

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



Hope for a Wounded World

**Passion (Palm Sunday)  
March 25, 2018**

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## Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Mon., Mar. 26: 7:00 am, Weekday Mass  
Tues., Mar. 27: 7:00 am, Weekday Mass  
Wed. Mar. 28: 7:00 am, Weekday Mass  
- 7:00 pm, Weekday Mass  
- Last confessions before Easter after 7:00 pm Mass

### Holy Thursday, Mar. 29:

7:30 pm, Mass of Our Lord's Supper  
After Mass until midnight, Adoration in chapel

### Good Friday, Mar. 30:

11:00 am, Liturgy of the Word with Children  
3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
8:00 pm, Live Drama of the Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday, Mar. 31:

3:00 pm, Blessing of Food, church  
9:00 pm, Easter Vigil, church

### Easter Sunday, April 1:

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Easter Mass

### Easter Monday, April 2:

9:00 am, Weekday Mass, church

### 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 and make an effort to join the parish as we gather together to celebrate God's mercy.

### Church decorating for Holy week/Easter season:

*Many hands make light work.* Please join us. Environment set-up in the church for Holy Thursday begins at 1 pm, Good Friday set-up at 8:30 am & set-up for Easter on Saturday at 8:30 am.

## MARCH 25 - APRIL 8 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 25:** 2 - 5 pm, Choir Practice, church  
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Eucharist Class, church  
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church  
**Mon. 26:** 7 pm, Parent Confirmation Meeting, Tranquille Hall  
**Wed. 28:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Rm  
- 7:40 - 9 pm, Choir Practice, church  
- 7:45 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall  
**Fri 30:** 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room  
8 pm, Live Drama of Stations of the Cross, Church  
**Wed. 4:** 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
**Fri. 7: 7 pm,** NET Youth Retreat  
**Sat. 8:** 7 pm, Youth Choir & Movie Night, church/St JP II

**Please note: on Tuesday, March 27,** due to the Chrism Mass in McLennan at 7:30 pm, **weekday Mass in our church** is moved to **7:00 am.**

**Easter Holy Water** - After the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday you are invited to take home blessed Easter water. Be sure to bring your own container.

Each year at the service on Good Friday we hold **the collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land.** This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." Blessed Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in Animo.* *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

**The Parish Office will be closed** on Good Friday, March 30 & Easter Monday, April 2. Easter Monday weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$20,800.85
Children's collection	\$137.00

# Family & Children's ministry

Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



**Note:** for April & May we will meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.  
**Next Gathering: April 11**

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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)



grades 3 - 5 youth group.  
**Please note:** April 6 SALT cancelled.  
**Next gathering Friday, April 20**  
7 - 9 pm, St JPll Room



**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.*

## 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.

### Parish Eucharist classes:

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

### Parish Confirmation Classes:

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

**Please note:** There are no parish-based classes on Easter Sunday or April 8.



### Religious Gift Shop

First Communion gifts will be available in the gift shop after Easter.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



### EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Next gathering is Good Friday, March 30, 7 pm, St. JPll room



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

**No Challenge Monday, March 26**  
**Next gathering: Monday, April 9**

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

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



### GRADE 6 - 12

**Saturday, March 3.**

Join us in the choir at the 7 pm Mass and then in St JPll Room for *Wonder*, popcorn and juice.



### NET Encounter Overnight Retreat

Gr. 9 - 12, at St. Joseph Church

Friday, April 6, beginning at 7 pm to 7 pm, Saturday, April 7.

Registrations on-line, on the Youth bulletin board in the church or at the parish office. Fee \$40  
Contact April for 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!

**FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.**

Look for @stjoespastor

## ADULT FORMATION

**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.

**Holy Week & Easter Sunday Parking** - We are all aware that our parking lot has limited parking. As part of your Lenten sacrifice you may consider parking off-site for Holy week/Easter Sunday events (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) and leave the parking lot for those who are unable to walk far or families with young children.

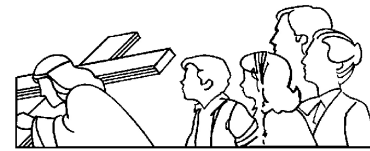
**Welcome Table volunteers needed.** Do you desire to help build our parish community? Feeling welcome is key. Time commitment minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with people. Volunteer screening not needed. Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, or **Sunday of Divine Mercy**, the Divine Mercy image will be available for veneration in the chapel before and after each Mass. You may say a Divine Mercy Chaplet before the image or some small act of adoration to share your love with Our Merciful Saviour.

**Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 pm** at St.

John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan. It is with great joy that Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R. invites the faithful of the archdiocese to join him and the clergy.

During the Mass, the clergy with the bishop will recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. The oils used in the celebration of the sacraments will be blessed: the oil of catechumens used in baptism, the oil of the infirm used in the anointing of the sick and dying, and the oil of Chrism used in baptism, confirmation, Holy Orders and for the dedication of altars and churches. In the Consecration of the oil of Chrism, a balsam or perfume is added. Join us!



**Good Friday: A Live Dramatization of the Stations of the Cross at 8:00 pm**, in the church. Experience what it was like to witness Jesus on the cross! Please join us for this unique and powerful prayer.

**Welcome into Full Communion in the Catholic Church** - At our Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, those Candidates who have journeyed in the RCIA since the fall of 2017 made a Profession of Faith and were Confirmed. Please pray for Krystle Czaplickik, Beatrice Grinton, Michelle Kinderwater, Mark Degen, Trent Court, Susanna Morales, Daya Emmanuel, Anisha Joy Emmanuel, Kevin Willsey, Shannon Cuff, Anna Cuff and Curtis Bird.



**Walk with women of the Bible Mom's Retreat**, Saturday, Apr 14, 9 am - 1 pm. *Mom's of all ages welcome!* Childcare and lunch provided. Join us to rest and relax with our Lord. Registration now open. Contact Joanne, ext. 230, or email [sjc-family@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca)

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR 26 - APRIL 7

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 26,	7:00 am:	† Ron Albinati
Tues. 27,	7:00 am:	† Orest Woychuk
Wed. 28,	7:00 am:	† Marie-Jeanne Tokarz
	7:00 pm:	† Hector Hamel
Mon. 2,	9:00 am:	Joseph Shaba & Andre Jodoin
Tues. 3,	10:30 am:	Jane Krol
	7:00 pm:	† Max Teichroeb
Wed. 4,	7:00 am:	† Fabiola Lambert
	7:00 pm:	Anne Patrick
Thurs. 5,	7:00 pm:	† Jerry Backmeyer
Fri. 6,	7:00 am:	† Dominique Dika
	10:30 am:	Irene Llanto
Sat. 7,	9:00 am:	† Gus & Maire Jantz

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Telescope"** 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** Vic Ventic  
Danielle Nichols, niece of Vivian Conrad

### Celebration after Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31

Following the Easter Vigil Mass please join us in Tranquille Hall for a celebration of our newly baptized. We ask that you bring either a sweet (ie, squares, cookies) or savory (ie, cheese, crackers) to share.

**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

**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; visit [www.GriefftoGrace.org](http://www.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.



**AUDIO EVERYWHERE** We are pleased to introduce our new hearing assist system. All that is required is an iPhone or Android smart phone to access our system. Once connected to the Audio Everywhere hearing assist system you can listen either through ear buds plugged into your phone or wirelessly if your hearing aids are equipped with blue tooth technology. For more information please see Jon or Fr. Remi.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

### Regular Mass Schedule

**See front page for Holy Week/Easter 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  
Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

### Passion (Palm) Sunday: *Surrender to God's will*

**Procession Mark 11:1 - 10.** Entry into Jerusalem

**Isaiah 50:4 - 7.** Salvation only through the Lord's servant

**Philippians 2:6 - 11.** Imitating Christ's humility.

**Mark 14:1 - 15:47.** The passion of Jesus

**Key Passage:** [Jesus said,] "Abba, Father, for You all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what You want." *Mark 14:36*

**Question:** When have you found it hardest to accept God's will? What enabled you to accept it?