

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

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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.



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.

Today 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. If you missed contributing to the collection you may bring it to the parish office this week during office hours. Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

Splitting Palms for Palm Sunday - Saturday, Apr 13 after 9:00 am Mass (about 9:30 am) in Tranquille Hall. Volunteers needed for about 2 hours. Please call Thérèse, 780-532-1531, for information.

APRIL 7 - 14 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 7: 1 - 3 pm, Stations Rehearsal, church 3 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall

3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Confirmation Class, church

Mon. 8: 7 - 9 pm, Challenge Girls, St JPII Room

7 pm, Parish penitential Service, church

Tues. 9: 7 - 9 pm, CWL GM, begins with Mass, church 7 - 9 pm, K of C meeting, begins with Mass, church

Wed. 10: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 11: 7 pm, Cursillo Board meeting, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 12: 5:45 pm, Lenten Meal & Reflection,

Tranquille Hall

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church

7 - 9 pm, SALT, St JPII Room

7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Liguori Hall

Sat. 13: 8 - 10 pm, CORE, St JPII Room

Sun. 14: 1 - 3 pm, Stations Rehearsal, church

3:30 - 4:30 pm, Parish Confirmation Class, church



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.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$24,455.00

Offering received last Sunday \$20,370.13

Children's collection \$129.50

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.

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Youth group Grades 3 - 5

Next gathering: Friday, May 10.

Please note:

There is no SALT April 26



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 17, Modern Martyrs Room 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:





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 8 St. JPII Room. Questions? Call Anna, 780-831-8338.



High School Youth Group:

(Grades 9 - 12). 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Next gathering: Sat, Apr 13, 8 - 10 pm, St JPII Room

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!

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. St. Joseph Church Grande Prairie, Alberta

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 12 reflection: "Women Who Dig"

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 sylviachabot@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: 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.

CWL 82nd Annual Diocese Convention - April 27

Valleyview. Guest Speaker: Maureen Wild, SC.M.Ed Internationally, she is an educator, speaker and retreat guide with a primary focus on themes of Spiritual Ecology. Bring a friend. To register & car pool contact Lauraine Grzanich, 780-978-1664

Deadline: April 24 Fee: \$25

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. What is the Paten?

A. It is a precious metal plate that holds the large host for the consecration of the bread. Some patens are large and deep enough to hold some of the hosts consecrated for distribution of Holy Communion.

To Everything There is a Season, a musical presentation Sunday, April 14, 7:30 pm, in the church.

Prayer for Palliative Care - The CWL invites all parishioners to join them on May 4 after the 9 am Saturday Mass to pray the rosary as a witness to the sanctity of life. This coincides with National Hospice Palliative Care Week. All are welcome.

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.



Religious Gift Shop

Come check our stock after weekend Masses.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 8 - 13

(\oplus Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 8, 7:00 am: ⊕ Gus & Marie Jantz

Wed. 10,7:00 am: 🕆 Marie Jantz

7:00 pm: ⊕ Raphael Mascarenhas

Thurs. 11, 7:00 pm: ⊕ Orest Woychuk Fri. 12, 7:00 am: Haylee Mathias

10:30 am: ⊕ Dominador Doming

Sat. 13, 9:00 am: ⊕ Gwen Glaser

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Love" 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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GENERAL INFO

Please pray for

The sick, especially Terra O'Connor Darren Bennet **The deceased, especially** Sheilla Mitchell Yves Maillet, brother of Roland Maillet Marge Martineau, sister-in-law of Paulette Patterson

April CWL Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, beginning with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm.

April K of C Meeting, Tuesday, April 9, beginning with Mass in the church at 7:00 pm.

GrACE Community Consultations (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education). Hosted by Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools Trustees & Archbishop Gerry Pettipas, C.Ss.R., each session will be about 1.5 hours.

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 Trustees will lead the Consultations with the Superintendent in attendance. Please consider attending. 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 to 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Life Everlasting

Ezekial 37:12 - 14. Prophecy of restoration **Romans 8:8 - 11.** The flesh and the Spirit **John 11:1 - 45.** The raising of Lazarus

Key Passage: Jesus said to [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" *Jn 11:25 - 26*.

Question: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

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