

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 2018**

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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Due to the great number of people we welcome on Christmas Eve we have instituted a process in which parishioners get *free* tickets for the 4:00, 6:30 and 9:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There are only 9 pm tickets left. Tickets are *not required* for Midnight Mass or 10 am on Christmas Day as there is always room at these two Masses.

### Feast Day Masses

#### Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 24:                   4:00 pm  
   6:30 pm  
   9:00 pm  
   Midnight

#### Christmas Day

Tuesday, Dec. 25:               10:00 am

#### Mary, Mother of God, Eve Mass (New Year's Eve)

Monday, Dec. 31:               7:00 pm

#### Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

Tuesday, Jan. 1:               10:00 am

*New Year's Day* is a Holy Day of obligation in Canada. Attending Mass on this day is a great way to begin the new year!

**Christmas environment Set-up: Sunday, Dec. 23,** from 2:30 - 5 pm in the church. Fluff a Christmas tree, string lights, hang banners, etc. Lots of help needed. Please join in preparing our church for the season of Christmas.



**Mercy Monday,** December 17 - Priests will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation from 12 Noon to 8:00 pm. Make this one of your many stops during Advent in preparation for Christmas.

## DECEMBER 17 - JANUARY 6 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 17:** 1:45 - 3 pm, Children's Christmas Choir practices, church  
**Mon. 18:** noon - 8 pm, Mercy Monday  
**Tues. 18:** 5 pm, CWL & K of C Potluck, Tranquille Hall  
**Wed. 19:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
- 10 am - noon, Martha's Prayer Time, Modern Martyrs Room  
- 5 - 6:20 pm, Children's Christmas Choir practices, church  
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
**Thurs. 20:** 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church  
**Fri. 21:** 5 - 6:20 pm, Children's Christmas Choir practices, church  
- 6 - 9 pm, SALT Christmas Party, Tranquille Hall  
- 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration  
**Sat. 22:** 2:30 - 4 pm, Children's Christmas Choir practices, church  
**Sun. 23:** 2:30 - 5 pm, Christmas set-up, church  
**Sun. 30:** 3 - 5 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall  
**Sat. Jan. 5:** 8 - 10 pm, Discovery Reunion, Tranquille Hall

**The parish office will be closed:** Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day. In addition, the office will close at 12:00 noon on Christmas Eve.

### Parish Retreat: *Being Mary, in a Martha World*

Join us Saturday, January 19, 10 am - 3 pm (following 9 am Mass) in the church with speaker Amy Florian, an acclaimed speaker, teacher and grief coach. \$10/person. Includes lunch. Tickets available after weekend Masses or at the office during office hours.

### Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$23,816.34
Offering received last Sunday	\$21,853.98
Children's Offering	\$152.00



**Family & Children's**  
m i n i s t r y  
Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



**Grades 3 - 5 youth group**  
Next gathering: **Friday, Dec. 21,**  
6 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall.  
Christmas Party



**Family Movie, Sunday, Dec 30,**  
**3 - 5 pm** in Tranquille Hall.  
Bring something comfy to sit  
on. Popcorn & juice provided.

**Be part of our Christmas Spirit**

At the 4:00 pm Mass we will have a children's procession entering with the priests. We need youth to read at the 6:30 pm Masses and to spread Christmas cheer to our children immediately following Mass at 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00 pm Masses. If your child is interested in being involved contact Joanne, ext. 230.

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



*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. 15, Modern Martyrs Room**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.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



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
April Fogle, x 229  
[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



Go online to see our  
upcoming news & events:

**Discovery Reunion, Saturday, Jan. 5, 8 - 10 pm**  
Join us at the 7 pm Mass. For all students who have previously attended a Discovery weekend.



**Youth group for grades 6 - 9**  
Watch the bulletin for the next gathering in 2018. Blessings this Christmas and into the New Year.

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



Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
See you in the new year.  
Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



**High School Youth Group: (Grades 9 - 12).**  
2nd & 4th Saturday  
8 - 10 pm, St JP II Room  
following Saturday evening Mass. See you in 2019.

**We are running youth Alpha at St Joseph (Tuesdays) and St JP II (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

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection: "The World Spins"**  
Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

## ADULT FORMATION

### Ministry of Welcome at Christmas Masses

Do you have a gift for welcoming and a bit of extra time on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day? We are looking for parishioners who can come about 45 minutes before Mass to greet people as they arrive. At the 4:00, 6:30 and 9:00 pm Masses those greeting will also collect the Mass tickets given out during Advent. The 12:00 am Midnight and Christmas morning Mass greeters will only welcome. Contact Heinz Wolfram by **Monday, December 17:** axiomfsi@gmail.com or text 780-505-2190 .

**Sock Sundays** 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* (Toques, mitts and scarves also accepted). 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.

**Polish Christmas Mass:** Saturday, Jan. 12, 4:00 pm, in our church, with Fr. Raymond Dorawa presiding. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments to follow in Tranquille Hall. Questions? Call Jagoda, 780-832-3286.

**Children's Christmas Choir** at 4:00 pm Mass. Ages 4 - 8 sing pre-Mass. Youth 7+ sing the entire Mass. Practices are:  
Dec 16: 1:45-2 pm Ages 4 - 8; 2-3 pm Age 7+  
Dec 19 & 21: 5 - 5:20 pm Age 4 - 8; 5:20-6:20 pm Age 7+  
Dec 22: 2:30-2:50 pm Age 4 - 8; 3-4 pm Age 7+

### 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.



### 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 Paschal Mystery?*

A. This is Christ's work of redemption accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and glorious Ascension. The paschal mystery is celebrated and made present in the liturgy of the Church. Its saving effects are communicated through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

**Adoration, Friday, Dec. 21,** following 7 pm Mass. Take a break from the busyness- come rest in the Presence of Our Savior. Try it, you might like it!

You are invited to join us in the church Sunday, January 27, 7 pm for our **2019 Parish Pilgrimage of the heart: Blessed are...** Drawing on their own personal experiences, parishioners' reflections will focus on the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-12. The speakers will shine some light on how the Beatitudes can influence our lives and how, in very practical ways, we may incorporate Jesus' teaching in our lives.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 17 - JANUARY 5

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 17, 7:00 am: † Eugenio Rimando

Tues. 18 7:00 pm: † Dylan Tremblay

Wed. 19, 7:00 am: † Mary Wild

7:00 pm: † Madeline Daly

Thurs. 20, 7:00 pm: † Orest Woychuk

Fri. 21, 7:00 am: † William Dika

10:30 am: † Bennie Jaskiw

7:00 pm: † Shoukri Bitar

Sat. 22, 9:00 am: † Frank Vanden Dungen

Mon. 24, 7:00 am: † Gwen Glaser

Wed. 26, 9:00 am: Al & Toni Luck

Thurs. 27, 9:00 pm: † Mary George

Fri. 28, 9:00 am: † Judith Radke

Sat. 29, 9:00 am: Samuel Shaba

Mon. 31, 9:00 am: † Don Brooks

Wed. 2, 7:00 am: † Gwen Glaser

7:00 pm: † John Protz

Thurs. 3, 7:00 pm: † Apolonja Popek

Fri. 4, 7:00 am: Pat & Bill Lees

10:30 am: † Joseph Mponyoye &

† Venerande Niyonzima

Sat. 5, 9:00 am: † Mary-Clare Binns

## GENERAL INFO

### Please pray for

#### The sick, especially

Tom Gorman                                  Terra O'Connor  
Paul Fotheringham, brother of James Fotheringham

#### The deceased, especially

Arthur Coben, father of Bernadette Christie  
Margaret Good, sister-in-law of Bill Good

### CWL Quilt Raffle winners:

1st Prize, Quilt - Gwen Richardson

2nd prize, \$500 - Joan Pebiak

3rd prize, \$250 - Liz Fritsma

Thank you to everyone for supporting the CWL.

**St. Joseph CWL Student Funding** for Christian-based volunteer work. Call Lorraine, 780-539-4766 for info.  
*Deadline: January 15.*

**If you plan to do a one time a year donation to St. Joseph Church** you must have your donations to the parish office by December 27 in order for it to be included on your 2018 donation receipt.

**2019 Sunday collection envelopes will be available** in the Modern Martyrs Room in January.

**Donators through automatic Bank withdrawal:** extra collection envelopes available in Modern Martyrs Room.

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

**Catholic Family Services** is accepting donations for their Christmas Hamper Program until December 20. 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.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm  
*See front page for modified hours over the holidays & Christmas & New Year's Masses*

#### Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday                                  7:00 am

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**Wednesday - Monday, Dec. 26 - 31 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

### *Third Sunday of Advent: The Joy of Kindness*

**Zephaniah 3:14 - 18a.** Promise of a Saviour

**Phil. 4:4 - 7.** Joy and peace

**Luke 3:10 - 18.** John calls the people to justice

**Key Passage:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

*Philippians 4:4 - 5*

**Question:** To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?