

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018**

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CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Sunday, March 18

Please pray for all our children who will be receiving this precious sacrament of healing

1 pm: St. Kateri, St. Gerard, St. Clement & parish-based students

3 pm: St. Catherine, Mother Teresa & Holy Cross

No Morning Mass, Monday March 19. Due to the Feast of St. Joseph the 7 am Mass has been moved to 7 pm.

Parish Feast Day, Monday, March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph. Mark your calendar and join 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.



AUDIO EVERYWHERE We are pleased to introduce our new hearing assist system. All that is required is an iPhone or Android smart phone to access our system. Once connected to the Audio Everywhere hearing assist system you can listen either through ear buds plugged into your phone or wirelessly if your hearing aids are equipped with blue tooth technology. For more information please see Jon or Fr. Remi.

MARCH 18 - 25 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 18:** 1 & 3 pm, 1st Reconciliation Celebration, church
- Mon. 19:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 7 pm, Feast of St Joseph Mass, church
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, upstairs
- Wed. 21:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Rm
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Pray & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7:45 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
- Thurs. 22:** 7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Modern Martyrs Room
- Fri 23:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St JP II Room
- 7 - 9:30 pm, Ultreya, Liguori Hall
- Sat. 24:** 9 am, Splitting Palms, Tranquille Hall
- 1 - 4 pm, Good Friday Stations rehearsal, church
- Sun. 25:** 1 - 3 pm, Good Friday Stations rehearsal, church
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Eucharist Class, church
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church



Mom's Retreat Saturday, April 14, 9 am - 1 pm. *Mom's of all ages welcome!* Childcare and lunch provided. Join us to rest and relax with our Lord. Registration now open. Contact Joanne, ext. 230, or email sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,200.60
Children's collection	\$194.00

Family & Children's ministry

Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



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

Next Gathering: March 21

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/



grades 3 - 5 youth group.

Please note: April 6 SALT cancelled.

Next gathering Friday, April 20

7 - 9 pm, St JPll Room



**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 include
children as: readers, choir, cross-bearers, etc.

Interested? Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,



**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. We will resume
celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Parish Eucharist classes:

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

Parish Confirmation Classes begin March 25:

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our
upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Next gathering is March 23, 7 pm,
Tranquille Hall



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Next gathering: Monday, Mar. 19

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!



Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check
out our inventory.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 19 - 24

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 19, 7:00 pm: Celestina Shaba

Tues. 20, 7:00 pm: † Betty Hessel

Wed. 21, 7:00 am: † Boh Guerrette

7:00 pm: Andy Martin

Thurs. 22, 7:00 pm: † Max Teichroeb

Fri. 23, 7:00 am: † Mary McHale

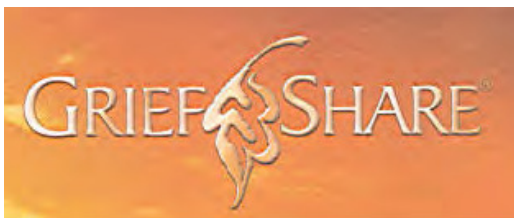
Sat. 24, 9:00 am: † Earl Gray

ADULT FORMATION

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

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. *Candidate deadline: March 22*
Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers.

We don't split hairs but we do split palms for Palm Sunday. Join us Saturday, March 24 at 9:00 am in Tranquille Hall. With many hands, it should take 1 -2 hours maximum. Contact Thérèse, 780-532-1531 or therese2@telus.net.

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.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Parking - We are all aware that our parking lot has limited parking. As part of your Lenten sacrifice you may consider parking off-site for Holy week/Easter Sunday events (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday) and leave the parking lot for those who are unable to walk very far or families with young children.

Welcome Table volunteers needed. Do you desire to help build our parish community? Feeling welcome is key. Time commitment minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with people. Volunteer screening not needed. Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

Immaculate Conception Church, Sexsmith, **"Anchors of Hope" Lenten Mission 2018**, 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

Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 pm at St.



John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan.

It is with great joy that Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R. invites the faithful of the archdiocese to join him and the clergy.

During the Mass, the clergy with the bishop will recommit themselves to their priestly ministry. The oils used in the celebration of the sacraments will be blessed: the oil of catechumens used in baptism, the oil of the infirm used in the anointing of the sick and dying and the oil of Chrism used in baptism, confirmation,, Holy Orders and for the dedication of altars and churches. In the Consecration of the oil of Chrism, a balsam or perfume is added. Join us!

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Telescope" 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 Vic Ventic
The deceased, especially Orest Woychuk

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

Ultreya - March 23, 7 pm, Liguori Hall Come! Join us in this precious time of prayer, music & fellowship! Speaker: *Bert Hunt* Please bring a small snack to share and your musical talent as well! For information, call 780-978-2106 or email: dotgr@hotmail.com

Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse: The Diocese of Nelson is sponsoring a 4-day retreat to help those who have endured physical, emotional and/or spiritual abuse April 19-22 at Seton House of Prayer in Kelowna, BC. For information, call 250-878-7603; email g2gkelowna@shaw.ca; visitww.GriefftoGrace.org.

Development & Peace Regional Assembly, May 4 - 6, Mount Carmel Spirituality Centre, Edmonton. This year's theme: A Church Seeking Peace and Justice: Nothing is Impossible with God. Register: <https://goo.gl/n4Cntj> or call 1 844 480 3387.

Today is Solidarity Sunday. If you did not contribute to D&P's "Share Lent" Campaign this Sunday, you may drop your donation at the parish office this week during office hours.
Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent: *Life Everlasting*

Ezekiel 37:12 - 14. Prophecy of restoration

Romans 8:8 - 11. The flesh and the Spirit

John 11:1 - 45. The raising of Lazarus

Key Passage: Jesus said to [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" *Jn 11:25 - 26*

Question: What do you hope for after your life on earth is ended?