

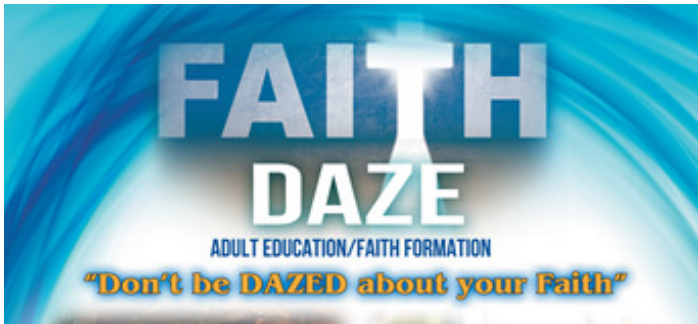
*St. Joseph  
Catholic Church*

Hope for a Wounded World

**Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2018**

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**Wednesday, February 28, Care for the Caregiver**  
7:45 - 9 pm in Tranquille Hall (You will have time to attend the 7 pm Mass, if you wish.)

**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.



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!

**TICKET DEADLINE THIS THURSDAY, MARCH 1**

available at the office during regular office hours from Diane.

Cost \$10 (includes lunch).

Check out Sarah on Facebook or at [sarahhart.com](http://sarahhart.com)

**FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 3 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sun. 25:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Eucharist Class, church  
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation Class, church  
- 7 - 9 pm, UC27, St. JP II Room

**Mon. 26:** - 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girl's, upstairs  
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Griefshare, church

**Wed. 28:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
- 7 - 9 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
- 7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall

**Thurs. 1:** 7:30 - 9 pm, Catholics Returning Home,  
Modern Martyrs Room

**Fri 2:** 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,  
Tranquille Hall

- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church  
- 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP II Room

**Sat. 3:** 10 am - 3 pm, Sarah Hart Retreat, church  
- 7 - 10:30 pm, Youth Choir/Movie Night, church/  
St JP II Room

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

**Parish Feast Day, Monday, March 19, Solemnity of Saint Joseph.** Mark your calendar and join us in our celebrations. Mass at 7:00 pm followed by a potluck dessert reception in Tranquille Hall. Please bring a fruit plate, squares or finger food to share.

**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.

<b>Parish Financial Information</b> (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$18,417.82
Children's collection	\$147.00



**Family & Children's**  
**ministry**  
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



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

**Next Gathering: March 7**

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.gc.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gc.ca/)



grades 3 - 5 youth group.

**Next gathering Friday, March 2,**

7 - 9 pm, St. JPll Room. Learning about Stations of the Cross as we are leading the parish Stations on Friday, March 16.



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

April Fogle, x 229

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



**EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)**

No EDGE March 9. Next gathering is March 16, 7 pm, Tranquille Hall



**Challenge Girl's Groups**

(gr. 5 - 8 & 9 - 12)

**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

**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



**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 26 - MARCH 3	
( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)	
Mon. 26,	7:00 am: Bertoldo Acosta
Tues. 27,	7:00 pm: † Steve Parker
Wed. 28	7:00 am: Ricardo Rodriguez
	7:00 pm: Alita Ruptash-Strum
Thurs. 1,	7:00 pm: Lisa Teichroeb
Fri. 2,	7:00 am: Eddie Acosta
	10:30 am † Victoria Shaba
Sat. 3,	9:00 am: † Pablo Liong

## 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:

**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.

**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.

### 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.

Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers.

**"Anchors of Hope" Lenten Mission 2018**, Immaculate Conception Church, Sexsmith, March 18 - 21.

Presenter: Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R.

All are invited to hear Fr. Leo speak on the themes of Community, Relationships, Mercy and Eucharist

6:30 - 7 pm: Music Ministry praise and worship

7 - 8:30 pm: Mission presentation

8:30 - 9 pm: Hospitality with light refreshments

For info call Immaculate Conception church 780-568-3771

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



Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems? For information check [helpourmarriage.ca](http://helpourmarriage.ca) or call 587-598-4357

Edmonton Program starts **March 16 - 18**

### 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](mailto:paulettelong@gpcsd.ca), 780-933-4013 or Cliff, [cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.joyce.mitchell@gmail.com), 780-532-1231.



### Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check out our inventory.

**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

<b>The sick, especially</b>	Pete Sawan
Yvonne Horseman	Brian Horseman
Mary Clare Binns	Mary Wild
<b>The deceased, especially</b>	Doris Couture
Eddy Howard, uncle of Joanne Chiasson	

**World Day of Prayer 2018 - March 2, 7 pm** at Forbes Presbyterian Church, 9635 - 76 Ave. This international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Their motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. This year's prayers "All God's Creation is Very Good" are written by the women of Suriname. *Everyone* is welcome!

**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

### Second Sunday of Lent: *The Assurance of Faith*

**Genesis 22:1 - 2, 9 - 13, 15 - 18.** The testing of Abraham **Romans 8:31b - 35, 37.** God's love for humanity

**Mark 9:2 - 10.** Jesus transfigured

**Key Passage:** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." *Mark 9:5*

**Question:** How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?