

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2017**

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The Grande Prairie CWL Presents

**Women,
Wine &
the Word!**

An Evening of Gratitude

It is easy to take things for granted – like our job, our family or friends. It is important for everyone to count our blessings, be thankful and show gratitude. Join the St. Joseph CWL for “Women, Wine & the Word! An Evening of Gratitude” – an evening of reflection, conversation and fellowship.

September 22, 7 - 9 pm in Tranquille Hall

This event is open to all women 18+.

Tickets are \$20, available after all weekend Masses

Anchor Points in a Changing World,

Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00 pm, Tranquille Hall

Special Presentation by Moral Theologian

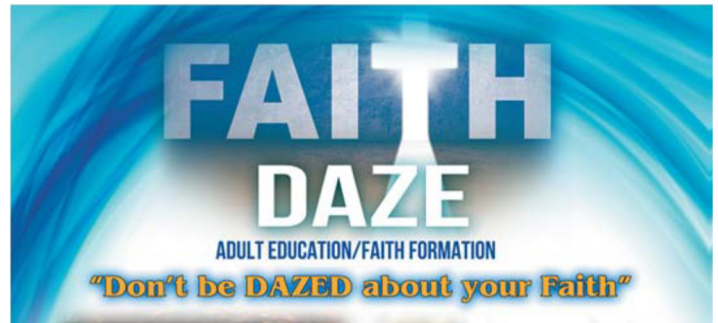
Fr. Mark Miller, C.Ss.R. Phd.

Conscience Formation; Inclusion in a Multi-Cultural Society; Care Giving

No charge. Refreshments. Please Bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

Sponsored by Catholic Family Services: *Counselling for all!*

Ask not what your church can do for you but what you can do for your church. Calling all inspired adults and mature older teenagers: We need you to lead and assist with Liturgy of the Word with Children at the weekend Masses. All materials and training provided - minimal preparation by you - so simple that it could almost teach itself, however God requires our participation to share His love with our children. Contact Joanne, ext. 230



Faith Daze - Struggling for faith in my family - how do I find peace?

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:45 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall

This is the first of our four Faith Daze for this year.

Please plan to join us!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED LABOUR DAY, Monday, Sept. 4
Weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am in the church.

PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS WITH REGISTRATION FOR Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

In Tranquille Hall Parents only need to attend one session. Please bring a copy of their Baptism certificate.

Monday, November 20, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday, November 23, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday, November 25, 10 am - 12 noon

In our diocese children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6.

All children receiving sacraments in the 2017 - 2018 school year, regardless of the school they attend, Catholic or otherwise, must be registered at a forum. Plan to be there for the full 2 hours.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS NOT ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL RECEIVING A SACRAMENT THIS YEAR, OR WHO MISSED RECEIVING A SACRAMENT (including children in Catholic School) contact Darlene, x-228, at the parish office. You must also attend this forum.



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



We're back! Wednesday, Sept 6
Meeting every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 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. www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) grades 3 - 5 youth group. **Registration and Kick-Off** will be Friday, September 29, in Tranquille Hall, 6 - 9 pm. Beginning in October, we will meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, 7 - 9 pm, in the St. JPll Room.

WATER BALLOON MANIA

Friday, Sept. 15, 5:30 pm
We're Team Blue this year! Prizes for most creative outfit! Meeting at St. Joseph Church at 5:30 pm and taking a bus out to Peace River Bible Institute in Sexsmith. We begin with a rally in their new Gymnasium facility, and follow with a giant water balloon fight (Capture-the-flag-style), and snacks. Bring a change of WARM clothing!

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



This summer, **through the waters of baptism** we welcome Zyo Joven, Zachara English, Maizie Fraser, Zoey Redel, Jonah Lepage and Violet Johnson into our faith family. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with 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.

On Stewardship...
In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God."

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

Once again, we will be running Youth Alpha at St Joseph High School. 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.

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!

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.

ADULT FORMATION

Workshops for Lectors: In the church
 Monday, September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 Tuesday, September 26, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Saturday, September 30, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

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

Retreat: "A Day with Hildegarde"

Feast Day: September 17, Canonized: May 10, 2012,

Proclaimed Doctor of the Church: October 7, 2012

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

Parish Blog: Visit our web page, saintjoseph.ca to sign up on the homepage under "Subscribe" to receive each newly posted blog. A team of parishioners take turns to submit a new reflection every two weeks. August 29th blog: *Be Still*

From the Social Justice Committee

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (MT 16, 21-27) Jesus invites us to follow his example and think less of ourselves and more about those around us. He invites us to live a life of service and align ourselves to His will so we can discover true fulfillment in Him. This month, Development and Peace is launching our Fall Action Campaign. This year's campaign focuses on the role of women in peace processes. We would like to invite you to take this opportunity to live out your faith in concrete ways, speak up for those who are victims of violence, and stand in solidarity with the women and men that together are building a more just society. Trust God, pray for courage and act out of love! Contact your parish Development and Peace representative or call 1 844 480 3387 and ask about the ways you can be part of this action for change.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, September 10 following the
 9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall
 Gluten-free pancakes
 St. Joseph High School's Interact
 Club will be helping serve.



Religious Gift Shop

Available after Saturday 7:00 pm Mass &
 Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses. Come
 check out our selection of merchandise.



For info or to register for the program beginning
 with a **weekend** on **November 17 - 19** call
 587-589-4357, email info@helpourmarriage.ca,
 or check www.HelpOurMarriage.ca



In our parking lot we ask people to **only park in the marked parking spaces and not along curbs or in laneways**, in order to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or fellow parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. We appreciate that parking off-site can be a hardship and thank you for your consideration and understanding in helping to eliminate congestion in our parking lot. (*For your information: any damage to your vehicle, from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas is your own responsibility.*)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4 - 9

(✠ Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 4,	7:00 am:	✠ Joyce Radke
Tues. 5,	10:30 am:	Don Johnson
	7:00 pm:	✠ Alice Clara Sempowich
Wed. 6,	7:00 am:	Barry Adams
	7:00 pm:	✠ John Latos
Thurs. 7,	7:00 pm:	✠ Michael Long
Fri. 8,	7:00 am:	✠ Florence Atkinson
	9:30 am:	Lucille/✠ Rosario Normandeau
Sat. 9,	9:00 am:	✠ Kylie Bain

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially, Ric Moreau

Betty Lou Lynch Noonan

Betty McHale, sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially Donna Sauverwald

Check out these Catholic Podcasts/Websites/Apps

Catholic Facebook pages to follow:

Thomas Merton Daily Quotes – dedicate to preserving and advancing the legacy of Thomas Merton

World Youth Day

EWTN – Eternal World Television Network

Center for Action and Contemplation – Founded by Fr. Richard Rohr, www.cac.org

Fr. James Martin SJ – Posts articles for reader comments and discussion

Ignatius Press – a Catholic publishing company shares a variety of interesting facts on their Facebook page.

Catholic Apps:

Living with Christ – daily mass readings, prayers, liturgical calendar, and quote of the day

The Pope App – News and videos about the Pope, tweets, texts and live broadcasts

Examination of Conscience – A tool to use prior to reconciliation

Common Prayer – Loosely follows the Liturgy of the Hours

3 Minute Retreat – A Jesuit ministry

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl – Daily reflections, prayers, stories of hope, recipes, etc.

Rosary Pro – step-by-step rosary

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: Available 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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: **COME, FOLLOW ME**

Jeremiah 20:7 - 9. Jeremiah's interior crisis

Romans 12:1 - 2. Sacrifice of body and mind

Matthew 16:21 - 27. First prophecy of passion and resurrection; doctrine of the cross

Key Passage: "Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24

Question: What has it meant to you to take up your cross and follow Jesus?