

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018**

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE It is a long standing tradition in the church that throughout the month of November we remember the deceased in a special way. In the entrance to the church there is a table with our Book of Remembrance. You are welcome to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have passed on in this book.

Collection for Catholic Missions in Canada.

Beginning this year, the second Sunday of November will be an opportunity for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan to give to CMIC. This will allow CMIC to continue its work of more than 100 years, shining the light of God's love in Canada's most remote and underserved areas. Visit <https://cmic.info> for more details.

Remembering the Faithful Departed Mass, Monday, November 12, 7:00 pm

During the month of November we remember and pray for those who have died. On November 12 we will celebrate our special memorial Mass for parishioners who died in the past year. We will read their names aloud during the Mass. All are welcome to join us.

Do you want to help our parish but don't have a lot of time? *The Welcome Table ministry may be the place for you.* People are needed at the Masses on Saturday evening & 11 am Sunday morning. Contact Joanne, ext. 230 or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.34
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,242.13
Children's Offering	\$57.00

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

NOVEMBER 4 - 11 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun 4: after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall
Mon. 5: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
 - 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls, upstairs
Wed. 7: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
 - 10 am - noon, Mom's Prayer & Play, Tranquille Hall
 - 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
 - 7:30 pm, Choir Practice, church
 - 7:40 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
Fri. 9: 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall
 - 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP II Room
Sat. 10: 8 - 10 pm, CORE, St JP II Room
Sun 11: 4 pm, French Mass, church



**"Blessing Bags" -
Special Youth Event,
Friday, November 23
7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall**
This service project for SALT & EDGE youth groups was extremely

successful last year. Once again they will be creating bags filled with necessities for those who visit St. Lawrence Centre here in Grande Prairie. We welcome donations of gloves (mostly men's), warm socks, hand warmers, candy, and large ziplock bags. You may drop them at the parish office during office hours.



Today is Catholic Education Sunday. Be sure to read the letter from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta on the literature rack in the church, on our website, or the Catholic School website: gpcsd.ca



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



Grades 3 - 5 youth group
Next gathering: November 9, upstairs from 7 - 9 pm Register when you come \$40/child. \$20 for each additional child



Next Gathering: November 7
Mom's meet the 1st & 3rd 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 11 am.
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



Family Movie, Sunday, Nov. 25, 3 - 5 pm in Tranquille Hall. Bring something comfy to sit on. Popcorn & juice provided.

JOIN THE TEAM! LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN LEADERS AND HELPERS ARE NEEDED.

*This ministry is unable to continue without more volunteers. Adults (males too!) and mature older teenagers are required. All materials and training provided - minimal preparation by you - so simple that it could almost teach itself. However God requires **OUR** participation to share His love with our children. Call Joanne, ext. 230, during office hours.*



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.

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "True Colours"

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:



Youth group for grades 6 - 9
Next gathering, Friday, Nov. 9, 7 - 9 pm, Liguori Hall



Challenge Girl's Groups
(gr. 5 - 6, 7 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Next gathering: Monday, Nov. 5, 7- 8:30 pm, meet upstairs.

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



High School Youth Group: (Grades 9 - 12).

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, 8 - 10 pm, in St

JPII Room following Saturday evening Mass
Next CORE November 10



Discovery Retreat Weekend

Nov.30 - Dec. 2, St. Joseph High School for grades 7 - 9. Costs \$60

Registration deadline: Nov. 21st

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



Through the water of baptism we welcome Avianna Erdelac and Lawson Byrne to our family of faith. We pray their 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. Contact Darlene, ext. 228

ADULT FORMATION

French Mass Sunday, Nov. 11 at 4:00 pm in the church. Choir members needed. For information contact Paul, 780-607-5012.

A Women's Retreat "Advent... a time of waiting, expectation, listening. A time to be a womb; to be pregnant with Christ, under His Grace" (Catherine Doherty) Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 am - 3 pm at the Dormition of the Mother of God Parish (Ukrainian Catholic Church) Facilitator: Denise Laverdure-Sych Denise is a mother, spiritual director and retreat facilitator. Cost: \$30 (includes lunch & refreshments) Call 780-513-1175 for info or to register, or e-mail ontheroad2emmaus@gmail.com by Nov. 14.

Retrouville - A life line for troubled marriages



For info or to register for the program beginning with a **weekend on November 16 - 18** call 587-589-4357, email info@helpourmarriage.ca, or check www.HelpOurMarriage.ca

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

Catholic Family Services has begun to accept donations for their Christmas Hamper Program for families in need. Please drop donations of cash, gift cards and IGA budget savers at the CFS office, 10105 -102 St. For information or to sponsor a family please call 780-532-9381.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 5 - 10

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 5, 7:00 am: † Gwen Glaser

Tues. 6, 10:30 am:

7:00 pm: † Wayne Campbell

Wed. 7, 7:00 am: † Therese Ricard

7:00 pm: † Art Walker

Thurs. 8, 7:00 pm: † Luis Joa

Fri. 9, 7:00 am: † Gwen Glaser

9:30 am: † Lucille Normandeau

Sat. 10, 9:00 am: † Orest Woychuk

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. *What is the significance of the Altar?*

A. This is the principal table in a church building, the focal point for the sacramental presence of Christ during the celebration of the Mass. The altar may have an altar stone that holds the relics of a saint. When a bishop consecrates an altar, he traces five crosses upon the table with the oil of Chrism, one in each of the four corners and in the centre.

Tidy Pews It is always nice to enter a clean house. In a spirit of generosity would you be so kind as to tidy your pew and place the missals and hymn books in the book holders after your Mass?

Sock Sundays begin December 1/2 weekend

How good it feels to put on a pair of warm, dry socks! *Please remember to bring a new pair of socks to donate during Advent.* This simple act of kindness benefits many in need in our community. Don't remember to bring socks? Consider donating a Toonie. All funds collected will buy more socks. Toques, mitts and scarves also gratefully accepted! Thank you for your consideration!

Advent Retreat for Men & Women

Peeking into the Manger:

A Labyrinth Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem

December 8, 9:45 am - 2 pm, Tranquille Hall

Presenter - Jennifer Wrzosek

To register call 780-538-3165 or

email jennifer.wrzosek@telus.net

ARCTIC VISIONS is an annual photo calendar in support of the Roman Catholic Missions of the western Canadian Arctic. This high quality, coil-bound wall calendar features stunning landscape photography by Bishop Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R, who spent time in the Arctic as Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Inuvik, prior to being appointed Bishop of the Mackenzie-Fort Smith diocese. The calendars are available after weekend Masses for \$20 each with proceeds supporting Catholic mission work in the far northern communities of Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray for

The sick, especially Doug Marshall
Ron Bauer, brother of Cathy Morin

The **Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation (CWLF)** is accepting applications for its second Leadership Program for Canadian Catholic women. The Program will be facilitated by the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. For more information or to complete an application form, visit www.cwlfcanada.ca. **Application deadline: November 9, 2018.**

"Go also the second mile" (Mt. 5:41) The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan continues to seek parishioners willing and able to go the second mile with them. With your sustained financial donations we all can build the Kingdom of God in this part of the world. You can help seminarians become our priests, bring priests who can serve our parishes now, bring faith formation programs to all who seek them and assure our deceased members a beautiful resting place. Call 780-532-9766; send an email to stewardship.org@outlook.com or visit <https://archgm.ca/adopt-a-program-second-mile-giving-initiative/> for information.



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES® Gifts With a Story

November 14 - 18, GP Museum, Muskoseepi Park
Empowering artisans around the world.

Wednesday - Friday 10 am - 9 pm

Saturday, 10 am - 6 pm Sunday, 1 - 5 pm

Sponsored by Kairos Grande Prairie Interchurch
Committee for Social Justice (780-532-1077)

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

Deuteronomy 6:2 - 6. The great commandment

Hebrews 7:23 - 38. Jesus, the eternal high priest

Mark 12:28 - 34. The greatest commandment

Key Passage: [The scribe] asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength,'" *Mark 12:28 - 30*

Question: Why is love of neighbour as important as love of God?