

St. Joseph Catholic Church

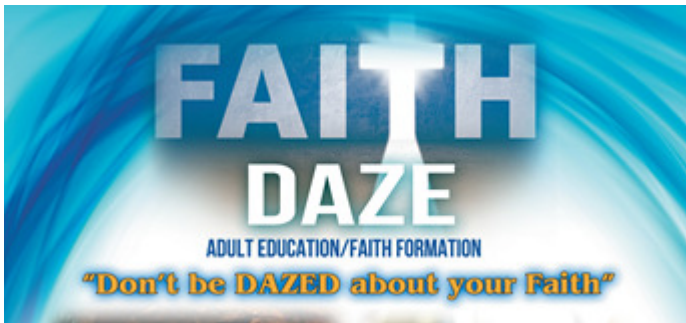


Hope for a Wounded World

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018**

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Wed, May 2, A Better Understanding of the Mass
7:45 - 9 pm (You will have time to attend the 7 pm Mass, if you wish.) Tranquille Hall. Please join us for the final installment in our 2017/2018 series.

Children's Sacramental Celebrations

This weekend children from our Catholic schools and the parish-based program will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Join us for a reception in Tranquille Hall after all the Masses. *Please bring a snack to share.*

Keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

MENTOR COUPLES play an active role in preparing couples to marry in the church. All couples preparing for marriage through St. Joseph Parish are required to meet with a mentor couple. Mentor Couples are not expected to be experts in relationships. As a Mentor Couple you will meet 4 or 5 times with a couple assigned to you by the parish. These meetings are intended to be conversational. The content follows a book provided by the parish. Meeting with a mentor couple is often one of the highlights for couples as they prepare for marriage. The next workshop is Saturday, April 28 at 11 am, in Liguori Hall. For details please contact Fr. Remi.

APRIL 15 - 22 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 15:** 9 & 11 am, 1st Eucharist Celebration, Mass - 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church
- Mon. 16:** 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St. JP II Room
- Wed. 18:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Rm - 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- Thurs. 19:** 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
- Fri. 20:** 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church - 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall - 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP II Room
- Sun. 22:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Confirmation Class, church

Vacation Bible School

Calling all "coaches", "assistant coaches" and "athletes"!!! Grab your megaphones, lace up your cleats and tune up your horn - it's time for the big game! Whether



you're rooting from the stands, marching in the band or hustling to the line, this summer is going to be amazing!! Join God's Team for a week of play, fun, singing and adventure at Game On! VBS. So, Gear up, Get Ready, Game On! July 9 - 13 for VBS 2018! You won't want to miss it!! \$32/child Registration open to kids age 4 to grade 5/6 beginning April 28/29. **Volunteers are needed.** Questions? Contact Joanne, 780-532-2351 (ext 230) or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,718.29
Offering received last Sunday	\$19,739.69
Children's collection	\$52.50
Snow Removal: Nov. 2017 - April 2018	\$38,261.16
(Nov, \$10,841.36; Jan, \$5,752.35; Feb, \$10,369.24; March, \$3,208.34; April, \$8,089.87)	

Family & Childrens
 m i n i s t r y
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230



Note: for April & May we will meet every 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon in Tranquille Hall.

Next Gathering: April 25

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/



grades 3 - 5 youth group

Next gathering Friday, April 20

7 - 9 pm, St JP II Room



YOUTH MINISTRY

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stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



EDGE (Grade 6 - 8)

Next gathering is Friday, April 20, 7 pm, Liguori Hall



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

Next gathering: Monday, April 16

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

Please note: grade 5 - 8 group cancelled this Monday. Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay, x 228



This weekend, through the waters of Baptism we welcome Benjamin LeBlanc, Jordan Watson and Ayah-Grace Ibarbia into our faith family. We pray that their journey of faith 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. Pre-registration required. Call Darlene, ext. 228.

Parish Confirmation Classes:

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



Religious Gift Shop

First Communion gifts are now available in the gift shop.

Volunteers are needed for all Masses.



Grade 9 - 12 **Bigger or Better**

Sunday, April 22, 7 - 9 pm, St JP II Room

Teams start the night out with something small and trade things for something bigger or better. Prizes for winning team.



AUDIO EVERWHERE

We are pleased to introduce our new hearing assist system. All that is required is an iPhone or Android smart phone to access our system. Once connected to the Audio Everywhere hearing assist system listen either through ear buds plugged into your phone or wirelessly if your hearing aids are equipped with blue tooth technology. For more information please see Jon or Fr. Remi.

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ADULT FORMATION

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, April 19, following the 7 pm Mass in the church. 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fri., April 20, following 7 pm Mass. Slip away from the business of the world and spend some time resting in the presence of Jesus.

CWL Tea, Thursday, April 26 after the 7 pm Mass. Guest speaker: Fr. Leo English, C.Ss.R. Recognizing member anniversaries and awarding the CWL Student Funding. Please consider joining them as we are also celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel. There will not be a May CWL meeting on the second Tuesday.

Ultreya, Friday, April 27, 7 pm, in the church. Join us in welcoming the women from the last Cursillo and encouraging each other on our walk with Jesus. Please bring a snack to share. If you have musical talent please come and share that too. For info call Tessie, 780-978-2106 or Debbie, 780-532-5423.

Grande Prairie Kairos, an ecumenical Social Justice group, is collecting ankle length skirts in support of Walking with our Sisters, a Commemorative Art Installation in honour of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women which is taking place at the Art Gallery in June. These skirts will be used during the sacred ceremony. The skirt is the same shape as the tipi - the tipi represents the home and women are keepers of the home. If you have a modest ankle length skirt you could donate, please call Helen, 780-532-1071.

The Billings Ovulation Method® is a natural way to conceive, avoid pregnancy, and/or monitor reproductive health. *Coming to St. Joseph Church: Free Introduction to the BOM®* May 18, 7 - 9:30 pm: All are invited to learn more about how natural fertility regulation works.

Basic Teacher Training Workshop (Part 1)

May 18 - 20: Join Alberta's team of Accredited BOM® Teachers! Candidates will be trained to provide personalized fertility education to women in every stage of reproductive life, from menarche to menopause. This workshop is the first step required for Accreditation, a second workshop and supervised practicum are also required. Visit billingslife.ca for more information and to register.

El Shaddai, 3rd year Celebration of faith, love & unity, April 28, 9 am - 5 pm, Tranquille Hall.

National Palliative Care Week is the first week of May. On Friday, May 4, at 12:15 the CWL is inviting all parishioners to the Station of the Cross to pray for all those in palliative care and those who are caring for them through this journey.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 16 - 21

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 16, 7:00 am: Ghislaine & Mike Cashaback
 Tues. 17, 7:00 pm: † Pablo Liong
 Wed. 18, 7:00 am: † John Klein-Gebbinck
 7:00 pm: † John & Mabel McNeil /
 † Stacey Hagg
 Thurs. 19, 7:00 pm: † Choucri
 Fri. 20, 7:00 am: † Anthony Piebiak
 10:30 am: Special Intention
 7:00 pm: † Pablo Liong
 Sat. 21, 9:00 am: † Karen Flannery

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Same old, same old!" 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 deceased, especially

Dennis Grey, nephew of Bruce Walker



Knights of Columbus Lobster & Steak Dinner, May 4

5:30 Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner,

8:30 Music and Dancing

\$60/ticket (two bottles of wine included if buying a table for 8). Only 200 tickets available. Tickets available after Masses at the back of the Church. Live & Silent Auction, door prizes, raffles.

GP Centre for Newcomers is holding a session:

"Introduction to the Private Sponsorship of Refugees and Group of Five" **Thursday, April 19, 5 - 7 pm** in their boardroom, 505, 10014 - 99 St (Nordic Court Building). Are you interested in sponsoring a refugee? This cost-free information session will help you understand the requirements and process to sponsor a refugee. Contact Rachel or Fofo, 780-538-4452.

Grief to Grace: Healing the Wounds of Abuse: The Diocese of Nelson is sponsoring a 4-day retreat to help those who have endured physical, emotional and/or spiritual abuse April 19-22 at Seton House of Prayer in Kelowna, BC. For information, call 250-878-7603; email g2gkelowna@shaw.ca; visit www.GriefftoGrace.org.

Voices in the Wilderness and Quintessential Winds annual spring musical presentation, Sunday, April 22, 7:30 pm, in the church. Free admission.

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.

Third Sunday of Easter - *The Living Christ*

Acts 3:13 - 15, 17 - 19 Peter's discourse on Jesus' resurrection **1 John 2:1 - 5** Keeping the commandments
Luke 24:35 - 48 Jesus appears to the Eleven

Key Passage: [Jesus] said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. *Luke 24:38 - 39*

Question: What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?