

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

First Sunday of lent March 10, 2019

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The Rite of Election is this Sunday, March 10.

Please pray for our catechumens, their families and the RCIA team traveling to McLennan for Mass at 1:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. While there, they will record their names in the Book of the Elect, indicating their readiness to accept God's invitation to receive the sacraments of initiation: Kevin, Curtis, Marissa, Nikki, Treena, Marcie, Nicholas, Jaxxon, Ava, Jayden, Autumn, Minseo, Ruby, Clair, Jaden and Emma.

Parish Feast Day, Solemnity of Saint Joseph Tuesday, March 19.

Join us in celebrating St. Joseph, our Patron Saint. Mass - 5:30 pm (7 pm Mass is cancelled)

Meal - 6:45 pm, Tranquille Hall.

Free tickets for supper available after Mass this weekend.

Only 250 tickets available. Donations accepted.

If you missed donating to the Ash Wednesday Collection for the Needs of the Missions of the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, you may place your donation in the collection basket or drop it by the office during office hours. The proceeds are used for repair and renovation projects in our mission churches. See archgm.ca, for more details. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church".

Fr. Leo's 5 Ways to be More Intentional in Lent:

- 1. Be conscious of food waste
- 2. Don't buy bottle water
- 3. Recycle
- 4. Be kind, listen
- 5. Support a charity i.e. St. Lawrence Centre

MARCH 10-17 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 10: 3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Reconciliation class,

Mon. 11: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

- 6 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St JPII Room
- 7 pm, Confirmation Parent Meeting, Tranquille Hall

Tues. 12: 7 pm, CWL GM, church

- 7 pm, K of C meeting, church

Wed. 13: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

- 7:30 pm, Musical Rosary, church
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 15: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,

Tranquille Hall

- 7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

Sun. 17: 1:30 pm, 1st Reconciliation Celebration, Church

- 3:30 pm, 1st Reconciliation Celebration, Church

PARENT MEETING FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Tuesday, March 11, 7 - 8:30 pm, Tranquille Hall This meeting is for parents of children who will be confirmed this year.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION Sunday, March 17

Please pray for all our children who will be receiving this precious sacrament of healing next Sunday. 1:30 pm: St. Kateri, St. Gerard, Holy Cross, St. Clement 3:00 pm: Parish-based, St. Catherine, Mother Teresa

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$24,455.00

Offering received last Sunday \$20,695.84

Children's collection \$342.00

Based on 815 donors an amount of \$30/week per

donor is needed to meet our annual budget

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Youth group Grades 3 - 5

Next gathering: Friday, March 22 We will be leading Stations of the Cross. Meet at 6 pm in the church



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: March 20, Modern Martyrs Room www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



Liturgy of the Word with Children needs leaders and helpers at 11 am Mass. Currently we need 4 leaders & helpers at the 11 am Mass in order to continue this Ministry.

Contact Joanne, sjc-family@gpcsd.ca or ext. 230 if you are interested.

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

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. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday, April 21.



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, March 22 7 - 9 pm, Liguori Hall

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



Mondays, 7 - 9 pm Next gathering: March 11 St JPII Room. For Information call Anna, 780-831-8338.

High School Youth Group: (Grades 9 - 12).



2nd & 4th Saturdays Next gathering: Saturday, March 23, St JPII Room

Transcend Events Ski Trip Ages 16 - 19 **March 15 - 17,** Jasper, AB \$280/participant Register @ transcendevents.ca or 780-532-9766

Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!



Religious Gift Shop

Come check our stock after weekend Masses.

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "Lent - A Time to Look Inward" Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

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ADULT FORMATION

Lenten Fridays - Soup, reflection and Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent the CWL serve a simple meal in Tranquille Hall (meatless soup and buns) beginning at 5:45 pm (you are welcome to arrive later). 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. March 15 reflection: "Cold White Sun", book on one refugee's journey - Author Sue Farrell Holler

Presentation of children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the end of Masses next weekend, March 16/17 children being confirmed will be asked to come forward to "be presented" to the parish community and the parish community will be asked to pray for them. Please keep all our children receiving sacraments this year, and their families, in your daily prayers.

Retrouvaille - Help for Struggling Marriages



Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems? You are not alone. Retrouville is a lifeline for troubled marriages!

For information and to register check helpourmarriage.com, info@helpourmarriage.ca or call 587-598-4357. Next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program starts **March 15 - 17.**

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 11 - 16

([⊕] Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 11, 7:00 am: ⊕ Parents of Andy & Betty Chailler

Tues. 12, 7:00 pm: CWL / ⊕ Anna Blaszczak

Wed. 13, 7:00 am: Andy & ⊕ Betty Chailler

7:00 pm: ⊕ Orest Woychuk

Thurs. 14, 7:00 pm: ⊕ Anna & Frank Blaszczak

Fri. 15, 7:00 am: ⊕ Gwen Glaser

10:30 am:

Dustin Alexandrovich

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. What is the Chalice?

A. It is a cup made of precious metals, from where the wine is offered and consecrated and from where it is consumed.

Musical Rosary, Wednesday, March 13. Join us for a musical presentation of the sorrowful mysteries following the 7 pm evening Mass. All are welcome.

Women's Cursillo, March 28 - 31, Rectora: Candice Edey. Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers and consider candidates. *Help needed in the kitchen* If you are interested in signing up for a 4 hour shift please contact Candice, 780-933-0893. *Please note: There will be no community Mass at the end of the Cursillo weekends.*

March for Life, May 9, Edmonton

This annual march takes place on the second Thursday of May in Edmonton. The Alberta Bishops encourage each of us to attend. Beginning with Mass at the Basilica at 10 am, the March itself and speeches take place between 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Alberta Legislature and/or the city hall (Churchill Square). More information is available on the March website https://albertamarchforlife.com/On the same day, there is a National March in Ottawa. Please keep both events in your prayers.

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.)

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GENERAL INFO

Please pray for

The sick, especiallyErnie Gnass

Robert Power

Rafaella Deluca, mother of Pat Deluca

The deceased, especially

Marilyn Renaud Dustin Alexandrovich

2019 assigned envelopes available in the parish office

during office hours, Monday - Friday. Please do not use envelopes from a previous year. We reassign them if they have not been used.

Not currently using envelopes and would like to start? Contact the parish office.

CWL General meeting, this Tuesday, March 12 beginning with Mass in church at 7 pm.

Executive Meeting, 6:00 pm in Grouard Room.

K of C Meeting, Tuesday, March 12, beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

Knights of Columbus Open House & Fraternal Benefits Day Saturday, March 30, 11 am - 3pm, Liguori Hall. Open to all Knights and any interested parishioners. Discussing what the Knights of Columbus do in our community and worldwide. We will also have a presentation on Wills and Estates from KMSC Law and a presentation on Funeral planning from Oliver's Funeral Home. No charge. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Pat Deluca to confirm attendance, pat.deluca@kofc.org or call 780-263-1064.

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 Masses.

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. Contact Ana, 780-978-4966 **El Shaddai Prayer Group:** Sundays, 3:30 - 6 pm Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

Sunday Readings

First Sunday of Lent: Salvation through Faith

Deuteronomy 26:4 - 10. Thanksgiving for the Lord's goodness **Roman 10:8 - 13.** The faith of the Christian **Luke 4:1 - 13.** Temptation in the desert

Key Passage: For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

Question: How willing are you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ openly to others?

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