

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**6th Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2017**

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Come soar with us at  
Hero Central Vacation Bible School!  
**July 10-14, 9am - 12 noon**

Calling all children in preschool, age 4 to grade 5!

### **Registration has begun.**

Contact Joanne, ext. 230, come in to the office or register after Mass May, 27/28.  
Register soon. We fill up fast!

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

**Adult volunteers:** This is an awesome experience for the adult leaders as well. An uplifting and invigorating experience, some leaders comment that they get more out of the week than the children.  
*Headquarter Leaders needed for:* Recreation, Crafts, Science, Pre-school, Guides for age groups and assistants for all areas.

**Youth volunteers:** Too old to register but still want to be a part of all the SUPER fun at Hero Central VBS?

Contact Joanne, sjc-family@gpcsd.ca  
780-532-2351, (ext 230) for more details.

**Don't miss this epic adventure!!!**

### **MAY 21 - 28 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon. 22: Victoria Day**, 9 am, Weekday Mass, church  
**Wed. 24:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP11 Room  
**Fri. 26:** 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Tranquille Hall  
- 7:30 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall

*Do you enjoy cooking or visiting with friends and sharing your culture through traditional food? Come be a part of the annual **International Festival of Food on June 3 & 4**, in celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. We hope to add to the number of nationalities represented.*

**Volunteers are needed** to help at the event and people interested in preparing and serving food. If you are interested in taking part in any way contact calida@rpsi.ca or call 780-532-2772.

**This Sunday is the collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works.** If you missed donating at Mass you may drop your contribution at the parish office during office hours. Please make cheques payable to "St Joseph Church".

### **The parish office will be closed:**

Monday, May 21, Victoria Day  
Wednesday, May 24, for a parish staff retreat

**Usher Workshop** for *all ushers* (including new people to this ministry) Saturday, June 24 beginning at 12 Noon. Begins with lunch and social time in the Grouard Room then concludes with a meeting in the church. For information contact Fr. Remi, at the parish office or RemiHebert@gpcsd.ca.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,679.85
Children's collection	\$122.00



(gr. 3 - 5) Please note: Next gathering is Friday, June 2, 7 - 9 pm, in St JPll Room. Bring a friend.

**End of Year Bash -**  
June 9, Tranquille Hall



**Correction: 2 more gatherings before summer break.**

**Next gathering - June 7.**  
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.

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 welcome** Emily Ouellette, Mariell Barcon, André Jodoin and Finley Blackmore. 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.



### Religious Gift Shop

*Volunteers needed for all Masses.*

Open after Saturday 7:00 pm Mass & Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.



### YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



(gr. 6 - 9) Next gathering is Friday, June 2, 7 - 9 pm in Liguori Hall.

**Note: There will be no EDGE on May 26.**



(gr. 6 - 12) Saturday, June 10, in the St JPll Room, 7 - 10:30 pm.

**Watching Moana**

**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.

### From the Social Justice Committee

Our risen Lord richly blessed and prepared the way for us, beyond our understanding. We pray that we might reflect His love towards our brothers and sisters across the world as we stand in solidarity. The long-term development and humanitarian aid programs that we put into place to respond to the Super Typhoon Haiyan reinforce each other and are being implemented as part of a coordinated effort. More than \$12.4M has been raised in grants since 2013 to meet local needs and support reconstruction. Thank you! Contact 1-844-480-3387, [dpwest@devp.org](mailto:dpwest@devp.org) 8421 - 101 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6A 0L1 Website: [devp.org](http://devp.org)

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

Look for @stjoespastor

## ADULT FORMATION

### Ultreya, May 26, 7:30 pm, Liguori Hall

Connect with God and other Cursillistas through prayer, music and fellowship. Please bring a small snack and your musical talent to share. For info call Tessie, 780-978-2106 or Debbie, 780-532-5423.

**Pentecost Sunday** The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red. All parishioners are invited to participate in this special feast in the life of the church by wearing red to Mass on the weekend of June 3/4.



**BLESSING OF PETS** Sunday, June 4 at 3:00 pm. Bring your pet for this special family celebration. We will gather outside the church around the bell tower.

### Calling All Cursillistas!!

Come join us in a **Cursillo of Cursillos**, Grande Prairie June 1 - 4, at Grande Prairie Regional College. Meet Cursillistas from across Canada, the U.S. and Europe. Renew old friendships from weekends past. **Registration limited, so register as soon as possible** at: <http://cursillocanada.org/registration/>

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

**Catholic Trustee Information Session, June 7, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Liguori Hall.** Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic School Trustee? This session is a great way to learn more about the role of trustee, the uniqueness of the Catholic trustee and the relationship with the local bishop, as well as answer questions and point to resources available. Presentations by Archbishop Pettipas, C.Ss.R, Alberta Catholic School Association (ACSTA) elected officials, and administration. For more info check their website [www.acsta.ab.ca](http://www.acsta.ab.ca).

**Polish Mass:** Sunday, June 18, Feast of Corpus Christi at 12:00 noon, in Webster, with presider Fr. Raymond Dorawa, C.Ss.R. All are welcome. Contact Jagoda, 780-539-1005, or 780-832-3286 for information. Luncheon to follow.



### St Joseph Church Faith Book Exchange, June 4th, after 11:00 Mass.

As you dine and dash, why don't you grab and go with a book from our selection? Our Catholic School librarians are collecting faith-filled books for all ages. Consider dropping off a book or picking up a new one to read.

### Billings Ovulation Method Basic Teacher Training Workshop (Part 1): July 14 - 16

Candidates will be trained to offer personalized education to couples facing infertility, wishing to postpone pregnancy, and/or monitor reproductive health. Training involves 2 workshops and a supervised practicum. This Part 1 Workshop will be held in Liguori Hall. Register at [billingslife.ca](http://billingslife.ca)!

**This month is the 10th Anniversary of the Opening and Solemn Blessing of our new church.** In the church outside the Vestry (where the priests get dressed in their vestments) we have placed a stand with a book containing the names of the people and businesses who donated to the construction of our new building and special projects. It will be available to view for the entire month.

#### *A message from Trudy Switzer:*

A huge THANK YOU to the ones who have journeyed with me these last long months. You have helped keep me calm and on track. Thank you for the cookies, flowers, reading material, meals, welcome hugs, visits, phone calls and prayers said on my behalf. Also to one uncomplaining MR. MOM! May God's blessings be with you.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 22 - 27

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 22,	9:00 am:	†	Shaun Morin
Tues. 23,	7:00 pm:	†	Therese Laurin
Wed. 24,	7:00 am:	†	Joe Sempowich
	7:00 pm:	†	Theresa Walker
Thurs. 25,	7:00 pm:	†	Madeline Daley
Fri. 26,	7:00 am:	†	Lionel LeGoffe
Sat. 27,	9:00 am:	†	Lou Scanlan

## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray for

**The sick, especially,** Clem Jaeger Corey Johnson  
**The deceased, especially**  
 Callie Hidabrand

Applications for the **CWL Frances Pronovost Scholarship** are being accepted until June 30. Please call Lorraine, 780-539-4766, for information.

**A Moving Forward Event:** *Appreciative Inquiry Workshop on Residential School Reconciliation*  
 Saturday, June 17, 10 am -3:30 pm, Tranquille Hall  
 Animated by Denis Whitford of 2Thunder Consulting, a member of the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council of the Canadian Bishop's Conference. Purpose: to help move beyond the past and create strategies to build a future together as Canadians and a people of faith. For all sectors of society - Indigenous, non-indigenous, new arrivals to Canada and those who have been here for generations. No Charge. Lunch provided. Call Fr Leo, 780-532-2351 ext. 222 to register.  
**Registration Deadline:** *Wednesday, June 14*

**St Patrick's Parish, Rio Grande 100th Anniversary Celebration, June 18.** Begins with **Mass at 2 pm** followed by a barbeque. Everyone welcome! Bring lawn chairs. Please phone 780-354-2762 or 780-354-3108 **before June 5** with numbers planning to attend.

**Join our parish group on Facebook,** "St Joseph Catholic Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada". [www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephCatholicChurchGPAB/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephCatholicChurchGPAB/) and request to join.

### 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](mailto: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???

### Sixth Sunday of Easter: *The Strength of Faith*

**Acts 8:5 - 8, 14 - 17.** Philip in Samaria      **1 Peter 3:15 - 18.** On Christian suffering  
**John 14:15 - 21.** Promise of the Paraclete

**Key Passage:** Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." *John 14:16*

**Question:** What difficulties have you overcome because of your belief in the power of the Holy Spirit?