

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

Passion (Palm) Sunday
April 9, 2017

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Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Mon., April 10: 7:00 am, Weekday Mass
Wed., April 12: 7:00 am, Weekday Mass
- 7:00 pm, Weekday Mass
- Last confessions before Easter after 7:00 pm Mass

Holy Thursday, April 13:

7:30 pm, Mass of Our Lord's Supper
8:30 pm - 12 midnight, Adoration in chapel

Good Friday, April 14:

11:00 am, Liturgy of the Word with Children
3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8:00 pm, Live Drama of the Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 15:

3:00 pm, Blessing of Food, church
9:00 pm, Easter Vigil, church

Easter Sunday, April 16:

9:00 & 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Easter Mass

Easter Monday, April 17:

9:00 am, Weekday Mass, church

Each year at the service on Good Friday we hold **the collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land**. This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." Blessed Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in Animo*. *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

Easter Holy Water - After the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday we invite parishioners to take home blessed Easter water. Be sure to bring your own water containers to Mass. If you have extra containers (glass or plastic) that you can donate in case others forget to bring one, please bring them to the church.

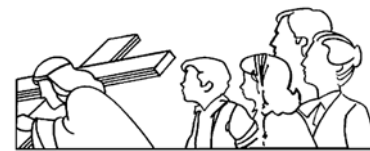
APRIL 9 - 23 DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues. 11: 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP11 Room
Wed. 12: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP11 Room
Fri. 14: 8 pm, Dramatization of Stations of the Cross, church
Tues. 18: 7 - 9 pm, Griefshare, St JP11 Room
Wed. 19: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP11 Room
Thurs. 20: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
Fri. 21: 7 pm, Adoration, begins with Mass in church



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. If your child is interested please contact Joanne, ext. 230.



Good Friday: A Live Dramatization of the Stations of the Cross at 8:00 pm, in the church. Experience what it was like to witness Jesus on the cross! Please join us for this unique and powerful prayer.

Decorating the church for the Easter season:

Environment set-up for Easter is Saturday, April 15, at 9:00 am in the church. If you can assist, please join us.

The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14 & Easter Monday, April 17. Easter Monday weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am.



(gr. 3 - 5) Blessings this Holy Week and Easter season.

Please note: Next gathering is Friday, May 12, 7 - 9 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Bring a friend.



Next gathering: Wednesday, May 3, 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!! 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 10 - 22

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 10,	7:00 am:	Haylee Mathias
Wed. 12,	7:00 am:	Marie Jantz
	7:00 pm: †	Margaret & Raphael Mascarenhas
Mon. 17,	9:00 am: †	Dominique Dika
Tues. 18,	7:00 pm: †	John Klein-Gebbinck
Wed. 19,	7:00 am: †	William Dika
	7:00 pm: †	Purita & Crespeniano Siega
Thurs. 20,	7:00 pm: †	Peter Meyer
Fri. 21,	7:00 am:	Tim Guest
	10:30 am:	Leola Moberly Family
	7:00 pm: †	Pablo Llanto
Sat. 22,	9:00 am: †	John Klein-Gebbinck



YOUTH MINISTRY

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stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



(gr. 6 - 9) Next gathering is Friday, April 28, 7 - 9 pm in the St JP11 Room

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.

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

We all want to be at our best when we come to Our Lord's House. For some people, that means using their own special perfume or aftershave. Some of our hairsprays can be heavily scented as well. Unfortunately, there are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or even allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. These "scensitive" people at times have had to stand in the entrance to the church in order to attend Mass - some have even had to leave. In an effort to accommodate all of our Parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or, if possible, refrain from wearing any at all. Thank you for your understanding.

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Look for @stjoespastor

ADULT FORMATION

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 (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.

Washing Feet - If you are an Usher or a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion please consider attending more than one Mass on Easter Sunday as we welcome a greater number of people.

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.

Chrism 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 Chrism 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 Chrism used in baptism, confirmation, Holy Orders and in the dedication of altars and churches. In the consecration of the oil of Chrism, a balsam or perfume is added to the oil. Refreshments will be served in the lower hall following Mass.

The April Prayers for Healing are Thursday, April 19, immediately following the 7 pm Mass in the church. If you would like someone to pray with you or for someone else, this is the perfect opportunity. All are welcome.

Adoration - 7:00 pm, Friday, April 21, following Mass in the church.

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 1P8; email: weniger2@gmail.com or phone: Rae Weniger, 780-539-7503, Helen MacDonald, 780-532-1071, or Mia Klein-Gebbinck, 780-354-2108.

School for Spiritual Direction Information Evening - Thurs., May 4, 7:30 PM, Ligouri Hall
FREE; no obligation. **Host** - Peace Retreats
Presenter Rev. Ron Klok, Studion Interdenominational School of Spiritual Direction
About - training to become a Spiritual Director.
Information - phone Larry & Sheila 780-532-7231; Allan 780-538-1851; or e-mail skms@telusplanet.net

Mass in French, Saturday, May 13 at 4:30 pm
Join us for a beautiful celebration in the language of Molière. Please bring you favourite snack to share for afterwards in Tranquille Hall. For more information call Beatriz at 780-532-6335. Venez célébrer avec la communauté francophone de Grande Prairie!

From Development & Peace Palm Sunday gives us the beautiful image of Christ as both servant and leader, of the unique mission of the Church in the world. Thousands of Development and Peace members enact this mission by striving for justice. If you would like to become more involved in this work as a member or a volunteer, go to www.devp.org/membership, email dpwest@devp.org or call 1 844 480 DEVP.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The deceased, especially

Ines Rosa Aleman

The CWL & Knight of Columbus will both be attending the Chrism Mass in McLennen this Tuesday. Therefore their regular monthly meetings are postponed.

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.

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.

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.



Religious Gift Shop

Coming soon - First Communion gifts

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

See front page of bulletin for Holy Week/Easter schedule

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

???Question of the Week???

Passion (Palm) Sunday: OBEDIENCE AND HUMILITY

Procession Gospel Matthew 21:1 - 11. Triumphant entry into Jerusalem

Isaiah 50:4 - 7. Salvation only through the Lord's servant **Philippians 2:6 - 11.** Imitating Christ's humility

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66. The passion of Jesus

Key Passage: [Jesus] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7 - 8

Question: How will you try to imitate the obedience and humility of Christ during this holy week?