

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

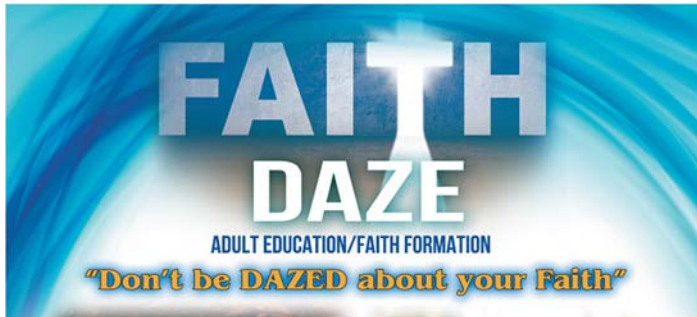


Through worship, compassion, and perseverance  
we strengthen our faith community.

**3rd Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2017**

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## Faith Daze - "Real Presence"

The last Faith Daze 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.

## Children's Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend children from our Catholic schools and the parish-based program will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the First Time: Please join us for a reception in Tranquille Hall after all the Masses. *Please bring a snack to share.*

**The entire parish is welcome to join in both Confirmation Masses**, with Archbishop Gerard, the children being confirmed and their families. The Confirmation Masses are at 7:00 pm on **Monday, May 8:**

St. Gerard, St. Kateri & St. Clement Schools

**Tuesday, May 9:**

St. Patrick, Holy Cross, Mother Teresa, St. Catherine Schools and St. Joseph Parish

*If your family is unable to attend the date of the celebration allocated for your school, you are welcome to attend the other celebration.*

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

### APRIL 30 - MAY 7 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sat. 29/Sun. 30:** 1st Eucharist Celebration Mass

**Wed. 3:** 9:30 -11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP11 Room  
- 10 am to Noon Moms Pray and Play, Modern Martyrs  
- 7:45pm Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall

**Thurs. 4:** 11:30am CWL Palliative Care Week  
- 7:30pm School for Spiritual Direction Information, Tranquille Hall

**Fri. 7:** 7-9pm, EDGE, St. JP11 Room

**Sat. 6:** 11 am Mentor Couple Meeting, Liguori Hall  
- 5:30 pm Lobster Fest hosted by KofC



Come soar with us at  
Hero Central Vacation  
Bible School!

Calling all children in  
preschool (age 4) to  
grade 5!

This superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more.

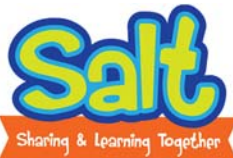
**The fun runs from: July 10-14, 9am - 12 noon**

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](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca), 780-532-2351 (ext 230) for more details.

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

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Offering Required Weekly      | \$23,718.29 |
| Offering received last Sunday | \$19,707.78 |
| Children's collection         | \$102.00    |



(gr. 3 - 5) 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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)

**SACRAMENTS** Darlene Lemay, x 228



**Through the waters of Baptism we welcomed** Evangeline Grace Brownell and Nash William Yaceyko.

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.

**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



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
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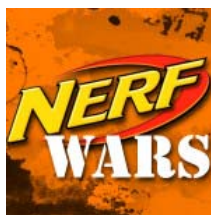
Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



(gr. 6 - 9) Next gathering is Friday, May 5, 7 - 9 pm in the St JP II Room



(gr. 6 - 12) **Saturday May 6, 8-10:30pm**  
**Watching Star Wars : Rogue One**  
*There will be no youth choir before this movie night*



Grades 6 - 9, EDGE Groups: Friday, May 19, 7 - 9 pm. You **must** RSVP online at [saintjoseph.ca/events/nerfwars](http://saintjoseph.ca/events/nerfwars)

**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!

**Youth Alpha at St Joseph High School needs your help.** The Youth Alpha Team invites individuals, families, parish ministries or other interested groups to sponsor lunch for the participants. Alpha is 10 weekly sessions with about 20 participants. If you are able to donate to this important initiative, please contact April, ext. 229, at the parish office.

**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.

## ADULT FORMATION

**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,** Tranquille 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 [lskms@telusplanet.net](mailto:lskms@telusplanet.net)

**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**, 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](mailto:weniger2@gmail.com) or phone: Rae Weniger, 780-539-7503, Helen MacDonald, 780-532-1071, or Mia Klein-Gebbinck, 780-354-2108.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 1 - 6

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

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| Mon. 1,   | 7:00 am: † | Gus Jantz               |
| Tues. 2,  | 7:00 pm: † | Geraldo & Corazon Esmer |
| Wed. 3,   | 7:00 am: † | Alex Thompson           |
|           | 7:00 pm: † | Denis Lachance          |
| Thurs. 4, | 7:00 pm: † | Brady Grattan           |
| Fri. 5,   | 7:00 am: † | Magdalene Wardrobe      |
| Sat. 6,   | 9:00 am: † | Agnes Boisvert          |

**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.



GRANDE PRAIRIE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #3241

Lobster  
Fest  
May 6, 2017



Tranquille Hall  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
Grande Prairie, AB

Lobster and  
Ham Dinner!

Gluten Free meal!  
Music, Live and Silent Auctions,  
Dancing, Door Prizes and More!  
5:30 Cocktails, 6:30 Dinner  
8:30 Music & Dancing

\$ 60 per ticket

Thank You  
for your support!

This major fundraiser is how  
we are able to continue to  
support the worthy causes in  
our church and community!  
Thank you!

To purchase tickets see us after mass or please contact one of us:  
Hervey Chabot 780-228-2199, Lorne Weiler 780-518-3737,  
Bob Bosivert 780-380-7739, Brian Walsh 780-832-8258



## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

**The sick, especially,** Clem Jaeger  
Elsie Sedgwick Marie Jantz  
Corey Johnson

**The deceased, especially**  
Peter Beaudry

**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.

### Projection Screens in the church?

If you are interested in participating in the discussion of the possible installation of screens in the church, please come to an information night on Tuesday, May 16 at 7:30pm in Tranquille Hall.

### How Can I Keep from Singing

A musical presentation by Voice in the Wilderness and Quentessential Winds. Sunday May 7 7:30 in the church. **Free admission**



### 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???

### Third Sunday of Easter: *Recognizing the Lord*

**Acts 2:14, 22-28.** Peter's Discourse

**1 Peter 1:17- 21.** Filial Obedience

**Luke 24:13 - 35.** Emmaus

**Key Passage:** When he was at the table with the disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. Luke 24:30-31

**Question:** In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?