

# Hope for a Wounded World

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2018

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#### Parish Pictorial Directory – photos of children

Our Parish Pictorial Directory will include photos of parish events. If you DO NOT wish your child's photo to be in the directory, and have not already signed a form asking that your child not be photographed, please contact Karen or Joanne at the parish office, no later than November 19.



Reconciliation: Making it Easier to Go to Confession-Wednesday, November 28, 7:45 - 9 pm in Tranquille Hall (you have time to attend 7 pm Mass!).

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** It is a long standing tradition in the church to remember the deceased in a special way during the month of November. 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.



"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. 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 and candy. Drop them at the parish office during office hours.

#### **NOVEMBER 18 - 25 DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mon. 19: 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls, upstairs Wed. 21: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

- 10 am - noon, Martha's Prayer Time,

Modern Martyrs Room

- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

- 7:40 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 23: 7 pm, Ultreya, church

- 7 - 9 pm, SALT/EDGE, Tranquille Hall

Sat. 24: 8 - 10 pm, CORE, St JPII Room

Sun. 25: 3 - 5 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall

#### **CALLING ALL MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN**



Formerly known as "Mom's Prayer and Pilly ...
New location!! Play" - New name!

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon Come make connections with other moms of the parish. Find encouragement, support, fellowship and joy. Prayer/reflection at 11:15 am. Children welcome and encouraged to attend with mom. Next Gathering: Nov. 21, Modern Martyrs Room www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

Advent material, 2019 Sunday Missals and Children's Sunday Missals are now available in the entrance to the church.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$23,816.34

Offering received last Sunday \$22,210.99

\$142.00 Children's Offering

Based on 769 donors an amount of \$30/week per

donor is needed to meet our annual budget



Sharing & Learning Together

Grades 3 - 5 youth group
Next gathering: November 23,
Tranquille Hall. Assembling
"Blessing Bags" for our local St.
Lawrence Centre



**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 <u>OUR</u> participation to share His love with our children. Call Joanne, ext. 230, during office hours.

**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

# 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

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "The 'Best Version"

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. 23 7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall Assembling Blessing Bags for St. Lawrence Centre. Remember to bring supplies



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

Next gathering: Monday, Nov. 19, 7-8:30 pm, meet upstairs.

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

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



2nd & 4th Saturday 8 - 10 pm, St JPII Room following Saturday evening Mass

Next CORE November 24 - going to Trapped (Escape Room) \$10 each RSVP with April by Wednesday, Nov. 21



**Discovery Retreat Weekend** 

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

Registration deadline: Nov. 23rd

We are running youth Alpha at St Joseph (Tuesdays) and St JPII (Thursdays) High Schools



Youth Alpha Team invites individuals, families, parish ministries or other interested groups to sponsor lunch for the participants. If you would like to donate to this important ministry,

please contact April, ext. 229

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## **ADULT FORMATION**

**Catholic Family Services** is accepting 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.

Ultreya, Friday, Nov. 23, 7 - 9 pm, in the church.

Support and encouragement on your walk with Christ and one another. Please bring a small snack to share. Witness speaker: Shannon Carson If you play a musical instrument, please come share your talent. For info call Tessie, 780-978-2106 or email dotgr@hotmail.com

#### 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!

# 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 Cost \$20 Bring a bag lunch Presenter - Jennifer Wrzosek To register call 780-538-3165 or email jennifer.wrzosek@telus.net

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

**Filipino Christmas Mass,** Saturday, December 15, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, in the church.



# Religious Gift Shop

Christmas gifts in stock. Check after Saturday 7 pm Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses.

#### **Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass**

**Q.** What is the Tabernacle?

A. It is an ornate receptacle that contains the consecrated hosts, the body of Christ, which are reserved for distribution to the sick and for personal prayer.

#### Usher Workshop Saturday, December 8 from noon

- 2 pm in the church. Ushers serve our parish by assisting parishioners during Mass and helping with the collection - a great way to get involved in our parish. This meeting is for <u>all ushers</u>, including new people interested in learning more. All ushers need to complete a Criminal Records Check.

#### Mark your calendar-

#### St. Joseph 100th Anniversary, April 26, 2020

We are excited about celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish in Grande Prairie. To help us prepare, please send any suggestions/ideas to Fr. Remi on how we might celebrate this wonderful occasion.

CHRISTMAS MASSES will be at 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 pm & Midnight on Christmas Eve and 10:00 am on Christmas Day. The 4:00 & 6:30 pm Masses are especially suited to children. Free tickets for the 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be available in the entrance to the church after the 7:00 pm Saturday evening Mass and the 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday Masses every weekend during Advent until all the tickets are gone. (Tickets are not required for midnight Mass or 10 am Christmas Day.) Tickets will not be available during the week from the office. If you are unable to get to Mass on the weekend, please ask someone to pick up tickets on your behalf.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 19 - 24

( <sup>⊕</sup> Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Tues. 20, 7:00 pm: ⊕ Peter Murphy Wed. 21, 7:00 am: ⊕ Mary Clare Binns

7:00 pm: 🕆 Jose Joa

Thurs. 22, 7:00 pm: 🕆 Ma Sheung Tak

Fri. 23, 7:00 am: ⊕ Don Hurst Sat. 24, 9:00 am: ⊕ Renato Siega St. Joseph Church Grande Prairie, Alberta

#### **GENERAL INFO**

#### Please pray for

The deceased, especially

Agnes Rouleau, mother of Leonard Rouleau

#### Salvation Army Kettles: Volunteers needed

St. Joseph Church is manning the kettles on Fridays & Saturdays, Nov 23/24, Nov 30/Dec 1, Dec 7/8 & Dec 14/15 from 10 am - 8 pm at Walmart (Dec. 1 is at Safeway South). 2 hours/shift with 2 people/shift (recruit a friend!) Contact Cliff, 780-532-1231 or email cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com

**36**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Festival of Carols, Monday & Tuesday,** Dec. 3 & 4, starting at 7:30 pm, in the church. Instrumentalists, church and community choirs. Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles.

Oliver's Funeral Home Christmas Candlelight Service, "Handling the Holidays" Sunday, December 2, 6 pm RSVP by November 27 at www.oliversfuneralhome.com/christmas or call 780-532-2929

ARCTIC VISIONS - an annual photo calendar in support of the Roman Catholic Missions of the western Canadian Arctic. \$20 each 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. Calendars available after weekend Masses. Proceeds support Catholic mission work in Inuvik, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk and Paulatuk. Your support is greatly appreciated.

#### **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**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: READY FOR THE LORD

Daniel 12:1 - 3. Daniels's conclusion to the apocalypse Hebrews 10:11 - 14, 18. Christ's eternal sacrifice Mark 13:24 - 32. The second coming

**Key Passage:** [Jesus said,] "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come" *Mark 13:33* 

Question: What would you be doing differently in your life if you truly believed you would meet Christ soon?

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