

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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

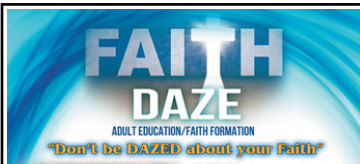
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 26, 2017

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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**

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

**We thank God for all our parishioners who came to
label** all our Sunday donation envelopes. We pray
they will be richly blessed for their service.

2017 Sunday collection envelopes available in the
Modern Martyrs Room beginning next Sunday until
Sunday, December 19.

Donators through automatic Bank withdrawal: your
extra collection envelopes will also be available in
the Modern Martyrs Room.



Your Prayers are Needed for Discovery!

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES will be at 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 pm &
Midnight on Christmas Eve and 10:00 am on
Christmas Day. **Free tickets** for the 4:00, 6:30 &
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be available in
the entrance to the church after the 7:00 pm
Saturday evening Mass and the 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sunday Masses every weekend during Advent until
all the tickets are gone. *Tickets will not be available
during the week from the office.* If you are unable to
get to Mass on the weekend, please ask someone to
pick up tickets on your behalf.

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 3 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mon. 27:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, Tranquille Hall
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Eucharistic Ministers Workshop, church
- Tues. 28:** 3:30 - 5 pm, Eucharistic Min Workshop, church
- Wed. 29:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- 7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 1:** 7 - 9 pm, SALT, Tranquille Hall
- Sat. 2:** 9:30 - 11 am, Liturgy of the Word with Children
Leaders/Helpers Formation, Grouard Room
- 10:30 am - noon, Eucharist Min Workshop, church
- 10 - noon, Altar Server Training (group C),
Modern Martyrs Room
- noon - 2 pm, Altar Server Training (group D), church
- 2 - 4 pm, Altar Server Training (group E), church

Annual Family Christmas Talent Gala



*Calling all singers, dancers, instrumentalists,
actors, etc.* We have a diverse and vibrant parish
family, made up of many ethnic backgrounds and we
want to celebrate us! Come share your gifts and
talents on Saturday, *December 16, 2 - 5 pm.* Please
call Joanne, ext. 230, at the parish office before
Tuesday, December 12, to be added to the program.
Please come join in celebrating our parish family,
even if you do not wish to perform. Craft Table for
kids, and light refreshments for all, to follow.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,521.94
Children's collection	\$67.00



Family & Children's
 m i n i s t r y
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.

Next Gathering: Wed., Dec. 6:

Reconciliation will be available for

the Mom's beginning at 11 am. 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. **December 1** Meet in church (come in regular door) We're changing out songbooks for the new liturgical year. *Special snack to follow.*

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 Thursday, January 11, 7:30 - 9 pm, (*Note date change & time*) Grouard Room. 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 Madison Venhola to our family of faith. We pray that her 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

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8) No gathering on December 1 or 8, but join us on the 9th for Movie Night and Christmas Party, in St JPII Room



Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Monday, Nov. 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Making Advent Wreaths. Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



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

Please remember to keep them in your prayers.



Kitchen Volunteers needed:

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

Religious Gift Shop

Christmas stock has arrived!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 2

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

- Mon. 27, 7:00 am: † Andy Vavrek
- Tues. 28, 7:00 pm: Lou Kilarski
- Wed. 29, 7:00 am: † Maureen Biegel
- 7:00 pm: Florence / † Gordon Watts
- Thurs. 30, 7:00 pm: Jeremy Lees
- Fri. 1, 7:00 am: † Maureen Biegel
- 10:30 am: † Vincent Parenteau
- Sat. 2, 9:00 am: † Clem Jaeger

ADULT FORMATION

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.

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.

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

"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.

Used in Fr. Remi's homily Sunday, November 26

A New Serenity Prayer by James Martin

God, grant me the serenity
 to accept the people I cannot change,
 which is pretty much everyone,
 since I'm clearly not You, God.
 At least not the last time I checked.

And while You're at it, God,
 please give me the courage
 to change what I need to change about myself,
 which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
 I'm not You, which means I'm not perfect.
 It's better for me to focus on changing myself
 than to worry about changing other people,
 who, as You'll no doubt remember me saying,
 I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
 whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
 than everyone else in the room,
 that no one knows what they're talking about except me,
 or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
 grant me the wisdom
 to remember that I'm
 not You.
 Amen

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray For

The sick, especially Jeannie Valen
Ricardo Rodriguez, father of Monica Rodriguez
The deceased, especially Antonio Qualizza

CWL Bazaar Raffle Winners: Cake from Tea Reception, Floria Flohr; Decorative Plates, Erin Olsenberg; Christmas quilt, Allan Forsberg; Knife & Cutting Board, Sylvia Romkes .

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: Many thanks to all who signed up to man the kettles. All shifts we are responsible for have been filled.

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, 6 pm. For information check www.oliversfuneralhome.com/christmas
Bear Creek Funeral Home's "A Time to Remember", Wed., Dec. 13, 7 pm, 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, alyseska@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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: *The final judgement*

Ezekial 34:11 - 12, 15 - 17. Parable of the shepherds **1 Corinthians 15:20 - 26, 28.** Christ, the first fruits
Matthew 25:31 - 46. The last judgment

Key Passage: [The Son of Man][will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." *Matthew 25:45*

Question: If you were to be judged today by God, what would be your greatest regret? What is one thing you could do to change that?