

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017

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We still need you! Calling all inspired adults (males too!) and mature older teenagers to lead or assist at 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

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 \$20
Last chance for tickets Sunday, September 17.

Gift Bearers actively participate in the celebration of the Mass by presenting the gifts of Bread and Wine at the Offertory and require no special skill. It is a beautiful and significant part of the Mass performed by lay people. Families and couples are invited to sign up following weekend Masses September 23/24.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 24 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 18: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Wed. 20: 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play,
Tranquille Hall

- 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

Thurs. 21: after 7 pm Mass, Prayers for Healing,
church

Fri. 22: 7 - 9 pm, Women, Wine & the Word,
Tranquille Hall

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada:
Sunday, September 24 This annual charitable initiative furthers the collegiality and synodality of the Bishops' ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God's children, disciples of Christ in Canada.

This invitation is to “all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents.” *Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB)*

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Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,718.29

Offering received last Sunday \$21,298.54

Children's collection \$129.00



Next Gathering: Wed, Sept 20
 Meet 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. JP II Room.

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Dylan Lambe to our family of faith. We pray his journey with our Lord will be 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.

PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS WITH REGISTRATION FOR Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation In *Tranquille Hall* Parents only attend one session. Plan to be there for the full 2 hours. Bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

Monday, November 20, 7 - 9 pm or
 Thursday, November 23, 7 - 9 pm or
 Saturday, November 25, 10 am - 12 noon
 Children celebrate Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6
 All children receiving sacraments in this school year, regardless of the school (Catholic or other) that they attend, must be registered at a forum. *If you have a child who missed receiving a Sacrament or receiving a Sacrament this year but not attending Catholic School, contact Darlene, x-228.*



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



Disturbing the Peace Youth Conference



October 13 - 15, grades 6 - 12.

Cost is \$75 (before Oct. 2) for entire weekend including Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. This awesome weekend is full of music,

games, awesome speakers, entertainment and tons of fun. Register at www.disturbingthepeace.ca
Kitchen Volunteers Needed! (DTP) is an annual local youth conference. Our parish is responsible for the organization of the meals for this conference, and is looking for any volunteers who are willing to give a few hours of their time to help prepare the meals on **Saturday, Oct. 14th.** If you are interested or available to help in any way, **contact April, 780-532-2351 ext. 229.**



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8) Friday, Sept. 22, 7 - 9 pm, in St JP II Room. Join us for the first official gathering of the Fall. New people welcome.



UC27 High School Youth Group (Grade 9 - 12) Sunday, Sept. 24, 7 - 9, St JP II Room. Bring warm clothes and a lawn chair.



Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)
Kick-Off, Monday, Sept. 25, 7 - 8:30 pm in Tranquille Hall

Join us and find out what we're about. Make new, lasting, friendships. Grow in your faith. Questions or to pre-register, call Anna 780-831-8338.

ADULT FORMATION

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Sept. 21, following the 7 pm Mass, in the church. All are welcome.

Workshops for Lectors: In the church. Please attend one

Monday, September 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, September 26, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Saturday, September 30, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Can you spare 15 minutes before and after Mass?

Sacristans needed for every weekend Mass. You would be responsible once every 4 or 6 weeks. Call Thérèse, 780-532-1531, or email therese2@telus.net

Can you spare a couple of hours every 4 - 6 weeks?

Volunteers needed to wash and iron Mass linens. This is done in your own home. Call Thérèse, 780-532-1531 or email therese2@telus.net



Do you attend St. Joseph High school?

Are you 16 years or older and practicing your Catholic faith. St Joseph school

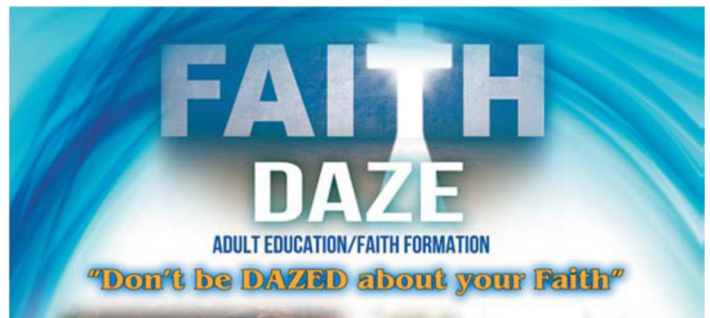
invites you to consider the ministry of extraordinary minister of Eucharist at the school. Consider joining the team. Talk with Mrs. Gorman at the school or Fr. Leo at the church. WE NEED YOU!!

Parish Blog: September 12th blog: *Love & Water*

To receive each newly posted blog written by our very own parishioners visit our web page, saintjoseph.ca and sign up on the homepage under "Subscribe"

From the Social Justice Committee

Development and Peace is celebrating 50 years of solidarity: 50 years of working with partners in the global south, as well as the Canadian population, to build a world of justice and peace for all. We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all of those who support us in this important mission. Thank you for saying YES to positive change. For information about Development and Peace and to become part of the movement check out our website: www.devp.org, or contact your regional animator at 1-844-480-3387.



September 27: *Struggling for Faith in My Family - how do I find peace?*

November 29: *Care for Our Common Home - the vision of Pope Francis*

February 28: *Care for the Caregiver*

May 2: *A Better Understanding of Mass*

Each evening is 7:45 - 9 pm, in Tranquille Hall, following 7:00 pm Mass

No charge. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

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

Bible Exploration - an 8 week study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians begins Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:30 pm in Tranquille. A great opportunity to learn more about the Bible. Beginners welcome! The first evening is a video and explanation of the study. For information call Angele or Roger, 780-532-7529, Vince, 780-532-4055, or Bill, 780-532-7367.

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Look for @stjoespastor

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 18 - 23

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 18, 7:00 am: † Peter Guest
 Tues. 19, 7:00 pm: Tracy Grattan
 Wed. 20, 7:00 am: † Helma Fletcher
 7:00 pm: † Elsie Sedgwick
 Thurs. 21, 7:00 pm: † John, Mary, & William White
 Fri. 22, 7:00 am: † Elsie Sedgwick
 Sat. 23, 9:00 am: † Peter Wiebe

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially, Henry Heiligers
The deceased, especially Max Teichroeb

Ultreya: Friday, September 29, 7:30 pm in the church.
 Speaker: Fr. Remi Hebert, C.Ss.R. An opportunity to support and be supported by good friends and help persevere in living our Fourth Day after Cursillo.

Check out these Catholic Podcasts/Websites/Apps

The Word on Fire Show Podcast

Audience: Adults and teens.

Description: Join Bishop Robert Barron for a weekly podcast on faith and culture.

Also check out www.wordonfire.org for videos, homilies, articles, blogs, and the online store.

Catholic Bytes Podcast

Audience: Adults and teens.

Description: A podcast for busy Catholics. Most podcasts are 7-10 minutes long and there are a number of podcast that are 60 seconds long (sharing the Catholic faith one minute at a time). The speakers are priests, deacons and seminarians who are studying in Rome.

Check out www.catholicbytes.com



Religious Gift Shop

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Regular Mass Schedule

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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: **FORGIVENESS AND MERCY**

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7. Call to forgiveness and mercy

Romans 14:7 - 9. To live and die for Christ

Matthew 18:21 - 35. The merciless official

Key Passage: Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21 - 22

Question: When someone hurts you, are you more inclined to be just or to be merciful?

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