

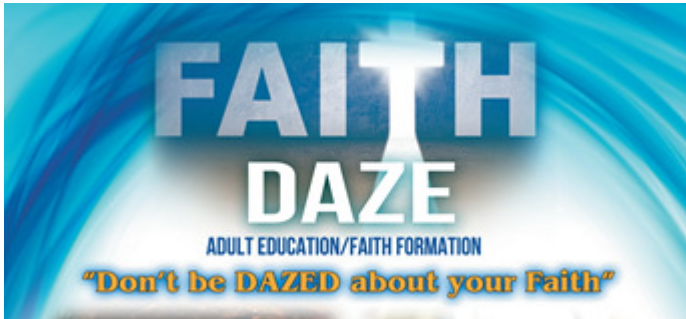
*St. Joseph
Catholic Church*

Hope for a Wounded World

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018**

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Wed, May 2, A Better Understanding of the Mass
7:45 - 9 pm (You will have time to attend the 7 pm Mass, if you wish.) Tranquille Hall. Please join us for the final installment in our 2017/2018 series.

MENTOR COUPLES play an active role in preparing couples to marry in the church. All couples preparing for marriage through St. Joseph Parish are required to meet with a mentor couple. Mentor Couples are not expected to be experts in relationships. As a Mentor Couple you will meet 4 or 5 times with a couple assigned to you by the parish. These meetings are intended to be conversational. The content follows a book provided by the parish. Meeting with a mentor couple is often one of the highlights for couples as they prepare for marriage. The next workshop is Saturday, April 28 at 11 am, in Liguori Hall. For details please contact Fr. Remi.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$22,168.89
Children's collection	\$234.00

APRIL 22 - 29 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 22:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church
- Mon. 23:** 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St. JP II Room
- Wed. 25:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Rm
- 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- Thurs. 26:** 7:30 pm, CWL Tea, Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 27:** 7 pm, Ultreya, church
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall
- Sat. 28:** 11 am, Mentor Couples' Meeting, Liguori Hall
- 9 am - 5 pm, El Shaddai, Tranquille Hall
- Sun. 29:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church

**GEAR UP!
GET READY!
GAME ON!**

Calling all "coaches", "assistant coaches" and "athletes" for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Grab your megaphones, lace up your cleats and tune up your horn - it's time for the big game! Whether you're rooting from the stands, marching in the band or hustling to the line, this summer is going to be amazing!! Join God's Team for a week of play, fun, singing and adventure at Game On! VBS. So, Gear up, Get Ready, Game On! July 9 - 13 for VBS 2018! You won't want to miss it!! \$32/child Registration open to kids age 4 to grade 5/6 beginning next weekend after Masses.
Volunteers needed. Questions? Contact Joanne, 780-532-2351 (ext 230) or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Family & Children's
m i n i s t r y
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



Note: for April & May we will meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.

Next Gathering: April 25

Come when you can for any

or all of the time. Fun playtime for the kids & visiting for mom with a short reflection or prayer at 11am.

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



grades 3 - 5 youth group

Next gathering Friday, April 20

7 - 9 pm, St JP II Room



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Next gathering is Friday, April 20, 7 pm, Liguori Hall



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Next gathering: Monday, April 23

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

Please note: grade 5 - 8 group cancelled this Monday. Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228



This weekend, through the waters of Baptism we welcome Matt Minogue and Tori Krol into 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 still expecting your child.

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

Parish Confirmation Classes:

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



Religious Gift Shop

First Communion gifts are now available in the gift shop.

Volunteers are needed for all Masses.



Grade 9 - 12 **Bigger or Better**

Sunday, April 22, 7 - 9 pm, St JP II Room

Teams start the night out with something small and trade things for something bigger or better. Prizes for winning team.

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!



AUDIO EVERWHERE 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 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.

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ADULT FORMATION

CWL Tea, Thursday, April 26 after the 7 pm Mass.

Guest speaker: Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R.

Recognizing member anniversaries and awarding the CWL Student Funding. Please consider joining them as we are also celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. There will not be a May CWL meeting on the second Tuesday.

Ultreya, Friday, April 27, 7 pm, in the church. Visit with old & new friends, support and be supported in persevering on our Fourth Day! Keep moving forward...Onward! *Speaker: Bev Sylvester*

For information, or you are willing to give a hand and/or share your talent with our Faith Community, contact Tessie, 780-978-2106 or dotgr@hotmail.com. Please bring small snack to share.

Grande Prairie Kairos, an ecumenical Social Justice group, is collecting ankle length skirts in support of Walking with our Sisters, a Commemorative Art Installation in honour of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women which is taking place at the Art Gallery in June. These skirts will be used during the sacred ceremony. The skirt is the same shape as the tipi - the tipi represents the home and women are keepers of the home. If you have a modest ankle length skirt you could donate, please call Helen, 780-532-1071.

The Billings Ovulation Method® is a natural way to conceive, avoid pregnancy, and/or monitor reproductive health. *Coming to St. Joseph Church: Free Introduction to the BOM®* May 18, 7 - 9:30 pm: All are invited to learn more about how natural fertility regulation works.

Basic Teacher Training Workshop (Part 1)

May 18 - 20: Join Alberta's team of Accredited BOM® Teachers! Candidates will be trained to provide personalized fertility education to women in every stage of reproductive life, from menarche to menopause. This workshop is the first step required for Accreditation, a second workshop and supervised practicum are also required. Visit billings-life.ca for more information and to register.

El Shaddai, 3rd year Celebration of faith, love & unity, April 28, 9 am - 5 pm, Tranquille Hall.

National Palliative Care Week is the first week of May. On Friday, May 4, at 12:15 the CWL is inviting all parishioners to the Station of the Cross to pray for all those in palliative care and those who are caring for them through this journey.

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

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

We all want to be at our best when we come to Our Lord's House. For some people, that means using their own special perfume or aftershave. Some of our hairsprays can be heavily scented as well. Unfortunately, there are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or even allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. These "scensitive" people at times have had to stand in the entrance to the church in order to attend Mass - some have even had to leave. In an effort to accommodate all of our Parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or, if possible, refrain from wearing any at all. Thank you for your understanding.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 23 - 28

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 23, 7:00 am: † John Klein-Gebbinck
 Tues. 24, 7:00 pm: † Peter Meyer
 Wed. 25, 7:00 am: † Pearl Tabor
 7:00 pm: † Ada Berg
 Thurs. 26, 7:00 pm: † Sean McPherson
 Fri. 27, 7:00 am: † Alex Thompson
 Sat. 28, 9:00 am: † Kylie Bain

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Same old, same old!" Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

