

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
March 3, 2019**

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## Ash Wednesday (March 6) Schedule

7:00 am, Mass in church  
12:10 pm, Mass in church  
7:00 pm, Mass in church  
*Distribution of ashes at all Masses.*



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 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!

**The collection on Ash Wednesday is for the Needs of the Missions of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan.** The proceeds are used for repair and renovation projects in our mission churches. See [archgm.ca](http://archgm.ca), for more details. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church".

## Parish Feast Day, Solemnity of Saint Joseph Tuesday, March 19 .

Join us in celebrating St. Joseph, our Patron Saint.  
Mass - 5:30 pm (7 pm Mass is cancelled)  
Meal - 6:45 pm, Tranquille Hall.  
Free tickets for supper will be available after Mass this weekend and next, March 9/10.  
Only 250 tickets available. Donations accepted.

## Healing for... the divorced and separated

Sometimes our lives take a direction that we never planned. Our lives are never so broken that we are not welcome as part of the church community. Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you..." *Jn 8:11*. Find help & healing in our church community.

## MARCH 3 - 10 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 3:** 9 & 11 am, 1st Eucharist Celebration, Mass  
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation class, Church  
**Mon. 4:** 6 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St JP II Room  
**Tues. 5:** 5 - 7:30 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tranquille Hall  
**Wed. 6: Ash Wednesday**  
- 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
- 10 - noon, Martha's Prayer Time, Modern Martyrs Rm  
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall  
**Thurs. 7:** 7:45 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Modern Martyrs Room  
**Fri. 8:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall  
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church  
- 5 - 9 pm, EDGE/CORE NET Retreat, Liguori Hall  
- 7 9 pm, SALT, St JP II Room  
**Sat. 9:** 7 pm, Youth Choir & Movie, church  
**Sun. 10:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation class, Church

## The Rite of Election is the first Sunday of Lent,

**March 10.** Catechumens from parishes in the diocese gather for Mass at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in McLennan. The Church, through Archbishop Pettipas, affirms the catechumens as having been chosen by God or "elected" for the reception of the sacraments of initiation. The catechumens record their names in the Book of the Elect to indicate their readiness to accept God's invitation. Please keep our Catechumens in your prayers.

## Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Offering received last Sunday	\$18,505.58
Children's collection	\$74.00
2018 postage (includes lease of postage metre)	\$6,603.39



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



**Youth group Grades 3 - 5**  
Next gathering: Friday, March 8  
7 - 9 pm, St. JPll Room

*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/](http://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 Kodi Muggridge-Skiffington 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](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



**Youth group for grades 6 - 9**  
**Next gathering:** Friday, March 8  
Join us from 5 - 9 pm, for a NET Retreat in Liguori Hall. Please RSVP with April for pizza.

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



Mondays, 6 - 9 pm  
Next gathering: March 4  
St JPll Room. Join us for NET Ministries Girl's Retreat

Call Anna, 780-831-8338.



**Grade 6 - 12**  
March 9. join us in the choir for 7 pm Mass, with movie and snack to follow in St JPll Room.

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



Join us at a special time:  
Friday, March 8,  
5 - 9 pm, NET Retreat,  
Liguori Hall

Please RSVP with April for pizza.

**Transcend Events Ski Trip** Ages 16 - 19  
**March 15 - 17, Jasper, AB** \$280/participant  
Register @ [transcendevents.ca](http://transcendevents.ca) or 780-532-9766

**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.

## ADULT FORMATION

**Lenten Fridays - Soup, reflection and Stations of the Cross.** Each Friday in Lent the CWL serve a simple meal in Tranquille Hall (meatless soup and buns) beginning at 5:45 pm (you are welcome to arrive later). Donations for the meal go to Development and 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.

*March 8 reflection:* refugee issues for women & girls in honour of International Woman's Day

### Cursillo Weekends this Spring:

**Please note: There will be no community Mass at the end of the Cursillo weekends.**

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](http://helpourmarriage.com), [info@helpourmarriage.ca](mailto: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 are the Liturgical Colours?**

**A.** These are the colours the Church uses that change with the seasons of the Church's year.  
White: Trinity Sunday; Feasts of Christ and Mary; Corpus Christi; Feasts of Virgins and Confessors; funerals.  
Red: Pentecost; Feasts of Apostles and Martyrs; Palm Sunday; Good Friday  
Green: Sundays and Ordinary Days from Epiphany to Lent and from Trinity Sunday to Advent  
Purple: Lent and Advent.

**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 MARCH 4 - 9

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 4, 7:00 am: Michael Popek

Tues. 5, 10:30 am:

7:00 pm: † Anna & Frank Blaszcak

Wed. 6, 7:00 am: † Joseph Mponyoye &

† Venerande Niyonzima

7:00 pm: † Emile Brien

Thurs. 7, 7:00 pm: † Sig Halwa

Fri. 8, 7:00 am: † Robert Pardell

9:30 am: † Jenny Croken

Sat. 9, 9:00 am: † Jack & Joyce Mann

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "Lent - A Time to Look Inward"** 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**

Karen Zigler, mother of Keith Zigler

**The deceased, especially**

Alejandro Macaraeg Jr, father of George & Oliver Macaraeg

*If you still have unused envelopes from a previous year please do not use them. Discard them. We reassign envelopes and we want to be sure that donations are credited to the correct person.*

### 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.

**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!



**Daylight Savings begins** next Sunday morning, March 10 at 2:00 am. Be sure to change your clocks.

## 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](mailto: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

### *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Authentic Living*

**Sirach 27:4 - 7.** All tested by their speech

**1 Cor. 15:54 - 58.** Glorification of the body

**Luke 6:39 - 45.** All known by their works

**Key Passage:** [Jesus said] "How can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?" Luke 6:42

**Question:** When have you most felt like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?

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