

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018**

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Family Movie, Sunday, March 11, 3:00 pm,
Tranquille Hall. Bring some-
thing comfy to sit on.
Popcorn & juice provided.



CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION Sunday, March 18

Please pray for all our children who will be receiving
this precious sacrament of healing

1 pm: St. Kateri, St. Gerard, St. Clement & parish-
based students

3 pm: St. Catherine, Mother Teresa & Holy Cross

**Parish Feast Day, Monday, March 19, Solemnity of
Saint Joseph.** Mark your calendar and join us in our
celebrations. Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a potluck
dessert reception in Tranquille Hall. Please bring a
fruit plate, squares or finger food to share. Drop off
food donations at the hall prior to Mass, between 6
& 7 pm.

Next Sunday, March 18, is Solidarity Sunday

Each year during Lent, Canadian Catholics are
invited to stand in solidarity with communities in
Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who
are struggling for dignity and justice. We have so
much love to give. By opening our hearts during the
Lenten season, we can contribute to building a
world rooted in justice, equality, compassion and
love. By sharing with the world's poorest people,
we are walking the path that Jesus walked. Please
donate generously to D&P's "**Share Lent**" Campaign
and help build the Kingdom of God. *Make cheques
payable to St. Joseph Church.*

MARCH 11 - 18 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 11: 3 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall

Mon. 12: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers,

Liguori Hall

- 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, upstairs

Tues. 13: 6 pm, CWL Executive, Grouard Room

- 7 pm, CWL GM, begins with Mass, church

- 7 pm, K of C meeting, begins with Mass, church

Wed. 14: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Rm

- 7:45 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 15: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

- 7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home,

Modern Martyrs Room

Fri 16: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,

Tranquille Hall

- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

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

- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall

Sun. 18: 1 & 3 pm, 1st Reconciliation Celebration,
church

A huge THANK YOU to the Knights of Columbus for
providing a delicious lunch on Saturday during our
Sarah Hart retreat. We pray that you will be as
blessed as we were.

Parish Penitential Service, Monday, Mar. 26, 7 pm

Each time that we use the long form of the
Penitential Act we pray the words "I have sinned
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do."
Ponder these words in the next couple of weeks and
make an effort to join the parish as we gather
together to celebrate God's mercy.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,718.29

Offering received last Sunday \$24,971.35

Children's collection \$65.00



Family & Children's
ministry
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



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

Next Gathering: March 21

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.gp.ca/



grades 3 - 5 youth group.

Next gathering Friday, March 16.

Please meet in the church at 6:30 pm
 as we are leading the parish Stations
 of the Cross. Pickup at 9 pm in SJPII Room.

Please note: SALT on April 6 is cancelled.

Save the Date - Mom's Retreat Saturday, April 14,
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Childcare and lunch provided.
 Watch for the theme. Join us for this prayerful time
 of rest and reflection. To register contact Joanne, ext.
 230, or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
 x 228



**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.

During Lent we are not scheduling baptisms.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for
 baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the
 six weeks of Lent we are in the desert preparing for
 new life - the resurrection. We will resume
 celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Parish Eucharist classes:

Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church

Please note: No Eucharist classes on March 11.



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our
 upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Next gathering is March 16, 7 pm,
 Tranquille Hall



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Next gathering: Monday, Mar. 12

7:00 - 8:30 pm, meet upstairs.

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

**Looking for families to host National Evangelization
 Team (NET) team members from April 5 - 8.** Please
 call April, ext. 229, for more information.

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!



Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check
 out our inventory.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 12 - 17

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

- Mon. 12, 7:00 am: † Philip Picco
- Tues. 13, 7:00 pm: CWL / † Phyllis Thompson
- Wed. 14, 7:00 am: † Alida Bain
- 7:00 pm: † John & Mabel McNeil/
 † Stacey Hagg
- Thurs. 15, 7:00 pm: Joyce & Sig Halwa
- Fri. 16, 7:00 am: † Antonio Qualizza
- 10:30 am
- Sat. 17, 9:00 am: † Margaret Mascarenhas

ADULT FORMATION

Lenten Fridays Soup, reflection and Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent the CWL serve a meatless soup and buns in Tranquille Hall at 5:45 pm (you are welcome to arrive later if you wish). Donations for the meal go to Development & Peace. A presentation organized by the Social Justice Committee begins around 6:10 pm. Stations of the Cross begin at 7 pm in the church. Join us for all three events or whatever your time allows.

Reflection themes:

Mar 16 -Refugees and Migrants

Mar 23 - Murdered, Missing Indigenous Women Inquiry



You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. **GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm until mid-May. \$15.00 fee for workbook. Contact Debbie, 780-518-5763 for info.

Spring Women's Cursillo Weekend:

Women's Cursillo, April 5 - 8, Rectora: Liz Richard
Interested in attending a Cursillo? Please call Liz, 780-933-6635. *Candidate deadline: March 22*
Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers.

We don't split hairs but we do split palms for Palm Sunday. Join us Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 am in Tranquille Hall. With many hands, it should take 1 -2 hours maximum. Contact Thérèse, 780-532-1531 or therese2@telus.net.

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

Do you have extra bells that you can donate to the parish? The congregation will ring them during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. Please leave your bells at the parish office.

Prayers for Healing, this Thursday, Mar. 15 following the 7 pm Mass. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone else through a proxy. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and stay for prayer.

Welcome Table volunteers needed. Do you desire to help build our parish community? Feeling welcome is key. Time commitment minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with people. Volunteer screening not needed. Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

Immaculate Conception Church, Sexsmith, **"Anchors of Hope" Lenten Mission 2018**, March 18 - 21.

Presenter: Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R.

All are invited to hear Fr. Leo speak on the themes of Community, Relationships, Mercy and Eucharist

6:30 - 7 pm: Music Ministry praise and worship

7 - 8:30 pm: Mission presentation

8:30 - 9 pm: Hospitality with light refreshments

For info call Immaculate Conception church 780-568-3771



Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children, March 30 at 11 am.

This liturgy is to help children understand why we celebrate on Good Friday - Jesus' passion for us, through his death on the cross. *Communion is not distributed at this liturgy.* We would like as many children involved as possible: readers, choir, cross-bearers, etc. Interested? Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

Actors needed for Good Friday Dramatization of the Stations of the Cross.

Join the cast for this is powerful evening of prayer. No acting experience required. Rehearsals are: Sunday, March 11, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Saturday, March 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Sunday, March 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

We realize you may not be able to attend every one. Paulette, paulettelong@gpcsd.ca, 780-933-4013 or Cliff, cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com, 780-532-1231.

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Listening Amid the Noise of our World" Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray For

The sick, especially Orest Woychuk
Tony Gallant Vic Ventic
The deceased, especially
Don Holler, father-in-law of Sue Holler

The CWL & Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to the Chrism Mass in McLennan on March 27. Book your seat with Sylvia, sylviaachabot@gmail.com

CWL GM, Tuesday, Mar 13, begins with Mass in the church at 7 pm. **CWL Executive meeting**, 6 pm in Grouard Room

K of C Meeting, Tuesday, Mar. 13, begins with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

Ultreya - March 23, 7 pm, Liguori Hall Come! Join us in this precious time of prayer, music & fellowship! Speaker: *Bert Hunt* Please bring a small snack to share and your musical talent as well! For information, call 780-978-2106 or email: dotgr@hotmail.com

Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse: The Diocese of Nelson is sponsoring a 4-day retreat to help those who have endured physical, emotional and/or spiritual abuse April 19-22 at Seton House of Prayer in Kelowna, BC. For information, call 250-878-7603; email g2gkelowna@shaw.ca; visitww.GriefftoGrace.org.

Development & Peace Regional Assembly, May 4 - 6, Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre, Edmonton. This year's theme: A Church Seeking Peace and Justice: Nothing is Impossible with God.
Register: <https://goo.gl/n4Cntj> or call 1 844 480 3387.

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: Sundays, 3:30 - 6 pm, in the chapel. Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent: *Source of Light*

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13a. Samuel anoints David **Ephesians 5:8 - 14.** Duty to live in the light
John 9:1 - 41. The man born blind

Key Passage: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. *Ephesians 5:8 - 9*

Question: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?