

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Hope for a Wounded World

**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2018**

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Family Day, Monday, February 19

The parish office will be closed.
Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

The Rite of Election is this Sunday, February 18.

Catechumens from parishes in the diocese gather for Mass at 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, McLennan. The Church, through Archbishop Pettipas, affirms the catechumens as having been chosen by God or “elected” for the reception of the sacraments of initiation. Indicating their readiness to accept God’s invitation, the catechumens record their names in the Book of the Elect. Please pray for our catechumens, Alyvia, Graycen, Rohnyn, Alden, Dylan, Maggie, Ethan, Sarah, Taneshia, Chanelle, Brayden, Quinlyn, Kelton, Finleigh, Lucas, Hannah, Jonathan, Carrie, Anthony, Calvin, Russel, Shanna, Brad, Susan, Gervin, Crystal, their families and the RCIA team traveling to McLennan.



Wednesday, February 28, Care for the Caregiver

Begins with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm.
Session to follow in Tranquille Hall until 9:00 pm

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,029.82
Children’s collection	\$117.50

FEBRUARY 18 - 25 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon. 19: Family Day

- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl’s, upstairs

Tues. 20: 7 pm, First Eucharist Parent Meeting,
Tranquille Hall

Wed. 21: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies’ Bible Study, St JP11 Room

- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall

- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 22: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

- 7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home,
Modern Martyrs Room

Fri 23: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,
Tranquille Hall

- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, St JP11 Room

Sun. 25: 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation Class,
church

- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Eucharist Class, church

- 7 - 9 pm, UC27, St. JP11 Room



A retreat by *sarah hart*

Planted, Thriving, Yielding: Living the Fruit of the Spirit

Join us for this unique opportunity in our Parish Saturday, March 3, 10 am to 3 pm. This retreat will be woven with humour, songs, prayer, personal stories and discussion. Sarah is a singer, songwriter and motivational speaker. She most recently completed her tenth album, “Sacrament”, as a solo artist. Don’t miss it! Tickets available after all Masses and at the office during regular office hours from Diane .

Cost \$10 (includes lunch).

Check her out on Facebook or at sarahhart.com

2017 Income Tax receipts are available at the parish office during office hours.



Family & Children's
m i n i s t r y
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



Meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday,
10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.

Next Gathering: February 21

Come when you can for any or all
of the time. Fun playtime for the kids and visiting for
mom with a short reflection or prayer at 11 am.

www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



grades 3 - 5 youth group.

Next gathering Friday, March 2,

7 - 9 pm, St. JPll Room

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.

During Lent we are not scheduling baptisms.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for
baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the
six weeks of Lent we are in the desert preparing for
new life - the resurrection. Baptism is when we first
encounter new life with Jesus. Therefore, it is not
appropriate to celebrate baptism *during* Lent as we
are *preparing* for baptism. We will resume
celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Parish Reconciliation classes:

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

Parish Eucharist classes:

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

*(Please note - Feb. 18 there are no Reconciliation or
Eucharist classes)*



Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check
out our inventory.



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our
upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Feb. 23, 7 - 9 pm, St JPll Room

"God has a plan for me"

Join us for a great evening.



Challenge Girl's Groups

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

*This Monday's gathering
cancelled in lieu of Family Day.*

Next gathering: Monday, Feb 26

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

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



Gr. 9 - 12 Sunday, Feb. 25, 7 - 9 pm,
St JPll Room



GRADE 6 - 12

Saturday, March 3.

Join us in the choir at the 7 pm
Mass and then in St JPll Room for
Cars 3, popcorn and juice.

**Looking for families to host National Evangelization
Team (NET) team members from April 5 - 8.** Please
call April, ext. 229, for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 19 - 24

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 19, 7:00 am: Estrella Acosta

Tues. 20, 7:00 pm: † Michael McNeil

Wed. 21 7:00 am: Wade & Lisa Kaczkielo

7:00 pm: † Max Teichroeb

Thurs. 22, 7:00 pm: † Nicholas Daskewich/

† Mike Christopher

Fri. 23, 7:00 am: † Dominique Dika

Sat. 24, 9:00 am: † John Latos

ADULT FORMATION

Lenten Fridays Soup, reflection and Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent the CWL are serving a simple Lenten meal, meatless soup and buns, in Tranquille Hall beginning at 5:45 pm (you are welcome to arrive later if you wish). Donations for the meal go to Development and Peace. A presentation organized by the Social Justice Committee begins around 6:10 pm. Stations of the Cross begin at 7 pm in the church. Join us for all three events or whatever your time allows.

Reflection themes:

Feb 23 - Truth & Reconciliation (Archbishop Pettipas)

Mar 2 - Aurora House

Mar 9 - International Women's Day - D&P Videos on Women of Peace

Mar 16 - Refugees and Migrants

Mar 23 - Murdered, Missing Indigenous Women Inquiry



You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. **GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm until mid-May. \$15.00 fee for workbook. Contact Debbie, 780-518-5763 for information.

Do you have extra bells that you can donate to the parish? The congregation will ring them during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. Please leave your bells at the parish office.

Friday Observances - Throughout the year Fridays are days of penance which usually includes abstaining from meat. However, we have the option of doing special acts of mercy or charity instead. During Lent we try to be more diligent about abstaining from meat on Friday's so that we can be ever more in solidarity with those who have less to eat and are hungry.

Prayers for Healing this Thursday, Feb. 22, following 7:00 pm Mass. 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.

Welcome Table volunteers needed. Do you have a desire for building our parish community? Feeling welcome is a key part. The time commitment is minimal: just a few minutes after Mass to chat with people. Volunteer screening is not needed. *We Need You!* Contact Joanne, ext. 230.

Cursillo Weekends this Spring:

Men's Cursillo, March 8 - 11, Rector: Wayne Olsen

Women's Cursillo, April 5 - 8, Rectora: Liz Richard

Interested in attending a Cursillo? Please call either Wayne, 587-297-9770, or Liz, 780-933-6635.

Candidate deadline for men's weekend: February 21

Please submit your applications ASAP.

Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers and consider candidates for the weekend. The Men's Cursillo Team needs musicians and kitchen workers. Both weekends need people for set-up and take-down. Is God calling you? Please call Wayne or Liz if you can help. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* Ephesians 2:10

Actors needed for Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Each year on Good Friday the Stations of the Cross are dramatized. This is a powerful evening of prayer. We are looking for people to join the cast.

Rehearsals are scheduled for

Sunday, March 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 11, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

We realize people may not be able to attend all practices. No previous acting experience is required. Please contact Paulette, paulettelong@gpcsd.ca, 780-933-4013 or Cliff, cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com, 780-532-1231.

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Why I am Excited for Lent" Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

GENERAL INFO

Please Pray For

The sick, especially Mary -Clare Binns
Michael O'Connell Helene Ayotte
The deceased, especially Noel Hebert
Jean Emile Caouette, uncle of Jacqueline Napier
Tamara Ward, niece of Patricia Bottle

If you missed donating to the **Ash Wednesday Collection for the Needs of the Missions of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan**, you may place your donation in the collection basket or drop it by the office during office hours. The proceeds are used for repair and renovation projects in our mission churches. See archgm.ca, for more details. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church".

Ultreya, Friday, February 23, 7 - 9:30 pm, Liguori Hall.
Speaker: Chris Moore. Please bring a snack to share.

The Knights of Columbus are seeking donations of live and silent auction items to be auctioned at this year's Lobster Fest on May 4. Please contact Sir Knight Keith Redl, 780-832-1184 to donate. This is the Knights largest fundraiser for the year.

Catholic Family Services Spring Fling Gala - March 17
Live & silent auctions, Art Walk & cutting edge entertainment: World Famous Dueling Pianos! All proceeds benefit affordable professional counselling through Catholic Family Services. Call the CFS office for information, 780-532-9381, or for tickets, \$50, available at their office 10105-102 St. Tables can be reserved with the purchase of 8 tickets.

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, in the chapel. Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

Sunday Readings

First Sunday of Lent: *The Call to Faith*

Genesis 9:8 - 15. Covenant with Noah

1 Peter 3:18 - 22. The purpose of Christ's suffering

Mark 1:12 - 15. Jesus' temptation; the call to conversion

Key Passage: Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. *1 Peter 3:18*

Question: When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?