

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019**

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Parish Retreat, for men and women

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.

"Blessed Are..." Pilgrimage 2019

We extend a personal invitation to our 2019 parish pilgrimage "*Blessed are...*" on Sunday, January 27 from 7 - 9 pm. This year, as we journey to different pilgrimage stops, our speakers will share personal insights that will help us unravel the meaning of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and uncover how these words of Jesus are so very relevant to our everyday lives. This pilgrimage is about taking time out of our busy lives, quieting our thoughts (this is an evening of reflection, not discussion), and being inspired and re-energized as you journey with other pilgrims.

"Men and Retirement: Dignity without Loss"

A special evening presentation
Thursday, January 31, 7:30 pm, after 7:00 pm Mass.
Come hear and discuss the thoughts and concerns men have around retirement and dealing with what happens when they are no longer working. The presentation will be lead by Russ Snoble, a retired Catholic school teacher, Religious Education Consultant and School Principal and now a certified professional Life Coach.

JANUARY 6 - 13 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 6:** 4 pm, French Mass, church
- Mon. 7:** 7 - 8:30 pm, Challenge Girls, St JP11 Room
- Tues. 8:** 7 - 9:30 pm, CWL GM, begins with Mass
- 7 - 9:30 pm, K of C Meeting, begins with Mass
- Wed. 9:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- 10 am - noon, Martha's Prayer Time,
Modern Martyrs Room
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
- Fri. 11:** 7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JP11 Room
- 7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall
- Sat. 12:** 4 pm, Polish Mass, church
- 8 - 10 pm, CORE, St JP11 Room
- Sun. 13:** 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish-based Eucharist class, church

WELCOME TO ALLAN FORSBERG, our newest member



of the parish team. He is in charge of our Ministry of Marriage.

Allan holds a Bachelor of Arts (English Literature) from UBC, and a MEd in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning from

the U of C. He taught at the elementary, junior high and college level and recently retired from teaching after 38 years.

He also holds a Certificate of Theological Studies from Newman Theological College, Edmonton. He has an abiding interest in spirituality, the sacraments, and Christian theology.

Allan and his wife, Mindy, have two grown children and are members of St. Joseph Parish. They have lived in Grande Prairie for 22 years. Through the years they have been actively involved with Engaged Encounter, Cursillo, the Griefshare program, and the R.C.I.A. program. Allan is a trained Spiritual Director, a Lector, and a retreat leader in the Peace Retreats ministry.



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, Jan. 11,
7 - 9, St JPll Room

CALLING ALL MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Martha's & prayer time

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: January 16, Modern Martyrs Room
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
x 228

Through the waters of Baptism we welcome



Charis Azike, Ian Nshimiye, Hailey Bryant, LeMarcus Kabole, Clarke Joson, Cédric Dubé and Marestil Ablon to our family of faith. We pray their 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

Parish-based Eucharist sessions: Sundays, from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church. If your child is not in Catholic school or missed preparation for this sacrament, please 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
Next gathering: Friday, Jan. 11,
Liguori Hall

Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 6, 7 - 8 & 9 - 12)
Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm-
Next gathering:
Monday, Jan. 14
St JPll Room. Questions?
Call Anna 780-831-8338.



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

Next gathering: Saturday, January 12.



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

The NET Ministries Team will be visiting our parish from March 1st - 22nd and we are in need of host/billet homes for the young adults. We need accommodations for 2 or more girls or guys for approximately 1 week. For information/details please contact April, 780-882-4091, or email stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

ADULT FORMATION

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.

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.

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

Available in the entrance to the church:

- 2019 Sunday collection envelopes
- *Special collection envelopes for donators through automatic bank withdrawal*
- 2019 Sunday Missals & Children's Sunday Missals

GriefShare - Weekly Grief Support Group

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

January 16 - April 17 Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Grande Prairie Alliance Church, 15502 - 102 St

780-532-8836 Cost: \$10 for Workbook

To register or for information go to

gpalliance.org/griefshare

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

Arch GM Youth Ski Trip Ages 12 - 15

March 2 - 3, Peace River

Register @ archgmyouth.com

Earlybird - Register by Feb 1

Deadline February 15

Transcend Events Ski Trip Ages 16 - 19

March 15 - 17, Jasper, AB

Register @ transcendevents.ca

Early Bird - Register by Feb 10

Deadline February 28

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. *What is the Presider's Chair?*

A. It is the chair designated for the priest who is presiding at Mass. The presider is the priest (or Bishop) who is the main celebrant leading the congregation in prayer.

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

We all want to be at our best when we come to Our Lord's House. For some people, that means using their own special perfume or aftershave. Some of our hairsprays can be heavily scented as well. Unfortunately, there are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or even allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. These "scensitive" people at times have had to stand in the entrance to the church in order to attend Mass - some have even had to leave. In an effort to accommodate all of our Parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or, if possible, refrain from wearing any at all. Thank you for your understanding.



Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check out our inventory.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 7 - 12

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 7, 7:00 am: † Kasey Glodek

Tues. 8 7:00 pm: † Robby Pardell

Wed. 9, 7:00 am: Darren & Lisa Bennett

7:00 pm: †

Thurs. 10, 7:00 pm: † Robbie & Regan Gunsolley

Fri. 11, 7:00 am: Darren & Lisa Bennett

9:30 am: †

Sat. 12, 9:00 am: † Tamas Schlemmer

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection

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

Brenda Jerome, daughter of Mary Smichura

The deceased, especially Odoric Beaulieu

Tamas Schlemmer, father of Kat Ormay

Marie Berthe Lambert, mother of Jackie Lambert

The CWL meeting for January is this Tuesday, Jan. 8, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

CWL Executive meet at 6 pm, in the Grouard Room.

The January K of C Meeting, this Tuesday, January 8, begins with Mass in church at 7 pm.

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

WINTER PARKING- During months when there is snow it is difficult to see lines for parking spaces. In order to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or fellow parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly, please do not park along curbs or in laneways and leave adequate space at the end of rows (at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners). We appreciate that parking off-site can be a hardship and thank you for your consideration and understanding in helping to eliminate congestion in our parking lot. (*For your information:* any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.)

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

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

Epiphany of the Lord: Overcoming Jealousy

Isaiah 60:1 - 6. Glory of the new Zion **Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6.** Commission to preach God's plan

Matthew 2:1 - 12. The visit of the magi

Key Passage: Then [Harod] sent [the magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." *Matthew 2:8*

Question: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?