

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018**

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GEAR UP! GET READY! GAME ON!

Registration open to kids age 4 to grade 5/6 at the parish office. \$32/child

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!!

Volunteers needed. Questions? Contact Joanne, 780-532-2351 (ext 230) or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca
Youth volunteers: Too old to register but still want to be a part of all the SUPER fun at Hero Central VBS?

Contact Joanne, sjc-family@gpcsd.ca
780-532-2351, (ext 230) for more details.



Religious Gift Shop

Volunteers needed for all Masses.

Open after Saturday 7:00 pm Mass & Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other parishioners.

MAY 13 - 20 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 13:** after all Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall
- Mon. 14:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St. JPll Room
- Wed. 16:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies’ Bible Study, Liguori Hall
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- Thurs. 17:** 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
- Fri. 18:** 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Tranquille Hall

Pentecost Sunday - WEAR RED! The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red. All parishioners are invited to participate in this special feast in the life of the church by wearing red to Mass next weekend.



Liturgy of the Word with Children Leaders and Helpers needed for September. In order to resume the program in September, you must complete your volunteer screening now. If you are interested and have not received a volunteer screening package please contact Joanne, ext. 230.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.34
Offering received last Sunday	\$23,316.99
Children’s collection	\$132.00

Based on 769 donors an amount of \$30/week per donor is needed to meet our annual budget

Family & Childrens
 m i n i s t r y
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



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

Next Gathering: May 23

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/



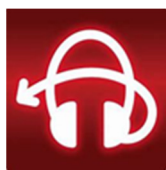
grades 3 - 5 youth group
Final gathering Friday, June 1
 6 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall.
 RSVP Joanne, ext. 230.

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



This weekend, through the waters of baptism, we welcome Sophia Marynia Greenlaw into our family of faith. We pray that her journey with our Lord 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.



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.



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, May 18, 7 pm, Tranquille Hall



Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 8 - 12)
 7:00 - 8:30 pm, St. JP11 Room.

LAST GATHERING: Monday, May 14
 Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

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 Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13 following the 9 & 11 am Masses in Tranquille Hall. Gluten free available.

Charles Spencer School Interact Club Serving

NO PARKING
 In our parking lot we ask people to *only park in the marked parking spaces and not along curbs or in laneways*, to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles or fellow parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. We appreciate that parking off-site can be a hardship and thank you for your consideration and understanding in helping to eliminate congestion in our parking lot. (For your information: any damage to your vehicle, from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas is your own responsibility.)

ADULT FORMATION

Our May Prayers for Healing are this Thursday, May 15, following the 7 pm Mass in the church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone else through a proxy. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and stay for prayer.

Cursillistas and those interested in attending a Cursillo: Join us at Ultreya, Friday, May 25, 7 pm in the church. Speaker: Shannon Backmeyer Prayer, song, witness talk, and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. An opportunity to help us persevere in our walk with Christ on our "Fourth Day" of Cursillo. Play an instrument? Bring it and share your talent in song. For info, call Tessie, 780-978-2106 or email dotgr@hotmail.com

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.



Marriage in crisis? Communication problems? Experience renewed love and forgiveness. Call 587-598-4357, check helpourmarriage.ca, or info@helpourmarriage.ca. Edmonton Program starts August 17 - 19

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

French Choir: Do you speak French and love to sing? Join the choir for the French Masses. Contact Paul, 780-607-5012 or Beatriz, 780-390-0990. *The next French Mass is on June 16.*



BLESSING OF PETS Sunday, June 10 at 4:00 pm. Bring your pet for this special family celebration. We will gather outside the church around the bell tower.

Check out these Catholic Podcasts/Websites/Apps

The Fr. Mike Schmitz Podcast and Youtube
Audience: College students primarily but great for all ages. Faith, pop culture, and headline reflections. Also short videos of Fr. Mike Schmitz and others on www.ascensionpresents.com

The Art of Catholic Podcast with Matthew Leonard
Audience: Adults primarily but fine for teens. Joyful, passionate explanations of the deep truths of the faith, as well as interesting interviews with Catholic luminaries. For additional resources check out www.matthewleonard.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 14 - 19

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 14, 7:00 am: † Jennie Croken
Tues. 15, 7:00 pm: † Peter Willette
Wed. 16, 7:00 am: † Dick Robinson/† Jennie Croken
7:00 pm: † John & Mabel McNeil /
† Stacey Hagg
Thurs. 17, 7:00 pm: † Don Brooks
Fri. 18, 7:00 am: Tim Guest
10:30 am: Felipa Llanto
7:00 pm: Rose Mae Laframboise
Sat. 19, 9:00 am: † Brady Grattan

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Spring is a Miracle" Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

GENERAL INFO

Applications for the **CWL Frances Pronovost Scholarship** are being accepted until June 30. Please call Lorraine, 780-539-4766, for information.

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, fax, 780-532-9706, or mail 10301 102 Street, Grande Prairie AB T8V2W2

Application deadline: Friday, May 18

The Archdiocese is seeking a full-time **Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (DOEC)**. The DOEC may work out of the chancery in Grande Prairie or the Catholic Conference Centre in Peace River. For full details about the position, please see the website <https://archgm.ca> or contact Lauri Friesen at 780-532-9766 orexec.agm@live.ca.

Deadline for applications: June 15

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 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

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1 - 11. Jesus' final instructions and ascension

Ephesians 1:17 - 23. Exaltation of Christ

Mark 16:15 - 20. Conclusion of Mark's gospel

Key Passage: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." *Mark 16:15*

Question: How well are you fulfilling Jesus' command to share the good news with others?