

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017**

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Family Movie, Sunday, Nov. 19,

3 - 5 pm in Tranquille Hall:

CARS 3

Bring something comfy to sit on.
Popcorn & juice provided.

ADVENT MATERIAL AND 2018 SUNDAY MISSALS are now available in the entrance to the church.

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.

Do you have a child that missed receiving a sacrament? Wants to receive a sacrament but not attending Catholic School? Contact Darlene, x-228.



"Blessing Bags" -
Special Youth Event,
Friday, November 24,
7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall
SALT & EDGE youth groups will be working together on a local

service project. We will be creating bags filled with necessities for our neighbours at St. Lawrence Centre here in Grande Prairie. Items to bring: gloves (mostly men's), warm socks, hand warmers, candy, and large ziplock bags.

NOVEMBER 19 - 26 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 19: 3 - 5 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall

- 7 - 9 pm, UC27, St JP II Room

Mon. 20: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, St JP II Room

- 7 - 9 pm, Parent Sacrament Forum, Tranquille Hall

Wed. 22: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

- 7:30 pm, Bible Exploration, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 23: 7 - 9 pm, Parent Sacrament Forum,

Tranquille Hall

Fri. 24: - 7 - 9 pm, SALT/EDGE, Tranquille Hall

- 7:30 pm, Ultreya, church

Sat. 25: 10 am - noon, Parent Sacrament Forum,

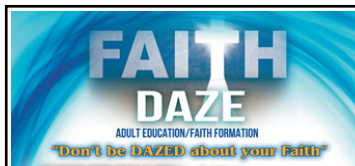
Tranquille Hall

- 10 - noon, Altar Server Training (group C), church

- noon - 2 pm, Altar Server Training (group D), church

- 2 - 4 pm, Altar Server Training (group E), church

- 2 - 4 pm, Usher Workshop, Grouard Room



Next session Wednesday, November 29, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

Session to follow in Tranquille Hall until 9:15 pm.

Care for Our Common Home - The Vision of Pope Francis



Your Prayers are Needed for Discovery!

Go to <http://signup.com/go/jEJDMQG> to sign up to pray during Discovery weekend.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,718.29

Offering received last Sunday \$29,286.29

Children's collection \$139.00



Next Gathering: Wed., Dec. 6 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 at 11 am. www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gc.ca/

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) grades 3 - 5 youth group. **Next gathering: November 24** Details on front of bulletin

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE ANSWERED THE CALL: If you committed to leading or helping with Liturgy of the Word With Children during Sunday Mass please complete your volunteer screening package as soon as possible so we can get you on the schedule. If you have not picked up the package please contact Joanne, ext. 230, during office hours.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Leader and Helper Formation: Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:30 - 11 am, Grouard Room, or Monday, Dec. 11, 7 - 8:30 pm, Liguori Hall. Please attend one session, or contact Joanne, ext. 230, email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Leo Olsen and Evelyn Gaucher to our family of faith. 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.



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



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8) Friday, November 24
"Blessing Bags", 7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall
Items to bring: gloves (mostly men's), warm socks, hand warmers, candy, and large ziplock bags.



Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)
Monday, Nov. 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm,
in St JP11 Room

Make new, lasting, friendships. Grow in your faith. Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



UC27 High School Youth Group (Grade 9 - 12) Sunday, Nov. 19, 6 - 9 pm. Appies and Movie Night:
The Shack



Alpha Youth at St. Joseph High School
Join us in the "black box" from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm for free pizza and religion service hours.



Discovery Youth Retreat (grade 7-9), Dec. 1 - 3 at St. Joseph High School
Registration available at the parish office, school offices or our webpage.
Registration deadline extended to Wednesday, Nov. 22nd.



Kitchen Volunteers needed:
Prep helpers for 3 hour shifts (or longer). Contact April, 780-882-4091.



Religious Gift Shop
Volunteers needed after all weekend Masses. Please phone Theresa, 780-532-2299.

ADULT FORMATION

Usher Workshop Saturday, Nov. 25 from 3 - 4 pm in the Grouard Room. Ushers serve our parish by assisting parishioners during Mass and helping with the collection - a great way to get involved in our parish. This meeting is for all ushers, including new people interested in learning more. All ushers need to complete a Criminal Records Check.

Church decor sets the tone for our prayer.

We are looking for a Coordinator for the Environment Committee. The primary task is to gather the team and coordinate decorating the church for the various liturgical seasons. Creativity and an interest in liturgy are valuable. For information call Fr. Remi.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Workshop - Monday, Nov. 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 - Tuesday, Nov. 28, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 - Saturday, Dec. 2, 10:30 am - 12 Noon

If you would like to be involved in this ministry, or already are, *please attend one of these workshops.*

Qualities: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve in a unique and privileged way. Since you are ministering in the name of the Church we ask that you have these qualifications:

- possess a respectful love of the Blessed Sacrament and Precious Blood
- live a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church (Mass attendance, regularly celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, married in the church if you are in a relationship)
- a person of good standing in the community.
- able to hold the chalice and ciborium (the dish that holds the Blessed Sacrament)
- able to consume the Precious Blood

Sacristan & Altar Linen Laundering Ministries' Refresher & Recognition Evening, Wednesday, Dec. 6 following 7 pm Mass in the Grouard Room. Reviewing procedures of both ministries and bidding farewell to those no longer able to assist. Interested in serving in one of these ministries? Please join us.

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

French Choir: Speak French and love singing? Join this choir and help to prepare the next French Mass. Contact Paul, 780-607-5012 or Beatriz, 780-380-0990

"Journey to the Inner Treasure" Join Mary and the Mystics. Presenter: Jennifer Wrzosek
 Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Liguori Hall
 Cost: \$15 Please bring a bag lunch
 To register call Jennifer, 780-538-3165 or
 Email: Jennifer.wrzosek @telus.net
 See poster and brochures on the church bulletin board. Sponsored by Peace Retreats

Book of Remembrance Throughout the month of November a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church is to remember the deceased in a special way. You are invited to inscribe the names of loved ones who have passed on in our Book of Remembrance which is on a table in the entrance to the church.

Ultreya is not restricted to people who have attended a Cursillo. Everyone is welcome! Come be re-energized by the love, acceptance and encouragement to be found there.

Witness Speaker: Mike Popek

Friday, November 24, 7:30 pm, in the church
 For info call 780-978-2106

Development and Peace is calling for donations in aid of the Rohingya refugees fleeing their native Myanmar due to religious and ethnic persecution. D&P is working with Caritas Bangladesh in assisting needy refugees. Please make donations directly to D&P Offices. Details provided on the fact sheets at <https://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2017/comm2017-11-01>. Our federal government will match these donations until November 28, 2017.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 20 - 25

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 20, 7:00 am: Fr. Remi Hebert
 Tues. 21, 7:00 pm: † Mervyn Reynolds
 Wed. 22, 7:00 am: † Maureen Biegel
 7:00 pm: † Tony Friedel
 Thurs. 23, 7:00 pm: Lou Kilarski
 Fri. 24, 7:00 am: Fr. Don O'Reilly
 Sat. 25, 9:00 am: † Joe Mazo

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray For

The sick, especially Jeannie Valen
The deceased, especially Ada Berg

Catholic Family Services is accepting donations for their Christmas Hamper Program for families in need. Please drop donations of cash, gift cards and IGA budget savers at the CFS office, 10105-102 St. For info or to sponsor a family please call 780-532-9381.

Salvation Army Kettles: *Volunteers needed*

St. Joseph Church is manning the kettles at Walmart on Saturdays, Nov 25 & Dec. 9 and Fridays, Dec 1, 8, & 15, from 10 am - 8 pm. 2 hours shifts with 2 people/shift (recruit a friend!). Contact Cliff, 780-532-1231, or email cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com

35th Annual Festival of Carols, December 4 & 5, at 7:30 pm in the church. Two marvellous evenings of local choirs performing Christmas Carols. The concert is free but donations of non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank or cash for their kettle campaign will be accepted at the door. Experience the joy of Christmas in music and song as you support the less fortunate in the community!

Check the bulletin board outside the parish office for these community events to help handle grief during the Advent season:

Oliver's Funeral Home Christmas Candlelight Service, Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 pm. Go to their website for more information: www.oliversfuneralhome.com/christmas
Bear Creek Funeral Home's "A Time to Remember", Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7 pm, at Centre 2000. RSVP 780-830-7742.

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 Alyeska, alyeska@degen.ca or 780-532-5659

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time: USING YOUR GIFTS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31. The ideal wife **1 Thess. 5:1-6.** The need for preparation
Matthew 25:14-30. Parable of the silver pieces

Key Passage: [The servant said], "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." *Matthew 25:20b-21*

Question: What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?