

St. Joseph Catholic Church

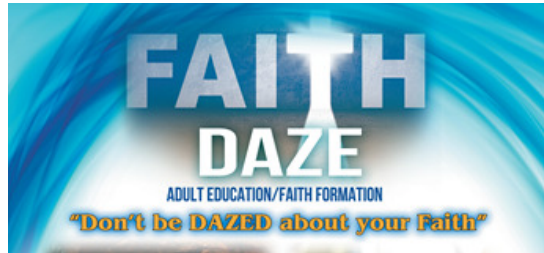


Hope for a Wounded World

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018

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NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 25: 3 - 5 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall
Mon. 26: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls, Tranquille Hall
Wed. 27: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPll Room
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- 7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall

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!).

We thank God for our parishioners who came to label all our Sunday donation envelopes. We pray they will be richly blessed for their service.

2019 Sunday collection envelopes available in the Modern Martyrs Room beginning next Sunday until Sunday, December 16.

Donators through automatic Bank withdrawal: extra collection envelopes will be available in the Modern Martyrs Room.

2019 Sunday Missals & Children's Sunday Missals are available in the entrance to the church.

CALLING ALL MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

*Martha's
prayer time*

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

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: Dec. 5, Tranquille Hall
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

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 **beginning next weekend and 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 for you.



Your Prayers are Needed for Discovery! Go to <http://signup.com/go/jEJDMQG> to sign up to pray during Discovery weekend.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.34
Offering received last Sunday	\$19,534.73
Children's Offering	\$102.00

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

Family & Childrens
 m i n i s t r y
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Grades 3 - 5 youth group
 Next gathering: **Friday, Nov 30,**
 7 - 9 pm, meet in church (come in
 regular door) We're changing out
 songbooks for the new liturgical
 year. *Special snack to follow!*



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.*

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



This weekend, **through the waters of baptism,** we welcome Meredith McVey to our family of faith. We pray her journey with our Lord is filled with great 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



YOUTH MINISTRY
 April Fogle, x 229
stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Youth group for grades 6 - 9
No Edge Nov. 30 due to Discovery Weekend
 Next gathering, Friday, Dec. 14
 7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall
Christmas Party



Challenge Girl's Groups
 (gr. 5 - 6, 7 - 8 & 9 - 12)
 Next gathering: Monday, Nov. 26,
 7 - 8:30 pm, Tranquille Hall.

Making Advent wreathes
 Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

High School Youth Group: (Grades 9 - 12).
CORE +
 HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH
 2nd & 4th Saturday
 8 - 10 pm, St JP11 Room
 following Saturday
 evening Mass

Next CORE December 15 (note day change)-
Christmas Party



Discovery Youth Retreat (grade 7-9),
Dec. 1 - 3 at St. Joseph High School
 Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

Kitchen Volunteers needed:

Prep helpers for 3 hour shifts (or longer).
 Contact April, 780-882-4091.



We are running youth Alpha at St Joseph (Tuesdays) and St JP11 (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

ADULT FORMATION

Sock Sundays begin next 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

Filipino Christmas Mass, Saturday, December 15, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, in the church. Social to follow in Tranquille Hall. Details? Call Tessie, 780-978-2106

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.

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 all ushers, including new people interested in learning more. All ushers need to complete a Criminal Records Check.

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



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 Credence Table?

A. This is a small table, near the altar, where the items the priest uses in the celebration of the Mass are held, such as, chalices, the paten, purificators, a cruet with water, a small basin with a finger towel.

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.

Polish Christmas Mass: Saturday, Jan. 12, 4:00 pm, in our church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments to follow in Tranquille Hall. Questions? Call Jagoda, 780-539-1005.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 1

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 26, 7:00 am: † Gwen Glaser

Tues. 27, 7:00 pm: Gordon Lakusta

Wed. 28, 7:00 am: † Mavis DeCruze

7:00 pm: † Orest Woychuk

Thurs. 29, 7:00 pm: † Lee Family

Fri. 30, 7:00 am: † Avery Neufeld

Sat. 1, 9:00 am: † Renato Siega

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "Simplicity: Having nothing yet possessing all things" 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	Doug Cooke
Mitchell & Cassie Dube	Noel Keerthekumar
Tessie Foster	Helene Ayotte
The deceased, especially	
Romuald Ejsymont	Betty Chailler
Jack Frey	Wayland Diones

36th 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. Call 780-532-2929 or at
www.oliversfuneralhome.com/christmas

Bear Creek Funeral Home's "A Time to Remember",
Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 pm, 11802 99 Ave.
RSVP 780-830-7742 or at info@bearcreekfuneral.com

Salvation Army Kettles: Many thanks to all who
signed up to man the kettles. All shifts we are
responsible for have been filled.

In an ongoing effort to streamline and reduce costs in
the parish **we will no longer be mailing out a Christmas
letter** through Canada Post. We will post the letter
and any information about the Christmas season and
Christmas and New Year's Masses on our website. We
will also have some printed Christmas letters available
on the literature rack in the entrance to the church.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: GIVEN THE KINGDOM

Daniel 7:13 - 14. Daniels's vision of one like the Son of man **Revelation 1:5 - 8.** Praise to Jesus Christ
John 18:33b - 37. The blood and water

Key Passage: To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Revelation 1:5b - 6

Question: In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?