

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Third Sunday of lent
March 24, 2019**

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Welcome into Full Communion with 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 Shannon Thiessen, Samantha Harder and Alison Deluca.



Liturgy of the Word with Children needs leaders and helpers at 11:00 am Mass.

Currently we need 4 leaders & helpers at the 11 am Mass in order to continue this Ministry.

If you are interested please contact Joanne, ext. 230 or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Easter Vigil Reception Helping hands needed.

During the Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 20, a number of adults and children will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive their first Eucharist. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in Tranquille Hall. If you are able to help at the reception please contact Sylvia, 780-228-0411 or sylviachabot@gmail.com.



Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children, April 19 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 to have as many children involved as possible: readers, choir, cross-bearers, etc. If your child is interested contact Joanne, ext. 230.

MARCH 24 - 31 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 24:** 4 pm, French Mass, church
Mon. 25: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, Tranquille Hall
7 - 9 pm, Cursillo School of Leaders, Modern Martyrs
Wed. 27: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room
7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
Fri. 29: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,
Tranquille Hall
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church
Sat. 30: 11 am - 3 pm, K of C Fraternity Day,
Liguori Hall
Sun. 31: 1 - 3 pm, Stations Rehearsal, church
3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Confirmation Class, church

Living in the Moment - Women's Retreat,

Saturday, April 6, 9 am - 1 pm.

Women of all ages welcome!

Lunch provided.

Childcare available on request.

Join us to rest and relax with our Lord. **RSVP deadline: April 4.**

Contact Joanne, ext. 230, or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who made our celebrations for the Feast of St. Joseph so special: those who ministered at Mass, the cooks and servers, set-up and take down people, entertainers and everyone who joined in the festivities.

We are the best!

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Offering received last Sunday	\$20,774.33
Children's collection	\$139.00

Based on 815 donors an amount of \$30/week per donor is needed to meet our annual budget. Please mark your envelope with the amount enclosed.



Family & Childrens
m i n i s t r y
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Youth group Grades 3 - 5
Next gathering: Friday, April 12.
(Please note: there is no SALT April 26.)

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: April 3, Tranquille Hall

www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



Family Movie, Sunday, Apr 7, 3 pm,
Ralph Breaks the Internet
Join us in Tranquille Hall for the last Family movie of the season. Popcorn and juice provided. Bring something comfy to sit on.

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. Contact Darlene, ext. 228

Parish-based Confirmation Classes:
Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the church

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 21.



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 22
7 - 9 pm, Liguori Hall

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



Mondays, 7 - 9 pm
Next gathering: March 25
Tranquille Hall
For Information, call Anna,
780-831-8338.



High School Youth Group:
(Grades 9 - 12).
2nd & 4th Saturdays
Next gathering: Saturday,
April 13, 8 - 10 pm, St JPll Room

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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 25 - 30
(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 25, 7:00 am: † Joseph Mponyoye & † Venerande Niyonzima

Tues. 26, 7:00 pm: † Jack & Joyce Mann

Wed. 27, 7:00 am: † Carol Blais
7:00 pm: † Flora Ticao

Thurs. 28, 7:00 pm: † Margaret Lizotte

Fri. 29, 7:00 am: † Carol Blais

Sat. 30, 9:00 am: † Carmen, Arturo & Renato Siega

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "... with all your heart" Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

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 22 reflection: **Myths about Refugees***

Actors Needed! (No experience necessary!)

On Good Friday, St Joseph Church puts on an annual dramatization of the Stations of the Cross. We are looking for people to participate in this beautiful prayer. Rehearsal schedule is as follows:
 Sunday, March 31, 1:00-3:00
 Saturday, April 6, 1:00-3:00
 Sunday, April 7, 1:00-3:00
 Sunday, April 14, 1:00-3:00
 Good Friday April 19, 6 pm dress rehearsal & 8 pm presentation.

Contact Erin Lynch, lynche@telus.net or Donna de Bruin, donnareads14@gmail.com for information.

There will be also be a youth choir. If any youth would like to join us please contact April at stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com for a schedule of choir rehearsals.

Parish Penitential Service, Monday, April 8, 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 weeks and make an effort to join the parish as we gather together to celebrate God's mercy.

Save the Date: St. Joseph Parish 100th Anniversary

in 2020. Important dates to mark on your calendar:
 Sunday, April 26, 2020: 100th Anniversary
 March 29 - April 1, 2020: Parish Mission
 Sunday, May 3, 2020: Parish Dinner, Evergreen Park
 More events and details to follow.

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. What is the Pall?

A. It is the stiff, white, linen-covered square used to cover the chalice during Mass in order to prevent insects or air-borne dust and debris from dropping into the sacred Blood of Christ.

Women's Cursillo, March 28 - 31, Rectora: Candice Edey. Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers and consider candidates. *Help needed in the kitchen* If you are interested in signing up for a 4 hour shift please contact Candice, 780-933-0893. **Please note: There will be no community Mass at the end of the Cursillo weekends.**

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.

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

Standing while everyone receives communion

If you remember, Archbishop Pettipas has instructed the faithful to remain standing during communion until everyone has received the Eucharist (Archbishop's letter dated September 18, 2012). This practice of standing is envisioned by the Roman Missal since communion is a communal act. For most of us this is opposite to what we were taught as children and is a good example of how our understanding of liturgy evolves. The church makes the distinction that Mass is public prayer not private devotion. After the last person has received communion, sitting or kneeling is appropriate as we enjoy an extended time of silence. If however, it is difficult for you to stand due to illness, it is suitable to sit during communion. Of course, while everyone is standing it is another sign of unity if the entire congregation is also singing!

GENERAL INFO

Please pray for

The sick, especially

Ernie Gnass Ernie Beart
Shandell Chapman, sister of Debbie Robertson

The deceased, especially

Lionel Bruyere, father of Darien Allen
Audrey Merlo, mother of Lena Buechner

Friday Observances - Throughout the year Fridays are days of penance which usually includes abstaining from meat. However, we have the option of doing special acts of mercy or charity instead. During Lent we try to be more diligent about abstaining from meat on Friday's so that we can be ever more in solidarity with those who have less to eat and are hungry.

2019 assigned envelopes available in the parish office during office hours, Monday - Friday. Please do not use envelopes from a previous year. We reassign them if they have not been used.

Knights of Columbus Open House & Fraternal Benefits Day Saturday, March 30, 11 am - 3pm, Liguori Hall. Open to all Knights and parishioners. Discussing what the Knights of Columbus do in our community and worldwide. Presentations on Wills and Estates from KMSC Law, and Funeral planning from Oliver's Funeral Home. **No charge.** Refreshments and snacks provided. Confirm attendance with Pat Deluca, pat.deluca@kofc.org or call 780-263-1064.



Religious Gift Shop

Come check our stock after weekend Masses.

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 Masses.

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. Contact Ana, 780-978-4966

El Shaddai Prayer Group: Sundays, 3:30 - 6 pm
Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday of Lent: Source of strength

Exodus 17:3 - 7. Water from the rock

Romans 5:1 - 2, 5 - 8. Faith, hope and love

John 4:5 - 42. The Samaritan woman at the well

Key Passage: Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life. *John 4:13 - 14*

Question: Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?