

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Third Sunday of Lent  
March 4, 2018**

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**Family Movie**, next Sunday, March 11, 3:00 pm,  
Tranquille Hall.  
Bring something comfy to sit  
on. Popcorn & juice provided.



**Welcome Table volunteers needed.** Do you have a desire for building our parish community? Feeling welcome is a key part. The time commitment is minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with people. Volunteer screening is not needed. *We Need You!* Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

**Actors needed for Good Friday Stations of the Cross**  
Each year on Good Friday the Stations of the Cross are dramatized. This is a powerful evening of prayer. We invite people to join the cast. No previous acting experience required. Rehearsals are  
Sunday, March 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Sunday, March 11, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Saturday, March 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Sunday, March 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
We realize you may not be able to attend every practice. Contact Paulette, [paulettelong@gpcsd.ca](mailto:paulettelong@gpcsd.ca), 780-933-4013 or Cliff, [cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com), 780-532-1231.



**Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children, March 30 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 please contact Joanne, ext. 230.

## MARCH 4 - 11 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 4:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Eucharist Class, church  
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation Class, church  
**Mon. 5:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
- 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, upstairs  
**Wed. 7:** 10 am - noon, Mom's Pray & Play,  
Tranquille Hall  
- 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room  
- 7:45 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall  
**Thurs. 8:** 7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home,  
Modern Martyrs Room  
**Fri 9:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,  
Tranquille Hall  
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church  
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JPII Room  
**Sun. 11:** 3 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall

**Parish Feast Day, Monday, March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph.** Mark your calendar and join us in our celebrations. Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a potluck dessert reception in Tranquille Hall. Please bring a fruit plate, squares or finger food to share. Drop off food donations at the hall prior to Mass, between 6 & 7 pm.

**Parish Penitential Service, Monday, Mar. 26, 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 couple of weeks and make an effort to join the parish as we gather together to celebrate God's mercy.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$18,843.82
Children's collection	\$177.00

# Family & Children's ministry

Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday,  
10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.

**Next Gathering: March 7**

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



grades 3 - 5 youth group.

**Next gathering Friday, March 16.**

Please meet in the church at 6:30 as  
we are leading the parish Stations of  
the Cross. Pickup at 9pm in SJPII Room.

**Save the Date - Mom's Retreat** Saturday, April 14,  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Childcare and lunch provided.  
Watch for the theme. Join us for this prayerful time  
of rest and reflection. To register contact Joanne, ext.  
230, or email [sjc-family@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca)

## 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. Pre-registration required.  
Call Darlene, ext. 228.

### 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 1.

### **Parish Eucharist classes:**

Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church

**Please note:** No Eucharist classes on March 11.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)

Go online to see our  
upcoming news & events:



### EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

No EDGE March 9. Next gathering is  
March 16, 7 pm, Tranquille Hall



### Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

**Next gathering: Monday, Mar. 5**

7:00 - 8:30 pm, meet upstairs.

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

**Looking for families to host National Evangelization  
Team (NET) team members from April 5 - 8.** Please  
call April, ext. 229, for more information.

**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!



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, March 11 following the

9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall

Gluten-free pancakes.

Serving: St. Kateri Youth Group

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY MARCH 5 - 10

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 5,	7:00 am:	Rodrigo Acosta
Tues. 6,	10:30 am:	† Arlene Padios
	7:00 pm:	† Michael Paul Vavrek
Wed. 7,	7:00 am:	† Nancy Evans
	7:00 pm:	Joyce & Sig Halwa
Thurs. 8,	7:00 pm:	† Sean McPherson
Fri. 9,	7:00 am:	Violet Koskie
	9:30 am:	† Pearl Tabor
Sat. 10,	9:00 am:	† Pat Kimpe

## ADULT FORMATION

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

### Reflection themes:

**Mar 9** - International Women's Day - D&P Videos on Women of Peace

**Mar 16** - Refugees and Migrants

**Mar 23** - Murdered, Missing Indigenous Women Inquiry



You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. **GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm until mid-May. \$15.00 fee for workbook. Contact Debbie, 780-518-5763 for info.

**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.

### Spring Women's Cursillo Weekend:

Women's Cursillo, April 5 - 8, Rectora: Liz Richard  
Interested in attending a Cursillo? Please call Liz, 780-933-6635.

Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers.

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

**Do you have extra bells that you can donate to the parish?** The congregation will ring them during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. Please leave your bells at the parish office.

**"Anchors of Hope" Lenten Mission 2018**, Immaculate Conception Church, Sexsmith, March 18 - 21.

Presenter: Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R.

All are invited to hear Fr. Leo speak on the themes of Community, Relationships, Mercy and Eucharist

6:30 - 7 pm: Music Ministry praise and worship

7 - 8:30 pm: Mission presentation

8:30 - 9 pm: Hospitality with light refreshments

For info call Immaculate Conception church 780-568-3771



Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems? For information on this program call 587-598-4357 or check [helpourmarriage.ca](http://helpourmarriage.ca)

Edmonton Program starts **March 16 - 18**

### Development & Peace

*Defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria*

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, can train community leaders who then work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. This year, we invite you to join Development & Peace's monthly giving program Share Year-Round. Register online at [devp.org/shareyearround](http://devp.org/shareyearround).

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Listening Amid the Noise of our World"** 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

<b>The sick, especially</b>	Orest Woychuk
<b>The deceased, especially</b>	John Van Roestel
Mary Wild	Jeanne Valen
Jacob Lattery, father-in-law of Irene Lattery	

**The CWL & Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to the Chrism Mass** in McLennan on March 27. Book your seat with Sylvia, sylviaachabot@gmail.com

***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.

**The Knights of Columbus are seeking donations of live and silent auction items** to be auctioned at this year's Lobster Fest on May 4. Please contact Sir Knight Keith Redl, 780-832-1184 to donate. This is the Knights largest fundraiser for the year.

**Catholic Family Services Spring Fling Gala - March 17**  
Live & silent auctions, Art Walk & cutting edge entertainment: World Famous Dueling Pianos! All proceeds benefit affordable professional counselling through Catholic Family Services. Call the CFS office for information, 780-532-9381, or for tickets, \$50, available at their office, 10105-102 St. Tables can be reserved with the purchase of 8 tickets.



### Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check out our inventory.

### 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:** Sundays, 3:30 - 6 pm, in the chapel. 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 those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them 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.?