

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

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Grande Prairie CWL
2nd Annual

**Women,
Wine &
the Word!**

A Night of Hope

**September 21, 7 - 9 pm
Tranquille Hall**

When life gets difficult,
hope lifts us up.

Join the St. Joseph CWL for "Women, Wine & the Word! A Night of Hope" -an evening of reflection, conversation and fellowship.

This event is open to all women 18+.

Get your tickets soon. 60% are already sold!

Tickets are \$20, after all weekend Masses

Deadline: Sunday, September 16.



Mark Your Calendars! We are putting together another pictorial directory to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of our Parish in 2020. Photography sessions are scheduled for October 22 to

November 6. "For where your treasure is there also will your heart be." (Matthew 6:21) Is your parish family a part of your treasure? Watch for

Archbishop Gerard Pettipas C.Ss.R. cordially invites the faithful of the Archdiocese to join with him and the clergy for the ordination of

**Deacon Emmanuel Ekanem
to the Holy Order of the Priesthood**

Friday, October 5, 2018, 7:00 pm
at St. Joseph Catholic Church

A light lunch will follow in Tranquille Hall.

Sunday, October 7, Father Emmanuel will preside at his first solemn Mass at St. Joseph Church at 11 am. A light lunch will be served in Tranquille Hall following the Mass.

SEPTEMBER 9 - 16 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 10: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed. 12: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room
Fri. 14: 7pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church
Sat. 15: 1:30 - 3 pm, Lector Workshop, church
Sun. 16: after 9 & 11 am Masses, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall

PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS WITH REGISTRATION FOR Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation
We're starting early this fall. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

Monday, September 24, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday, September 27, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday, September 29, 10 am - 12 noon

All sessions are in Tranquille Hall

Parents only need to attend ONE session. In our diocese children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6. All children receiving sacraments in the 2018 - 2019 school year, whether they attend Catholic school or otherwise, must be registered at a forum. Plan to be there for the full 2 hours.

Bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.34
Average summer Sunday contribution, July 1 - Aug. 26	\$19,123.05
Children's average summer Sunday offering	\$93.58
Offering received last Sunday	\$19,910.78
Children's Offering	\$162.00
Balance owing on Loan as of Aug. 31	\$76,916.49

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



Family & Children's
m i n i s t r y
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Grades 3 - 5 youth group
Kick-off: October 12th, upstairs
from 7 - 9 pm
Register that night.
\$40/child. Families, \$20 for each additional child



First Gathering: September 19
Mom's meet the 2nd & 4th
Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon
in Tranquille Hall.
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/

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. Contact Darlene, ext. 228



Religious Gift Shop
The gift shop carries a large variety of religious articles great for special occasions. Check after Saturday 7 pm Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses.

Beverly and Philip Silvester would like to express their thanks and gratitude on behalf of the family for the outpouring of condolences, prayers, and support that was received from the priests and wonderful parishioners of St. Joseph. We thank God for our St. Joe's family who truly continue to bless our lives.

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



YOUTH MINISTRY
April Fogle, x 229
stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Challenge Girl's Groups
(gr. 5 - 6, 7 - 9 & 10 - 12)
First gathering:

Monday, September 17
7:00 - 8:30 pm, meet upstairs.
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!

Devastating Floods in the State of Kerala, India
International news has revealed to the world the plight of the people in the State of Kerala, which is suffering from unprecedented flooding. The immediate response to this from Development & Peace/Caritas Canada has been to allocate \$50,000 to provide rapid assistance to the most vulnerable and marginalized flood victims and to support its partner Caritas India, which is already on the ground helping those most affected. **If you wish to make a donation**, please go on-line to www.devp.org and click on "Give Now".

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 10 - 15
(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 10, 7:00 am:	† Mary Wild
Tues. 11, 7:00 pm:	CWL/ † Orest Woychuk
Wed. 12, 7:00 am:	† Jeannie Valen
	7:00 pm: † Crespeniano & Purita Siega
Thurs. 13, 7:00 pm:	† Duncan Bain
Fri. 14, 7:00 am:	† Mary Wild
	9:30 am: Lucille / † Rosario Normandeau
	7:00 pm: † Anna Zinterer
Sat. 15, 9:00 am:	† Kylie Bain

ADULT FORMATION

Parish Ambassadors for School Events In an effort to make St. Joseph Parish more visible at our Catholic school events we are putting together parish displays. We would like parishioners to bring the displays to the schools and be present during various occasions (meet the teacher nights, Christmas concerts, kindergarten registration). You do not need to be an expert in any topic just willing to talk to people about our parish and hand out available brochures. For more information please contact Fr. Remi, 780-532-2351 or remicssr@gmail.com.

Lectors Workshop If you are a lector (one who proclaims the readings and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass) or would like to begin in this ministry, please plan to attend **one** of these workshops (even if you have been a Lector for many years). Workshops are in the church.

Saturday, September 15, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Monday, September 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, September 18, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

RCIA Sponsors We need parishioners to be sponsors for adults preparing for full reception into the church or those preparing for full initiation (Baptism/Confirmation & Communion) at the Easter Vigil Mass. The basic quality of a sponsor is someone who is comfortable enough with their faith to accompany someone else in their faith journey. The next workshop for sponsors is Saturday, September 22 at 11 am in the church. For information contact John Witschen, ext. 232.

Helping Hands We are looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen preparing tea and coffee at various functions and meetings. If you can spare a few hours every so often (days and evenings) please contact the parish office.

French Mass Sunday, Sept. 30 at 4:00 pm in the church. Choir members needed. If you would like to assist at this Mass by singing in the choir, please contact Paul, 780-607-5012. Watch for future French Mass dates.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: This Friday, September 14, beginning with Mass at 7 pm in the church. All are welcome.

LISTEN..... Can you hear it???? Is God calling to you to proclaim His word? Commitment is only 1 Mass a month. Training provided. Consider joining this wonderful ministry.

Interested in becoming an Altar Server? Altar Servers must have received their First Reconciliation and First Communion and be in at least grade 4. Two training sessions are in October & November. Contact murrdonn@telus.net before September 10 to confirm, or reconfirm, your interest in Altar Serving. Questions or concerns? Call Donna , 780-532-3668. Registration forms available in the Altar Server drawer outside the sacristy. Leave completed forms in the drawer or bring to the parish office.

"Cleanliness is Next to Godliness" A tidy church is a sign of hospitality. If you and/or your family can stay for a few minutes after Mass to straighten the hymn books and tidy the pews please let the office know. Even if you are not able to remain after Mass, it would be greatly appreciated if you could tidy the area around where you sit.

Catholicism 101: What Do Catholics Believe?

Thinking about membership in the Church?
Considering returning to the practice of your faith?
Just want to know more about Catholic beliefs and practices? Catholicism 101 may be for you!
Beginning September 17 we'll be meeting on Monday evenings to ask questions and discuss the Catholic faith.

Please contact Lauri Friesen for all the details
lauri.friesen@gmail.com or 780-446-9037.

St. Joseph Annual 100 Mile Pot-Luck Dinner -

Due to our geographic location, the expense and energy it takes to transport most of our food cannot be avoided. At this time of year a greater variety of food is available closer to home. The Social Justice Committee invites you to a 100 Mile Dinner to better understand how easy it is to eat locally sourced food. Email Josy, josyburrough@gmail.com or call 780-539-4060 for details

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially Peter Ingle
Iva Burris, mother of Rob Burris

CWL Meeting, this Tuesday, Sept. 11, begins with Mass in church at 7 pm. Executive Meeting 6 pm, Grouard Room.

K of C Meeting, this Tuesday, Sept. 11, begins with Mass in church at 7 pm.



K of C Breakfast Sunday, September 16, after the 9 & 11 am Masses, Tranquille Hall

Save the Date! Join Archbishop Pettipas for his annual Archbishop's Dinner on Friday, November 9, 2018 at the Rycroft Community Hall. He will speak on "Prairie Spirituality". All funds raised will go to the needs of the Archdiocese. The committee is looking for donations of items, large or small, for the Silent Auction. Some suggestions:

- If you own a business, a gift certificate
 - An item of interest which you no longer need but could generate funds, i.e. picture, painting
 - Provide a service, i.e. bookkeeping, painting
 - Donate funds towards a larger silent auction item, i.e. trip?
- Please contact Brenda, 780-518-6274, or Cecile, 587-202-8887, concerning donations.

Official Blessing and School Opening of St. John Paul II Catholic School/Faculte Jean-Paul II (300 Arbour Hills Boulevard) September 21, at 1:30 pm
Please come celebrate this special occasion. School Tours will commence at 3:00 pm.

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
Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

Sunday Readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: RICH IN FAITH

Isaiah 35:4 - 7. Israel's deliverance

James 2:1 - 5. Against favouritism

Mark 7:31 - 37. Healing of a deaf-mute

Key Passage: Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that He has promised to those who love Him? *James 2:5*

Question: When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?