

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

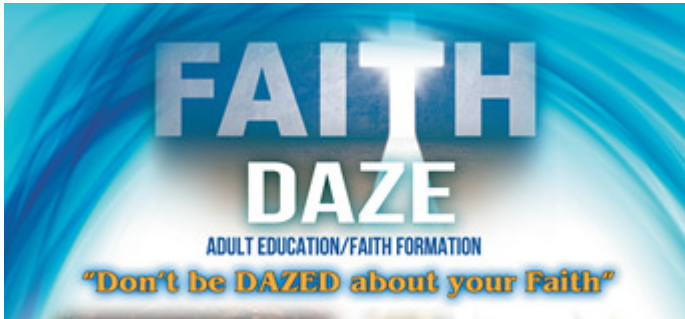


Hope for a Wounded World

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 29, 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.

**The entire parish is welcome to join in both Confirmation Masses,** with Archbishop Gerard, the children being confirmed, and their families. The Confirmation Masses are at 7:00 pm on

**Monday, May 7:**

St. Gerard, St. Kateri & St. Clement Schools and St. Joseph Parish

**Tuesday, May 8:**

Holy Cross, Mother Teresa, St. Catherine Schools  
*If your family is unable to attend the date of the celebration allocated for your school, you are welcome to attend the other celebration.*

Please keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

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| <b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227) |             |
| Offering Required Weekly                                    | \$23,718.29 |
| Offering received last Sunday                               | \$19,734.14 |
| Children's collection                                       | \$134.00    |

**APRIL 29 - MAY 6 DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Sun. 29:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church
- Mon. 30:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
- 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St. JP II Room  
- 7 - 9 pm, Cursillo School of Leaders,
- Wed. 2:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Rm  
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
- 7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 4:** 5:30 pm, K of C Lobster Fest, Tranquille Hall
- Sat. 5:** 7 pm, Youth Choir & Movie Night, church
- Sun. 6:** 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 at the parish office.

**Volunteers needed.** Questions? Contact Joanne, 780-532-2351 (ext 230) or [sjc-family@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca)

**Family & Childrens**  
 m i n i s t r y  
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



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

**Next Gathering: May 9**

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



grades 3 - 5 youth group

**Next gathering Friday, May 11**

7 - 9 pm, St JP II Room



**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)**

Next gathering is Friday, May 11, 7 pm, Liguori Hall



**Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)**

**Next gathering: Monday, April 30**

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

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

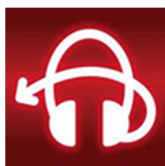
**SACRAMENTS** Darlene Lemay, x 228



**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.

**Parish Confirmation Classes:**

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



**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 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.



**Grade 6 - 12**

**Saturday, May 5**

Join us in the choir at the 7 pm Mass and then in St JP II Room for popcorn and juice and the movie "A Dog's Purpose"

**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 and check out our selection of gifts and religious articles.

*Volunteers are needed for all Masses.*

**FOLLOW ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON TWITTER.**  
 Look for @stjoespastor

## ADULT FORMATION

**National Palliative Care Week** is the first week of May. On Friday, May 4, at 12:15 the CWL invites 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.

**Usher Workshop Saturday, May 5, 12 Noon** - for all ushers, including new people to this ministry. This is a great way to serve our parish. Beginning with a lunch and some social time in the Grouard Room we will then conclude (before 1:30 pm) with a meeting in the church. For information please contact Heinz Wolfram, axiomfsi@gmail.com or call Fr. Remi at the parish office, 780-532-2351.

**Mass with Anointing of the Sick**, Thursday, May 10 at 1:00 pm - a special opportunity for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. In the past this sacrament was called *Extreme Unction* and was reserved for those who were approaching death. Today, the Sacrament of the Sick is available for anyone who has a serious illness: the elderly whose frailty is becoming more pronounced, major surgery/serious medical tests, an uncontrollable and chronic illnesses (arthritis, diabetes, etc.), mental illness. If you know of anyone who would benefit from this sacrament or is homebound because of infirmity, please help them to attend this Mass.

**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.

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Created in God's Image"** Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

**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 [billingslife.ca](http://billingslife.ca) for more information and to register.

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



Marriage in crisis? Communication problems? Experience renewed love and forgiveness. Call 587-598-4357, check [helpourmarriage.ca](http://helpourmarriage.ca), or [info@helpourmarriage.ca](mailto:info@helpourmarriage.ca). Edmonton Program starts August 17 - 19

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 30 - MAY 5

(✠ Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

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|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Mon. 30,  | 7:00 am:  | ✠ John-Paul Thibeault |
| Tues. 1,  | 10:30 am: | ✠ Dominador Rimando   |
|           | 7:00 pm:  | ✠ Gus & Marie Jantz   |
| Wed. 2,   | 7:00 am:  | ✠ Pearl Tabor         |
|           | 7:00 pm:  | ✠ Marcel Garant       |
| Thurs. 3, | 7:00 pm:  | ✠ Nora & John Griffin |
| Fri. 4,   | 7:00 am:  | ✠ Anthony Piebiak     |
|           | 10:30 am: | ✠ Anna Maria Raunig   |
| Sat. 5,   | 9:00 am:  | ✠ Aleda Bain          |

### Mayor's Interfaith Breakfast, Friday, May 11, \$25

Theresa Sargent Hall, Montrose Cultural Centre  
Registration 7:30 am, Breakfast 8:00 am  
Purchase tickets from Revolution Place Box Office,  
780-538-0387, [cityofgp.com/interfaithbreakfast](http://cityofgp.com/interfaithbreakfast)  
Deadline for tickets: May 7

## GENERAL INFO

### Please Pray For

#### The sick, especially

Allan Hallows                      Rick Pfliger  
Shandelle Chapman, sister of Debbie Robertson

#### The deceased, especially

Milan Kons  
Mavis DeCruze                      Mary Clare Binns  
Jack Mann, father of Beverly Silvester

#### Knights of Columbus Lobster & Steak Dinner, May 4

5:30 Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner, 8:30 Music and Dancing  
\$60/ticket (two bottles of wine included if buying a table for 8). Live & Silent Auction, door prizes, raffles.

#### Communications Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan.

Half-time (20 hours/week) at the chancery office, Grande Prairie. Requirements:

- Skillful communicator who thrives on meeting people, easily engaging them in meaningful conversations
- Excellent written and spoken English; able to clearly develop and deliver a message (French a real asset)
- Ability to use technology, especially websites and social media platforms, to communicate with diverse publics
- Interested in developing a consistent image for communication materials, products & tools. Make the most of standard computer software to design/create
- Good knowledge of the Catholic Church's structure, practices and teachings
- Alberta class 5 license. Own reliable vehicle.

Send application to Lauri Friesen, Executive Assistant, by email, [exec.agm@live.ca](mailto:exec.agm@live.ca), fax, 780-532-9706, or mail 10301 102 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V2W2

**Application deadline: Friday, May 18**

### 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, [alyseska@degen.ca](mailto:alyseska@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  
Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

## Sunday Readings

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - *A Disciple's Work*

**Acts 9:26 - 31** Saul visits Jerusalem

**1 John 3:18 - 24** The actions of believers

**John 15:1- 8** The vine and the branches

**Key Passage:** [The vine grower] removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. *John 15:2*

**Question:** When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that lead to greater abundance?