

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Ascension of the Lord
May 28, 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 ongoing.

Contact Joanne, ext. 230, or come in to the office.
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 invig-
orating 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!!!

Guess who's celebrating 25 years?

Fr. Remi's 25th anniversary of ordination is Sunday,
June 4. We will celebrate on Sunday, June 25.
Following the 11 am Mass we will gather in
Tranquille Hall for refreshments. Please bring a
dessert to share.

MAY 28 - JUNE 4 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 29: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed. 31: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP II Room
Fri. 2: 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St. JP II Room
Sat. 3: after 7 pm Mass, International Festival of Food,
Tranquille Hall
Sun. 4: after 9 & 11 am Masses, International Festival
of Food, Tranquille Hall
- 3 pm, Blessing of Pets, bell tower courtyard

*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 this 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.



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

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.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$18,263.38
Children's collection	\$ 67.00
Pope's Pastoral Works Collection	\$3,581.00



(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/

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting, Monday June 5, 7:30 pm in Liguori Hall. Please join us if you are interested in volunteering whether you have signed up or not.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
 x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Joshua Sanjeewa, Penelope Greenwood and Jameson Wanotch. 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.

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



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



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(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.



Religious Gift Shop
Volunteers needed for all Masses.
 Open after Saturday 7:00 pm Mass & Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

From the Social Justice Committee
 King of Peace, comfort and strengthen the most marginalized and disadvantaged communities. Help us to know your heart and open our ears to the voices of our partners as they share their vision for integral human development in their homes. Be an ambassador for justice by taking action on an issue that you care deeply about. Learn more about our partners and what they are working towards at: www.devp.org/en/international.

ADULT FORMATION

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.

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.

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.

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!



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.

Filipino Mass, Saturday, June 10, 4 pm. Potluck dinner to follow in Tranquille Hall. All are welcome.

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

Retreat: "A Day with Hildegard"

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Presenter: Sr. Maureen Wild

Location: Grande Prairie Museum, Cost: \$20

Please bring a bag lunch

For more information contact Arlene:

aflogan@telus.net or text 780.831.8657.

Sponsors: Peace Anam Cara, Kairos & Peace Retreats

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 29 - JUNE 3

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 29,	7:00 am:	†	Dallas Gerk
Tues. 30,	7:00 pm:	†	Kylie Bain
Wed. 31,	7:00 am:	†	George Bond
	7:00 pm:	†	Shayla Salacki
Thurs. 1,	7:00 pm:	†	Therese Laurin
Fri. 2,	7:00 am:	†	Rob Weibe
	10:30 am:	†	Alvina Louch
Sat. 3,	9:00 am:	†	Dallas Gerk

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially, Clem Jaeger

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

Quilting Bee-Levers year end meeting, May 29, 9 am - 3 pm, Liguori Hall. Pot luck and distribution of quilts.

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/ and request to join.

Check out these Catholic Podcasts/Websites/Apps

The Fr. Mike Schmitz Podcast and Youtube

Audience: College students primarily but great for all ages. Description: Faith, pop culture, and headline reflections. Also can watch short videos of Fr. Mike Schmitz and others on www.ascensionpresents.com

The Art of Catholic Podcast with Matthew Leonard

Audience: Adults primarily but fine for teens. Description: Joyful, passionate explanations of the deep truths of the faith, as well as interesting interviews with Catholic luminaries. Also check out www.matthewleonard.com for additional resources.

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

Sunday Readings

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1 - 11. Jesus' final instructions and ascension

Ephesians 1:17 - 23. Exaltation of Christ

Matthew 28:16 - 20. I am with you always

Key Passage: Acts 1:8 (Power to proclaim the good news)

Question: What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?