you wish. Shortly after 6:00 pm we have a presentation organized by the Social Justice Committee:
 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. After Masses next Saturday April 8 and Palm Sunday April 9 she will be having a quick 15 minute presentation 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!

Does your faith lead you to “social justice” actions? Are you involved in a parish group that serves Jesus in the poor? Memories of these acts and works are being gathered for sharing as we mark the **50th anniversary of Development & Peace**, set for October 2017. Be a part of the celebration and inspire the next generation! Write: The Memory Project, 10504 – 105 Ave, Grande Prairie T8V 1H5; email: weniger2@gmail.com or phone: Rae Weniger, 780-539-7503, Helen MacDonald, 780-532-1071, or Mia Klein-Gebbinck, 780-354-2108.

From Development & Peace In the Gospel, we see how Jesus completely enters into the pain that Mary and Martha are feeling. This Solidarity Sunday, we remember Rigoberta Menchú, a friend of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, who received the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work defending the rights of Indigenous peoples. www.dev.org/insp-women#rigoberta to learn more

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Parking - We are all aware that our parking lot has limited parking. As part of your Lenten sacrifice you may want to consider parking off-site for Holy week/Easter Sunday events (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) and leave the parking lot for those who are unable to walk very far or families with young children.

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.

Today is Solidarity Sunday. If you did not contribute to D&P's "Share Lent" Campaign this Sunday, you may drop your donation at the parish office this week during office hours.

Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph 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, 780-464-2874, or
gvankup@telus.net
 Next Edmonton program starts
June 4 - 7

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The Sick, especially

Tessie Foster

Jack Mann, father of Bev Silvester

The deceased, especially

Jean Chagnon

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.

“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

Celebration after Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15

Following the Easter Vigil Mass please join us in Tranquille Hall for a celebration of our newly baptized. We ask that you bring either a sweet (ie, squares, cookies) or savory (ie, cheese, crackers) to share.



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???

Fifth Sunday of Lent: LIFE EVERLASTING

Ezekial 37:12 - 14. Prophecy of restoration

Romans 8:8 - 11. The flesh and the Spirit

John 11:1 - 45. The raising of Lazarus

Key Passage: Jesus said to [Martha], “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” *Jn 11:25 - 26*

Question: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family’s daily life?