

*St. Joseph  
Catholic Church*

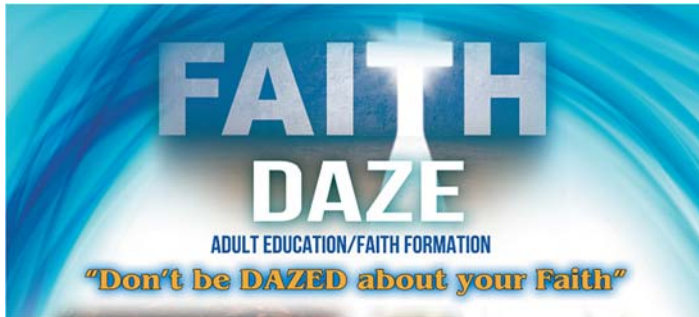


Through worship, compassion, and perseverance  
we strengthen our faith community.

**Second Sunday of Easter  
April 23, 2017**

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**Faith Daze - "Real Presence"**

The last Faith Daze session before the summer is Wednesday, May 3. We will be deepening our understanding of the Eucharist. The session begins at 7:45 pm in Tranquille Hall. You will have time to attend evening Mass if you wish to attend both.

**Next weekend children from our Catholic schools and the parish-based program will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the First Time:**

**April 29** - 7:00 pm Mass - St. Patrick, Mother Teresa & St. Clements

**April 30** - 9:00 am Mass - Holy Cross, St. Catherine & Parish Based Program

11:00 am Mass - St. Gerard & St. Kateri  
Please join us for a reception in Tranquille Hall after all the Masses. *Please bring a snack to share.*

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

**APRIL 23 - 30 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sun. 23:** 3 pm, Chaplet of Mercy, Chapel  
**Wed. 26:** 9:30 -11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP II Room  
 - 7:30 pm, CWL Tea, Tranquille Hall  
**Fri. 28:** 7 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room  
 - 7:30 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall  
**Sat. 29:** 7 pm, 1st Eucharist Celebration Mass  
**Sun. 30:** 9 & 11 am, 1st Eucharist Celebration Mass



Calling all children in preschool (age 4) to grade 5!  
You are invited to soar with us at Hero Central Vacation Bible School! This superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more.

**The fun runs from July 10 - 14, 9am - 12 noon**  
Registration begins May 12/13 after all weekend Masses.

Too old to register but still want to be a part of all the SUPER fun at Hero Central VBS? Please contact Joanne, sjc-family@gpcsd.ca, 780-532-2351 (ext 230) for more details.

***You don't want to miss this epic adventure!!!***

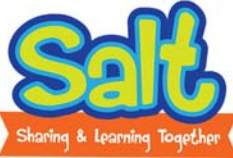
<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received Sunday & Easter	\$28,754.58
Children's collection	\$154.00
Development & Peace	\$ 9,014.35
Holy Land	\$ 9,710.45
Mission 2017	\$ 19,530.96



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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**(gr. 3 - 5) Please note:** Next gathering is Friday, May 12, 7 - 9 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Bring a friend.

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



**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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)

**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!

**SACRAMENTS** Darlene Lemay, x 228



**Through the waters of Baptism at Easter we welcomed** Alicia Burdess, Michelle, Todd & Jack Spencer, Chelsea Stone, Tyler & Hazel Weber, Decglann Kemp,

Hailey & Waylon Lavallie, Hope Johnson-Roberts, Ethan & Carter Kiddine-Marsden, Jami-Lee Randle Rylan & Toni Ferguson, Nathan Redel, Paiyten, Jake & Reese Gilbert-Theisen, Brayden & Haylee Blondeau, Cole Henry, Hayden & Zach Phillips, Adaleigh Doucette, Jhenrique Ogaya, Kelsey Parot, Franz Bingan, James Balsillie, Danica Carpio, Jim English, Marc Balagan and Maricia Egpit.

**This weekend we welcome** Maria Isabelle Tome and Daxon Eerdelaç.

We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy.

**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.



**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Sunday, April 23 following the 9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall. Gluten free available. Mother Teresa students serving.

**BELLS!!** If you have extra bells that you can donate to the parish we will certainly take them. We will lend these bells to parishioners to ring during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. Please leave your bells at the parish office.

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

## ADULT FORMATION

**Divine Mercy Sunday** was instituted in the Catholic Church on the Second Sunday of Easter on April 30, 2000 and decreed on May 5th of that year. It is a beautiful chance to celebrate the mercy of Jesus as shared by St. Faustina Kowalska. **You are invited** to join us for a time of holy observance and celebration of Divine Mercy on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm in the chapel**. We will pray the Chaplet of Mercy together and have a short time of silent prayer with the image of the Divine Mercy shown. This is open to all. **Note:** *The novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday but all are welcome to attend. For more information on the chaplet: [www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet.php](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet.php)*

**Mentor Couples** are assigned by the parish to meet with couples who are preparing for marriage. If you would like to know more about this ministry please attend the workshop for all mentor couples on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 am, in Liguori Hall. For more information please contact Fr. Remi, ext. 223.

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

**School for Spiritual Direction Information Evening - Thurs., May 4, 7:30 PM**, Liguori Hall

FREE; no obligation. Please register by Tues., May 2.

**Host** - Peace Retreats

**Presenter** Rev. Ron Klok, Studion Interdenominational School of Spiritual Direction

**About** - training to become a Spiritual Director.

**To register or for Information** phone Larry & Sheila 780-532-7231; Allan 780-538-1851, or e-mail [lskms@telusplanet.net](mailto:lskms@telusplanet.net)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 24 - 29

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 24,	7:00 am: †	Elizabeth Barrie
Tues. 25,	7:00 pm: †	Pat Kimpe
Wed. 26,	7:00 am:	Betty & Andy Chailer
	7:00 pm: †	Tony Friedel
Thurs. 27,	7:00 pm: †	Zbygniew Solecki
Fri. 28,	7:00 am: †	John Kruchten
Sat. 29,	9:00 am: †	Victoria Shaba

**The CWL would like to express their thanks** to everyone who contributed to the Friday Lenten soup suppers during Lent: those who supplied soup and buns, kitchen helpers, the speakers organized by the Social Justice Committee and all those who attended and donated to Development and Peace. \$1645.60 was raised and 343 people attended over the 6 weeks. Your support was much appreciated.

**Ultreya Friday, April 28 at 7:30 pm, in Liguori Hall**

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

Witness Speaker: Candice Edey

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.

**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 **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Development & Peace**, in 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](mailto:weniger2@gmail.com) or phone: Rae Weniger, 780-539-7503, Helen MacDonald, 780-532-1071, or Mia Klein-Gebbinck, 780-354-2108.

**Mass in French, Saturday, May 13 at 4:30 pm**

Join us for a beautiful celebration in the language of Molière. Please bring your 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!

**Palliative Care Week** sponsored by CWL

Thursday, May 4, Liguori Hall

11 am - Euthanasia Deception DVD Presentation

Noon - Rosary

12:20 pm - Presentation of Lap Quilts to Palliative Care Hospice

Last year was the first year to sponsor the opportunity to pray for those who are palliative and considering assisted suicide. This is now an annual event. Please come and support those in need of prayer. This year we have an added bonus – a DVD Presentation. All parishioners are welcome.

## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

**The sick, especially,** Nunila Medina  
 Barry Adams Cesar Prada  
 Marie Jantz Corey Johnson  
**The deceased, especially**  
 Len Godziuk

**CWL Tea**, Wednesday, April 26 after the 7 pm Mass.  
 Guest speaker: Archbishop Pettipas  
 Recognizing member anniversaries and awarding the  
 CWL Student Funding. Please consider joining them as  
 we are also celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of  
 Good Counsel. There will not be a May CWL meeting  
 on the second Tuesday.

**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.

**Knight of Columbus Lobster Fest, May 6**, \$60/ticket  
 in Tranquille Hall Lobster & Ham Dinner  
 Gluten-free meal. 5:30 pm Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner  
 8:30 pm Dancing Music, Live and Silent Auctions,  
 Dancing, Door prizes and more. Tickets available after  
 weekend Masses



### Religious Gift Shop

*First Communion (Eucharist) gifts available.*

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

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 Easter: *Encouraging Others*

**Acts 2:42 - 47.** Communal life

**1 Peter 1:3 - 9.** Thanksgiving

**John 20:19 - 31.** Appearance to the disciples; Thomas

**Key Passage:** Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." John 20:27

**Question:** What could you do this week to help strengthen the faith of someone who is faltering?