

St. Joseph Catholic Church

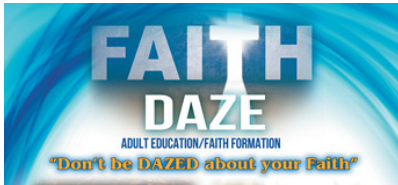


Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019**

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This Wednesday, February 27, 7:45 - 9 pm in Tranquille Hall (you have time to attend 7 pm Mass!). **Understanding the Catholic Perspective on "End of Life"**

Next weekend children from our Catholic schools and the parish-based program will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time:

March 2 - 7:00 pm Mass: St. Catherine, St. Kateri & St. Clements

March 3 - 9:00 am Mass: Holy Cross, Mother Teresa
11:00 am Mass - St. Gerard & St Joseph Church
Please join us for a reception in Tranquille Hall after all the Masses. *Please bring a snack to share.*

Please keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

2018 Income Tax receipts will be available in the parish office during office hours until February 27.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on March 5 hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 5-7:30 pm in Tranquille Hall. Bring the family and enjoy a wide variety of sweet and savory toppings for your pancakes. Cost: \$5. Enjoy pancakes and socialize with fellow parishioners at this great family event!

Hope for...caregivers (family or professional):

Caring for people can be physically, psychological and emotionally exhausting. Take courage from the Gift of the Spirit: Fortitude. Blessed are you for your love, service and compassion.

- FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3 DATES TO REMEMBER**
- Sun. 24:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish-based Eucharist class, church
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish-based Reconciliation class, Church
 - Mon. 25:** 7 pm, Challenge Girls, St JP II Room
 - Wed. 27:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
 - Fri. 1:** 7 - 10 pm, Mardi Gras, Tranquille Hall
 - Sat. 2:** 9:30 am - 1 pm, D&P Lenten Workshop, Modern Martyrs Room
- 7 pm, 1st Eucharist Celebration, Mass
 - Sun. 3:** 9 & 11 am, 1st Eucharist Celebration, Mass
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation class, Church

7th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Friday, March 1, 7 pm, Tranquille Hall



Full costume or just a mask, all ages welcome!
Fun for all ages - games, bouncy castle, a DJ & more
No tickets required.

New this year



Bring your whole family for this great mid-winter celebration!

MARDI GRAS HELPERS NEEDED to decorate, set-up, take-down, kitchen, and assorted help throughout the evening. Call Joanne at the office, ext. 230.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,671.78
Children's collection	\$137.00
Cost of 2018 property insurance	\$35,115.82



Family & Children's
m i n i s t r y
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Youth group Grades 3 - 5
Join us at Mardi Gras, Friday, March 1
7 - 10 pm, Tranquille Hall.
Full costume or just a mask.

Martha's
♥ *prayer time*

CALLING ALL MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon
Come make connections with other moms of the parish. Find encouragement, support, fellowship and joy. Prayer/reflection at 11:15 am. Children welcome and encouraged to attend with mom.

Next Gathering: March 6, Modern Martyrs Room
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



Liturgy of the Word with Children needs leaders and helpers at 11 am Mass. Currently we need 4 leaders & helpers at the 11 am Mass in order to continue this Ministry.
Contact Joanne, sjc-family@gpcsd.ca or ext. 230 if you are interested.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Ryan Okemow to our family of faith. We pray his journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. You are welcome to attend while still expecting your child.
Contact Darlene, ext. 228

Parish-based Reconciliation sessions:
Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church.



YOUTH MINISTRY
April Fogle, x 229
stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our
upcoming news & events:



Youth group for grades 6 - 9
Next gathering: Friday, March 1
Join us at Mardi Gras, 7 - 10 pm, in Tranquille Hall.

Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 6, 7 - 8 & 9 - 12)



Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Next gathering: February 25
St JP II Room. Questions?
Call Anna, 780-831-8338.

High School Youth Group: (Grades 9 - 12).



2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, 8 - 10 pm, in St JP II Room following Saturday evening Mass

Next CORE: Saturday, March 23

The NET Ministries Team will be visiting our parish from March 1st - 22nd and we are in need of host/billet homes for the young adults: accommodations for 2 (or more) girls or guys for 1, or more, weeks. For information/details please contact April, 780-882-4091, or email stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Arch GM Youth Ski Trip Ages 12 - 15

March 2 - 3, Peace River \$132 all inclusive
Register @ archgmyouth.com or 780-532-9766
Earlybird - Register by Feb 1
Deadline February 15

Transcend Events Ski Trip Ages 16 - 19

March 15 - 17, Jasper, AB \$280/participant
Register @ transcendevents.ca or 780-532-9766
Early Bird - Register by Feb 10
Deadline February 28

ADULT FORMATION

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6

Masses that day are 7:00 am, 12:10 pm & 7:00 pm

“Share the Journey” D&P Lenten Workshop

March 2, Modern Martyrs Room

9:30 am - 1:00 pm (lunch will be served)

To register (by donation) please contact: Josy,
josyburrough@gmail.com, 780-876-4060

Lent is a time of preparation and introspection. This year, Development and Peace Caritas Canada is adding its voice to those of Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis and is inviting Canadians to share the journey with the 68.5 million forced migrants in the world today.

Cursillo Weekends this Spring:

Men’s Cursillo, March 7 - 10, Rector: Chris Chiasson

Women’s Cursillo, March 28 - 31, Rectora: Candice Edey
Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers and consider candidates for the weekend.

Help needed on the women’s weekend in the kitchen

If you are interested in signing up for a 4 hour shift please contact Candice, 780-933-0893.

Retrouville - Help for Struggling Marriages



Is your marriage in crisis?
Communication problems?
You are not alone.
Retrouville is a lifeline for
troubled marriages!

For information and to register check
helpourmarriage.com, info@helpourmarriage.ca
or call 587-598-4357. Next Edmonton Retrouville
Program starts **March 15 - 17.**

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



Religious Gift Shop

First Communion gifts now available. Come
check our stock after weekend Masses.

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. What is the Stole?

A. It is a long narrow strip of fabric worn over one or both shoulders by bishops, priests, and deacons.

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. Baptism is when we first encounter new life with Jesus. Therefore, it is not appropriate to celebrate baptism *during* Lent as we are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 21.

The CWL request the assistance of our parish to provide the **St. Lawrence Centre** with gently used towels (please note: not new) and personal items such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, soap, disposable razors, etc. Collection bins are available in the entrance of the church. Thank you.

Catholics Returning Home begins Thursday, Mar. 7 at 7:45 pm. Brochures with more details are available on the literature rack in the entrance to the church. If you have family or friends who have been away from their faith please take a brochure and encourage them to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 25, 7:00 am: † Sig Halwa

Tues. 26, 7:00 pm: † Anna & Frank Blaszcak

Wed. 27, 7:00 am: † Jan Latos

7:00 pm: † Margaret Lambie

Thurs. 28, 7:00 pm: † Anthony Piebiak

Fri. 1, 7:00 am: † Robert Pardell

10:30 am: † Joseph Mponyoye &

† Venerande Niyonzima

Sat. 2, 9:00 am: Ed Kaczkielo

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection “The Greatest”

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

Murray Mostowy

James Walker

The deceased, especially

Don MacLennan

Jeannine Gauthier, sister of Rollande Lidgett &

Denise Nelson

CWL 2019 membership envelopes are now being mailed.

March for Life, May 9, Edmonton

This annual march takes place on the second Thursday of May in Edmonton. The Alberta Bishops encourage each of us to attend. Beginning with Mass at the Basilica at 10 am, the March itself and speeches take place between 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Alberta Legislature and/or the city hall (Churchill Square).

More information is available on the March website <https://albertamarchforlife.com/>

On the same day, there is a National March in Ottawa. Please keep both events in your prayers.

World Day of Prayer 2019 - March 1, 7 pm at Christ Church Anglican, 6610 Poplar Dr. This year's prayers "Come-Everything is ready!" are written by the women of Slovenia. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love. **Everyone is welcome!** This international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Their motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

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

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.

Sunday Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: In Another's Shoes

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25. Saul's life spared; Saul admits his guilt

1 Cor. 15:45 - 49. The natural and the spiritual body **Luke 6:27 - 38.** Love of one's enemy

Key Passage: Jesus said to his disciples, "I say to you that listen: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Luke 6:27 - 28

Question: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?