

# St. Joseph

Catholic Church



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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 15, 2015**

*Called into Relationship*

**Family Day Holiday:** On Monday, February 16, the parish office will be closed. Weekday Mass will be in the church at 9:00 am.

## **Ash Wednesday (February 18) Schedule**

7:00 am, Mass in church

12:10 pm, Mass in church

7:00 pm, Mass in church

*Distribution of ashes will be available at all three.*

On **Ash Wednesday** there will be a *special collection for the benefit of the NORTHERN MISSIONS* in our archdiocese. While the needs are great elsewhere in the world, we have a personal responsibility for the missions in our own backyard. Envelopes for this collection are in with your regular envelopes, or there will be extra available in the entrance to the church on Wednesday.

**Lent has two major purposes:** it recalls or prepares for baptism and it emphasizes a spirit of penance. In support of these two purposes each Friday during Lent (except March 6, World Day of Prayer and April 3, Good Friday) you are invited to participate in a special **Lenten meal** with a reflection on a social justice theme, followed by the **Stations of the Cross**. A simple meatless soup will be served in Tranquille Hall by the CWL beginning at 6:00 pm. The reflection will be around 6:20 pm. At 7:00 pm the Stations of the Cross will begin in the church. Join us for either or both events, whichever your time allows.

The first evening is Friday, Feb. 20. The Social Justice group will be speaking on "Sow Much Love" which is D&P's Theme for this Lenten season. Stations of the Cross in the church will be lead by the Social justice Group. Everyone is welcome.

Check out the **Archbishop's letter** concerning doctor-assisted suicide on the literature rack in the church entrance or on the archdiocesan website: archgm.ca

## **February 15 - 22 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon. 16:** Family Day, Weekday Mass at 9 am in chapel

**Wed. 18:** Ash Wednesday

- 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St. JP II Room

- 10 - noon, Mom's Pray & Play, Tranquille Hall

- 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

**Thurs. 19:** 7:30 - 8:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, after Mass

**Fri. 20:** 6 pm, Lenten Meal, Tranquille Hall

- 7 - 7:30 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

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

**THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
**Parish Feast Day, Thursday, March 19**  
Please mark your calendar and join us in celebrating. We will begin with Mass at 5:30 pm (the 7 pm Mass is cancelled on that day) followed by a meal and festivities in Tranquille Hall.  
Free tickets for the dinner will be distributed the weekends of March 7/8 and 14/15. At the time that you pick up your tickets we will ask what food you might bring, from a predetermined list. We will supply the main course. Please join us for the meal even if you are unable to bring anything. You do not need a ticket to come to Mass.  
At the end of the meal there will be entertainment. If you have a skit, song or dance to offer at this time please contact Fr. Ed.  
This is our feast day and we wish to celebrate as a parish community.

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

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,567.31
Offering received last Sunday	\$15,563.82
Children's collection	\$122.00

## Family & Children

Joanne Chiasson X-230

**SALT** (Gr. 3 - 5) The next SALT will be Friday, February 20, from 7 - 9 pm in SJPII Room. Fr. Remi will join us and we will discuss reconciliation a bit more.



**mom's**  
prayer & play

**Mom's meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 10 am - noon in Tranquille Hall.** The next gathering is February 18. Reflections are from "A

Book of Saints for Catholic Moms". Join anytime!! **Newcomers welcome.**

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

## SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,  
x 228



This weekend, **through the waters of Baptism** we welcome Piper Lofstrom, Emmet Brown, Isla Babineau, Seth Bellerose and Edriana Escape to our faith family. We pray that their journey of faith is filled with joy.

**Parents are required to complete a Baptism Course for each of their children.** You are welcome to attend while you are still expecting. Pre-registration for these classes is required. Please call Darlene, ext. 228, at the parish office

*We are offering an extra*  
**SACRAMENTAL PARENT FORUM FOR**  
**Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation**  
**Thursday, February 26, 7 - 9 pm,**  
**in Tranquille Hall**

If you have a child who is receiving a sacrament this year and have not yet attended a Parent Sacramental Forum this school year, **you MUST attend this final Parent Sacramental Forum.** Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Plan to be there for the full 2 hours.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229  
[stjoesyouthministry@hotmail.ca](mailto:stjoesyouthministry@hotmail.ca)

Go online to see our  
upcoming news & events:  
[www.saintjoseph.ca/youth](http://www.saintjoseph.ca/youth)



## Youth Alpha Film Series -

*High school students* (Gr. 10 - 12)  
Join us every Wednesday at lunch, in room 141, from 11:30 am - 12:35 pm, for FREE PIZZA, exploring life, faith and God. This Wednesday is the last opportunity to join us for this current session.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Feb. 21:** Youth Choir & Movie Night

Mass: 7 pm

Movie "Big Hero 6": 8 - 10:30 pm



**February 27:** Worsley Ski Trip. Details to follow.



**March 1 :** 6 - 9 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Bring your own nerf gun. Darts provided. RSVP on youth page of parish website. Snacks and drinks provided.

**Youth Alpha at St Joseph High School needs your help.** The Youth Alpha Team invites individuals, families, parish ministries or other interested groups to sponsor lunch for the participants. There will be 11 weekly sessions with about 25 - 30 participants. If you are able to donate to this important initiative, please contact April, ext. 229, at the parish office.

## On Stewardship...

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

## ADULT FORMATION

**Ash Wednesday (February 18) & Good Friday, (April 3)** are universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years of age and older; the law of fasting binds those who are 18 to 59 years of age. The church does not encourage a "black fast" which implies eating nothing. The fast we are invited to observe is to limit ourselves to one ordinary meal (perhaps more simple than usual) and much more simple meals at other times. Ash Wednesday is a good day to make an effort to refrain from snacking. The purpose of fasting is to learn to discipline ourselves and to be in solidarity with so many around the world who have much less than we have. Fasting is never intended to harm your health!! If you have a medical condition in which you must eat certain foods at certain times, or are pregnant or nursing a child, please continue with what you ordinarily eat. Do not compromise your health.

**LENT AND LITURGY** Since Lent is intended to be a time that we live life more simply in order to focus on what is more pressing in our life, our liturgy adapts slightly as well. You will notice that we do not sing the Gloria or Alleluia during Lent. These are both joyous in tone and appropriate for most of the year but not so much during a liturgical season that is penitential in nature. By the end of Lent we will appreciate all the more Alleluia and The Gloria after we have fasted from them for these weeks of Lent.

**S.E.R.V.E. (Summer Endeavour in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience)** May 8 - June 6, Toronto, ON. If you are a young man or woman between the ages of 19 - 30, and looking for an opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith, join us for a four week live-in community experience! Together we will grow in our understanding of prayer, the Eucharist, and being of service through ministry as a volunteer. For info, contact: 416-593-6520, email [serve.toronto@gmail.com](mailto:serve.toronto@gmail.com) or mail: S.E.R.V.E. 2015, Redeemer House, 151 McCaul St., Toronto, ON M5T 1W3.

Applications and reference forms available online at [plugintochrist.ca](http://plugintochrist.ca) Deadline to submit application and references: *March 15*

**If you have envelope #270, 275 or 276, please contact the parish office.**

**In the Footsteps of St. Paul** – 12-Day Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey, July 3 - 14, 2015. Hosted by Fr. Ed Eherer, through Biblical Journeys Canada, the tour includes Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica, Philippi, Ephesus, and Istanbul. Cost Summary from Edmonton: \$4699 double occupancy (price subject to change). A deposit of \$450 is required at time of registration. For information, contact Fr. Ed at the parish office, or Biblical Journeys Canada, [biblicalljourneyscanada@yahoo.com](mailto:biblicalljourneyscanada@yahoo.com).



**The Religious Gift Shop:** *New Spring inventory has arrived!* Lots of new items to choose from. The Shop is open before Saturday, 7:00 pm Mass and after Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.



*Living in Relationship with God and Others*  
**St. Joseph Parish Mission, March 22 - 25**

With Fr. Ronnie McAinsh, C.Ss.R.

7:00 - 8:15 pm each evening

Simultaneous programs for children & youth

Come for an evening or stay for the entire Mission Social to follow

Join us in renewing and strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Take some time out for reflection, inspiration and fellowship.

Fr. Ronnie has worked throughout the world, and is passionate about preaching the gospel with a freshness and enthusiasm.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 16 - 21

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 16, 7:00 am: † Johanna Klein-Gebbinck

Tues. 17, 7:00 pm: † Louis Santan D'Souza

Wed. 18, 7:00 am: John & Mary Vavrek

7:00 pm: † Emily LaValley

Thurs. 19, 7:00 pm: † Loren Melnyk

Fri. 20, 7:00 am: † Ben Gaultier

10:30 am: † Souls in Purgatory

Sat. 21, 9:00 am: † Nicholas Daskewech/

† Mike Christopher

## GENERAL INFO

## Please Pray For

**The sick, especially**

Hugh Wass

Lami &amp; Usman Gaiya

**The deceased, especially**

Annie Bulford

**The next Prayers for Healing are this Thursday, February 19, following the 7 pm Mass in the church. All are welcome!**

**Environment Meeting, Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 pm, in the Library.** If you have signed up in the past to help, or are interested in helping with the seasonal decorations in the church, you are welcome to attend.

**2015 Sunday Donation Envelopes** are available from the parish office during office hours. *If you have unused envelopes from a previous year, please discard them.* We reassign unused envelopes and we want to be sure that donations are credited to the correct person.

**Catholic Family Service's Spring Fling** is Saturday evening, March 21 at the Pomeroy Hotel and Conference Center: "Art Walk", Magician Ron Pearson, wine, hors d'oeuvres, raffles, door prizes, live and silent auctions. Tickets are available from Catholic Family Services, 780-532-9381. CFS is a registered non-profit agency supported by donations, grants and fundraising. They provide high quality professional counselling for individuals and families, educational workshops to assist in prevention rather than crisis intervention and support groups for children and families. They ensure that everyone has access to professional counseling. Clients pay only what they are able. The counseling program relies heavily on private donations and fundraising events.

**The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan has two employment opportunities:**

**Youth Ministry Coordinator:** Employment commencing as soon as possible after March 2, 2015.

**Director of Stewardship:** (15 hours per week) Employment to commence as soon as possible.

Please see details on the diocesan website:  
<http://archgm.ca> or contact Lauri Friesen at the Chancery office: 780-532-9766 or [exec.agm@live.ca](mailto:exec.agm@live.ca).

## Question of the Week?

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
*Models of Christ***

**Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 45 - 46.** On leprosy  
**1 Cor. 10:31 - 11:1.** Imitation of Christ  
**Mark 1:40 - 45.** Healing of a leper

**Key Passage:** Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.  
*1 Corinthians 11:1*

**Question:** Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?

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[www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephCatholicChurchGPAB/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephCatholicChurchGPAB/)  
and request to join.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Regular Mass Schedule (September to June)**

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

**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 p.m., or by appointment (call the parish office)

**Morning Prayer:** Mon - Fri, 8:45 am, in the 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 6 months and preferably one year* prior to their wedding date.

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured. Contact Cliff, [cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com)

**Religious Gift Shop/Library:** Open before Saturday, 7:00 pm Mass & after Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

**Spanish Prayer Group:** Saturdays, 8 - 10 pm, in the Modern Martyrs Room. Contact Ana, 780-978-4966