

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018**

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The strength and heart of a community is always revealed during busy and challenging times. This Christmas parishioners of St. Joseph showed that we can respond to the call even when things are very busy. Combining the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we celebrated 8 Masses. Some of these were with very large crowds and with many visitors. Many thanks to all those who contributed their time and talent to allow everything to run so smoothly. There were altar servers, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, greeters (who also received the tickets), music ministry, environment committee, people to welcome and direct in the parking lot and volunteers handing out candy to children at the end of Mass. There were sacristans and many others behind the scenes preparing for our busy days and those who cleaned up afterwards. Very well done St. Joseph Parish. We worked together and revealed a bit more about the Kingdom of God!

Come one! Come all! to our 6th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade on Friday, February 9, at 7 pm.



Mardi Gras

Full costume or just a mask, all ages welcome! There'll be something for the whole family – a bouncy castle, games for all ages, a DJ and all manner of fun, plus snacks and refreshments. Free tickets will be available January 20/21 after all the weekend Masses. Bring your whole family out 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.

JANUARY 7 - 14 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 8: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Griefshare, church
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, church
Tues. 9: 7 - 9:30 pm, CWL meeting, begins in church
- 7 - 9:30 pm, K of C meeting, begins in church
Wed. 10: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
Thurs. 11: 7:30 pm, Liturgy of the Word with Children Formation, Grouard Room
Fri 12: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall
Sat. 13: 10 am - noon, Altar Server Training (Group F), church
- noon - 2 pm, altar Server Training (Group G), church
Sun 14: after Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall

2018 Sunday collection envelopes are available in the entrance to the church.

Donators through automatic Bank withdrawal: your extra collection envelopes are also available in the entrance to the church.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Leader & Helper Formation: Thursday, January 11, 7:30 - 9 pm, Grouard Room. Contact Joanne, ext. 230, email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca, or just show up.

Christmas Environment takedown, this Monday, January 8, beginning at 7:00 pm in the church. If you can spare a few hours to help put away Christmas decorations it would be greatly appreciated.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$14,844.29
Children's collection	\$60.00



Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday,
10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.
**Please Note - Next Gathering:
Wednesday, Jan. 10**

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/

SALT (Sharing And Learning Together) grades 3 - 5 youth group. **Next gathering Friday, January 19,** 7 - 9 pm, St. JPll Room

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



This weekend, **through the waters of Baptism**, we welcome Sophie Chapman into our family of faith. We pray that her journey with our Lord will be filled with joy.

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.

From Development & Peace... Today's first reading reminds us of the importance of loving one another. As we embark into a New Year, let us grow in Solidarity, putting the needs of our more vulnerable brother and sisters in the global south first! Let us remember that we are all in Christ together! At Development and Peace, we look forward to sharing a year of growth and renewal with you. Be a part of the movement by becoming a member today at devp.org/becomemember!



Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check out our inventory.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Friday, Jan. 12, 7 - 9 pm, Liguori Hall

Join us for fun, food and friends.



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Next gathering: Monday, Jan. 8,
7 - 8:30 pm, meet in church.

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



ARCHGMYOUTH Ski Trips:

Jasper (ages 16 - 19 yrs) Feb. 16 - 19

Worsley (12 - 15 yrs) March 3 - 4

For information please contact archgmyouth.com

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 JANUARY 8 - 13

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 8, 7:00 am: † Andrea Vavrek

Tues. 9, 7:00 pm: CWL

Wed. 10, 7:00 am: † Frank Anderson

7:00 pm: † Edward Pardell

Thurs. 11, 7:00 pm: † Jerry Hennessey

Fri. 12, 7:00 am: † Max Teichroeb

9:30 am: † Tee Backmeyer

7:00 pm: † John & Mabel McNeil/

† Stacy Hagg

Sat. 13, 9:00 am: † Jerry Hennessey

ADULT FORMATION



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Begins Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. \$15.00 fee for workbook. Please contact Debbie, 780-518-5763 for information.

"Growing God – A Journey to the Heart"

A Lenten Retreat for Men and Women
Ligouri Room, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Presenter: Sheila Shepherd Cost: \$15
Please bring a bag lunch. Coffee & snacks provided
To register call Sheila, 780-532-7231 or Pat 780-532-1338 or email sheilamcshepherd@gmail.com
Sponsored by Peace Retreats

Check out **"What's it take to get in?"** our latest Blog reflection on our website, saintjoseph.ca. Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each blog.

Join us Sunday, January 28, 7 - 9 pm for our **2018 Parish Pilgrimage: In Giving We Receive**. If you are in a caring role - looking after children or a spouse, caring for parents, supporting a friend, a professional...you understand the blessings & burnout. Or perhaps you experience both struggle & compassion as the one being cared for. This is a peaceful, contemplative evening journey along with short reflections by parishioners.



How do we listen for Christ's voice and feel the embrace of Christ's compassion in this place of giving and receiving?

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

The Great Adventure Bible Study - On January 17th the Wednesday evening group will be holding a **pot-luck supper** and a video introduction to the Bible Timeline. Learn about the major people, events and themes of the Bible - get the "big picture" of our salvation history. The goal of this study is to take our understanding of the Scriptures and our faith to entirely new levels. Watch the Parish Bulletin in early January for more information.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday, January 22, 7 pm
St Paul's United Church, 10206 - 100 Avenue
Please bring a non perishable food item for the Salvation Army Food Bank.
Light refreshments to follow.



Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems? Experience renewed love and forgiveness. Check helpourmarriage.ca, info@helpourmarriage.ca or call 587-598-4357. Edmonton Program starts March 16 - 18

Second Mile Giving: Deadline for donations for the Diocesan office's 2017 taxation year is January 12. Tax receipts will be issued in February. Not sure where your support is needed? Check out the new Adopt - a - Program! Choose a program and receive updates as to how your donation is impacting your parish and the Archdiocese. Includes: Seminarians, Youth Ministry, Cemeteries and much more! For information on how to donate contact the Archdiocese Office, 780-532-9766.



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, January 14 following the 9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall
Gluten-free pancakes.
St. Joe's Youth Group serving.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray For

The sick, especially Pearl Holowaychuk
Marion Bailey Frank Appell

The deceased, especially
Jeannette LaFramboise, sister of Rose-Mae LaFramboise
Terry Brown, father of Lanny Brown

The first CWL meeting in 2018 is this Tuesday, January 9, beginning at 7:00 pm with Mass in the church. *CWL Executive meeting at 6:00 pm.*

St. Joseph CWL Student Funding for Christian-based volunteer work. Call Lorraine, 780-539-4766 for info. *Deadline: January 15.*

The monthly K of C meeting is this Tuesday, January 9th, beginning with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm.

Father Jon Hansen's ordination to bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith NWT will be March 16, 2018. There has been some interest in chartering a plane from Grande Prairie to Yellowknife for the ordination - 12:30 pm departure from Grande Prairie arriving in Yellowknife at 3:00 pm. Pick up by bus to St Patrick's Church for the preordination dinner and then to St Patrick's school for 7:00 pm ordination and social. Return flight at 11:00 pm with arrival in Grande Prairie at 1.30 am. If forty people charter a plane the cost would be \$1200.00 per person. Before further arrangements can be made we need to know if there are forty people interested. Credit card confirmation would be needed by February 15. If you are interested please contact Ken Landry at 780-835-0315 or Cliff Mitchell at 780-532-1231

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
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: After Saturday 7 pm Mass, Grouard Room. Irene, 780-380-9540 or Gilbert, 780-978-8006

Sunday Readings

Epiphany of the Lord: *Unexpected Gifts*

Isaiah 60:1 - 6. Glory of the new Zion **Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6.** Commission to preach God's plan
Matthew 2:1 - 12. The visit of the magi

Key Passage: On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother. *Matthew 2:10*

Question: When have you found the presence of Christ in an unexpected place?