

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Hope for a Wounded World

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017**

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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 6:30 & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses (4 pm tickets have all been distributed) will be available in the entrance to the church after the 7:00 pm Saturday evening 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.

Annual Family Christmas Talent Gala

St. Joe's
got *Talent*

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.

Be part of our Christmas Spirit

At the 4:00 & 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Masses we would like to include as many young people as possible: greeting people as they enter, Lectors, gift bearers and help with assorted other jobs. Specifically at the 4:00 pm Mass, we will have a children's procession coming in with the priests. At the 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00 pm Masses, we need helpers to spread Christmas cheer to our children immediately following the Mass. Please contact Joanne, ext. 230, if you are interested in helping.

DECEMBER 10 - 17 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun 10: after Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall

Tues. 12: 5:30 pm, CWL/K of C Potluck, Tranquille Hall

Wed. 13: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

Thurs. 14: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

Fri 15: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church

Sat. 16: 2 - 5 pm, St. Joe's got Talent, Tranquille Hall

Sun 17: after Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall

- 3:45 - 4:10 pm, Children's Pre-Mass Christmas Choir

practice, church

- 4:15 - 5 pm, Children's Christmas Choir practice, church

If you do not normally donate to St Joseph Parish through Sunday collections you must have your donations to the parish office by December 28 in order for it to be included on your 2017 donation receipt.

The parish office will be closed:

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Monday, January 1

In addition, the office will close at 3:00 pm on

Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29



Mercy Monday, December 18 - Priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation from 12 Noon to 8:00 pm. Make this one of your many stops during Advent in preparation for Christmas.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,718.29

Offering received last Sunday \$25,180.83

Children's collection \$72.00



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. 20
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 15: Christmas Party,**
7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall

Liturgy of the Word with Children Leader and Helper
Formation: Thursday, January 11, 7:30 - 9 pm,
Grouard Room. Contact Joanne, ext. 230, email
sjc-family@gpcsd.ca, or just show up.



Family Movie: Join us over the
holidays on Friday, January 5, at
6:30 pm for *The Emoji Movie* in
Tranquille Hall. No charge. Popcorn
and juice provided but bring something
comfy to sit on and bring a friend!

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



Through the waters of Baptism,
we welcome Xavier Torres to our
family of faith. We pray that his
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.

Religious Gift Shop
Christmas stock available.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our
upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Watch the bulletin for the next gathering
in 2018. Blessings this Christmas and into
the New Year.



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Have a joyful Christmas season.

Next gathering: Monday, Jan. 8,

7 - 8:30 pm, meet in church.

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.



ARCHGMYOUTH Event

ST. JP 2 Ski Trips:

Jasper (ages 16 - 19 yrs) Feb. 16 - 19

Worsley (12 - 15 yrs) March 3 - 4

For information please contact

archgmyouth.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 11 - 16

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 11, 7:00 am: Bill & Pat Lees

Tues. 12, 10:30 am: CWL

Wed. 13, 7:00 am: Jonathan McGunigal

7:00 pm: † David Heck & Raoul Tremblay

Thurs. 14, 7:00 pm: † James Field

Fri. 15, 7:00 am: † Johanna Klein-Gebbinck

10:30 am: † Bella Parenteau

7:00 pm: † John & Mabel McNeil/

† Stacy Hagg

Sat. 16, 9:00 am: † Eugenio Rimando

ADULT FORMATION

Ministry of Welcome at Christmas Masses

Do you have a gift for welcoming and a bit of extra time on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? We are looking for parishioners who can come about 45 minutes before Mass to greet people as they arrive. At the 4:00, 6:30 and 9:00 pm Masses those greeting will also collect the Mass tickets given out during Advent. The 12:00 am Midnight and Christmas morning Mass greeters will only welcome. 8 people needed at each Mass. Please contact Heinz Wolfram by **Monday, December 18**: axiomfsi@gmail.com or text 780-505-2190 .

Polish Christmas Mass: Saturday, Jan. 6, 3:00 pm, in our church. Come celebrate Mass in Polish with Fr. Raymond Dorawa, C.Ss.R. Everyone is welcome to attend. Traditional Polish meal to follow in Tranquille Hall. Questions? Call Jagoda, 780-539-1005.

French Choir: All those who have registered for the French choir, please attend an important meeting on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10:15 am (following 9 am Mass) in Tranquille Hall. Contact Paul, 780-607-5012 or Beatriz, 780-380-0990

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

Join us Sunday, January 28, 7 - 9 pm for our **2018 Parish Pilgrimage: In Giving We Receive**. If you are in a caring role - looking after children or a spouse,



caring for parents, supporting a friend, a professional...you understand the blessings & burnout. Or perhaps you experience both struggle & compassion as the one being cared for. This is a peaceful, contemplative evening journey along with short reflections by parishioners.

How do we listen for Christ's voice and feel the embrace of Christ's compassion in this place of giving and receiving?

Prayers for Healing, this Thursday, December 14 following the 7 pm Mass. These prayers are for anyone who would like personal prayer, no matter the situation: for healing, intercession or even for prayer on someone else's behalf.

2017 Sunday collection envelopes available in the Modern Martyrs Room until *Sunday, December 17*.

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

SUNDAY MISSALS are available in the entrance to the church on the table outside the Grouard Room.

November Prayers for the Deceased: 3192 names were written in our Book of Remembrance this year. Eternal rest grant unto each of them, Oh Lord!

Did You Know about SOCK SUNDAYS? During Advent, after all weekend Masses, Social Justice Committee members are collecting socks, mitts, toques, etc. (Only new items please!) Small cash donations (toonies?) are also accepted and socks purchased with the money. After each Mass items collected are distributed to one of these organizations: Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Community Village, Red Cross, HIV North, Friendship Centre, St. Joseph Walk-In Ministry, Sunrise Youth Shelter, Odyssey House, Rotary House, Community Social Development & St. Lawrence Centre. Thanks for your help to keep people warm during cold winter months.

GREETINGS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Second Mile Giving: Deadline for donations for the Diocesan office's 2017 taxation year is January 12, 2018. Tax receipt will be issued in February. Not sure where your support is needed? Check out the new Adopt - a - Program! Choose a program and receive updates as to how your donation is impacting your parish and the Archdiocese. Includes: Seminarians, Youth Ministry, Cemeteries and much more! For information on how to donate contact the Archdiocese Office, 780-532-9766.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray For

The sick, especially Jeannie Valen
Charlene Loxam Lou Kilarski
Kelly Martin, niece of Diane Walker
The deceased, especially Rene St. Laurent
Roland Couture, father of Dave Couture

CWL & K of C Christmas Potluck - Members, please mark your calendars for this Tuesday, Dec. 12. Begins at 5:30 with supper served at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share. D&P Bolivia Solidarity Tour speakers: Helen MacDonald and Mia Klein Gebbinck. Music to follow.

Children/Youth Choir - 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Children ages 4 - 6 and 7 - 18 are invited to sing for 4:00 pm Mass. Contact Mary-Ann, 780-532-0435 or ritchima@hotmail.com Practices are:

Pre-Mass Choir 4 - 7 years

Sunday, Dec 17, 3:45-4:10 pm

Wednesday, Dec 20, 4:30-4:55 pm

Friday, Dec 22, 4:30-4:55 pm

Saturday, Dec 23, 1:30-1:55 pm

Mass Choir Ages 7 - High School

Sunday, Dec 17, 4:15-5:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 20, 5:00-6:00 pm

Cursillo Christmas Social, Friday, Dec 22, 7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall. For information or if you are willing to give a hand or share your talent, contact Tessie, 780-978-2106 or dotgr@hotmail.com

Bear Creek Funeral Home's "A Time to Remember", an evening to help handle grief during the holidays, 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, 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

Second Sunday of Advent: Patience

Isaiah 40:1 - 5, 9 - 11. Promise of salvation

2 Peter 3:8 - 14. Christ will come in judgment

Mark 1:1 - 8. John the Baptist

Key Passage: The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. *2 Peter 3:9*

Question: With whom could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?