

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Fourth Sunday of lent
March 31, 2019**

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Living in the Moment - Women's Retreat,

Saturday, April 6, 9 am - 1 pm.

Women of all ages welcome!

Lunch provided.

Childcare available on request.

Join us to rest and relax with our

Lord. **RSVP deadline: April 4.**

Contact Joanne, ext. 230, or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Next Sunday, April 7, is Solidarity Sunday

Each year during Lent, Canadian Catholics are invited to stand in solidarity with communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who are struggling for dignity and justice. We have so much love to give. By opening our hearts during the Lenten season, we can contribute to building a world rooted in justice, equality, compassion and love. By sharing with the world's poorest people, we are walking the path that Jesus walked. Please donate generously to D&P's "Share Lent" Campaign and help build the Kingdom of God. *Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

THANK YOU from the CWL to everyone who so generously donated towels, toiletries, etc, to the St. Lawrence Centre (they, in turn, will share the donations with Rotary House). They were greatly needed & graciously received. May you be greatly blessed!



Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with Children, April 19 at 11 am.

This liturgy is to help children understand why we celebrate on Good Friday - Jesus' passion for us, through his death on the cross. *Communion is not distributed at this liturgy.*

We would like to have as many children involved as possible: readers, choir, cross-bearers, etc. If your child is interested contact Joanne, ext. 230.

MARCH 31 - APRIL 7 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 31: 1 - 3 pm, Stations Rehearsal, church
3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Confirmation Class, church
Mon. 1: 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St JP11 Room
Wed. 3: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
10 am - noon, Martha's Prayer Time, Tranquille Hall
7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
Fri. 5: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,
Tranquille Hall
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church
Sat. 6: 9 am - 1 pm, Women's Retreat, Liguori Hall
7 pm, Youth Choir & Movie, church
Sun. 7: 1 - 3 pm, Stations Rehearsal, church
3 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall
3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Confirmation Class, church



Family Movie, Sunday, Apr 7, 3 pm,
Ralph Breaks the Internet

Join us in Tranquille Hall for the last
Family movie of the season.

Popcorn and juice provided.

Bring something comfy to sit on.

Parish Penitential Service, Monday, April 8, 7 pm.

Each time that we use the long form of the Penitential Act we pray the words "I have sinned in what I have done and in what I have failed to do." Ponder these words in the next weeks and make an effort to join the parish as we gather together to celebrate God's mercy.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Offering received last Sunday	\$17,745.38
Children's collection	\$112.00

Based on 815 donors an amount of \$30/week per donor is needed to meet our annual budget. Please mark your envelope with the amount enclosed.



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



Youth group Grades 3 - 5
Next gathering: Friday, April 12.
(Please note: there is no SALT April 26)

Martha's & prayer time

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: April 3, Tranquille Hall
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

Liturgy of the Word with Children Leaders & Helpers Needed in order to continue this ministry for the children of our parish. Here are some common myths debunked:

- You do not need to be an expert in the Bible!
- Training is provided.
- All lessons and materials are prepared and provided for you each week.
- You are never alone with the children; we teach as a team.
- Each session lasts approximately 25 minutes, with only about 5 minutes of lesson time – the remainder of the time is scripted or the children are doing their activity.
- You are not required every Sunday. Your schedule is accommodated – you only serve when you are available and sign up is online.
- A volunteer screening is required at no cost to you.

On April 6/7 **a short training session** will follow all weekend Masses in Modern Martyrs Room. Please contact Joanne, ext 230 or sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



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

Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Grade 6 - 12, April 6.
Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse
Join us in the choir for 7 pm Mass, with movie and snack to follow in St JPll Room.



Youth group for grades 6 - 9
Next gathering: Friday, April 12
7 - 9 pm, Liguori Hall

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



Mondays, 7 - 9 pm
Next gathering: April 1
St. JPll Room. Questions?
Call Anna, 780-831-8338.



High School Youth Group:
(Grades 9 - 12).
2nd & 4th Saturdays
Next gathering: Saturday,
April 13, 8 - 10 pm, St JPll Room

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

Parish-based Confirmation Classes:
Sundays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the church

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.

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.

*April 5 reflection: **Working with the St. Lawrence Centre***

Easter Vigil Reception Helping hands needed.

During the Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 20, a number of adults and children will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive their first Eucharist. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in Tranquille Hall. If you are able to help at the reception please contact Sylvia, 780-228-0411 or sylviaachabot@gmail.com.

Actors Needed! (No experience necessary!)

On Good Friday, St Joseph Church puts on an annual dramatization of the Stations of the Cross. We are looking for people to participate in this beautiful prayer. Rehearsal schedule is as follows:
 Sunday, March 31, 1:00-3:00
 Saturday, April 6, 1:00-3:00
 Sunday, April 7, 1:00-3:00
 Sunday, April 14, 1:00-3:00
 Good Friday April 19, 6 pm dress rehearsal & 8 pm presentation.

Contact Erin Lynch, lynche@telus.net or Donna de Bruin, donnareads14@gmail.com for information.

There will be also be a youth choir. If any youth would like to join us please contact April at stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com for a schedule of choir rehearsals.

Save the Date: St. Joseph Parish 100th Anniversary in 2020. Important dates to mark on your calendar:
 Sunday, April 26, 2020: 100th Anniversary
 March 29 - April 1, 2020: Parish Mission
 Sunday, May 3, 2020: Parish Dinner, Evergreen Park
 More events and details to follow.

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. What is a Corporal?

A. It is a square piece of white linen centrally placed on the altar and used to gather crumbs that may fall as the celebrant consecrates the host during the Eucharistic rite.

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.

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



Religious Gift Shop

Come check our stock after weekend Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 1 - 7

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 1, 7:00 am: † Gwen Glaser
 Tues. 2, 10:30 am: Mary Marcotte
 7:00 pm: Joseph Shaba
 Wed. 3, 7:00 am: † Dom Dika
 7:00 pm: † Orest Woychuk
 Thurs. 4, 7:00 pm: † Jerry Panasiuk
 Fri. 5, 7:00 am: † Jerry Backmeyer
 10:30 am:
 Sat. 6, 9:00 am: † Crespeniano & Purita Siega

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "Atonement or Love" 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 Terra O'Connor
Joel Wanihadie, nephew of Hilda Wanihadie

GrACE Community Consultations (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education). Hosted by Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools Trustees & Archbishop Gerry Pettipas, C.Ss.R.

April 4 – St. Joe's High School Library, 7 pm

April 15 – St. Mary's Sexsmith School Library, 6 pm

April 23 – Ste. Marie School Library, 7 pm

April 24 – St. Thomas More School Library, 7 pm

May 2 – St. Mary Beaverlodge School Library, 6 pm

May 15 – School Council Liaison @ Tranquille Hall, 7 pm

You are cordially invited to a GrACE Community Consultation. Trustees will lead the Consultations throughout our District with the Superintendent in attendance. Each Consultation will be approximately 1.5 hours. Please consider attending one of these sessions. You will be actively engaged in a process where you will be asked:

- Why do you Support Catholic Education?
- What Good News stories can you share?
- How you can affirm that Catholic Schools are unique & different.
- Sharing your Good News & the Good News of others
- How Catholic schools are efficient stewards of financial resources and how Catholic schools increase educational achievement for both Public and Catholic school students.
- How you can continue to become more aware of the value of a Catholic education in Alberta.

For information please contact the Catholic Education Centre, 780-532-3013.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Source of light

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 - 7, 10 - 13a. Samuel Anoints David **Ephesians 5:8 - 14.** Duty to live in the light
John 9:1 - 41. The man born blind

Key Passage: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. *Ephesians 4:8 - 9*

Question: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?