

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019**

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SOMETHING'S MISSING

Do you feel like "something's missing" in your life?

All the divorced, widowed, single or separated: Join us this fall for a time of faith and fellowship.

First gathering: Monday, Sept. 16, 7 - 8:30 pm,
Grouard Room. Contact Bernadette, 780-831-8016,
thibeaub@telusplanet.

PARENT SACRAMENTAL FORUMS WITH REGISTRATION FOR Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Mark these dates on your calendar:

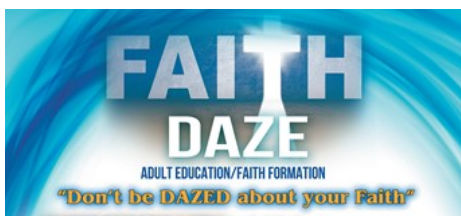
Monday, September 30, 7 - 9 pm

Thursday, October 3, 7 - 9 pm

Saturday, October 5, 10 am - 12 noon

All sessions are in Tranquille Hall

In our diocese children baptized in the Roman Catholic Church celebrate Reconciliation in grade 2, Eucharist in grade 3 and Confirmation in grade 6. All children receiving sacraments in the 2019/2020 school year, whether they attend Catholic school or otherwise, must be registered at a forum. Plan to be there for the full 2 hours. Parents only need to attend ONE session. Bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate.



7:45 - 9 pm in Tranquille Hall

You have time to attend 7 pm Mass.

Our first session is September 25:

Pornography, It Hurts Us All

This session is suitable for 14 years of age & older.

Join us to learn more about this critical issue.

SEPTEMBER 15 - 22 DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun. 15: 4 pm, French Mass, church

Mon. 16: 10 am, Holy Cross/St. Clement School Mass,
Church

7 - 9 pm, Something's Missing Group, Grouard Room

Tues. 17: 7 - 9:30 pm, K of C, begins in church

Thurs. 19: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

Sat. 21: 8 am, Come Lord Jesus Retreat, church
1:30 - 3 pm, Lector's Workshop, church

8 - 10 pm, CORE

Parish Pastoral Council Nominations & Election

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is concerned with the "pastoral" needs and direction of the parish and is the most immediate group of advisors to the pastor and pastoral team. More information is available on the parish website. The council meets the first Thursday of each month, 7:45 - 9:15 pm, and for a retreat day in the fall to discern the pastoral theme for the new liturgical year.

The election will be the weekend of October 26/27.

6 council seats are open. Terms are 2 years.

Nominations (by parishioners or self-nomination) are now open. Nomination forms and a list of the needed qualifications are available in the entrance to the church. **Closing date: Wednesday, October 2**

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Average summer Sunday contribution, June 23 - Aug. 30	\$19,413.04
Offering received Sept. 1	\$18,337.84
Sept. 8	\$19,755.59
Children's average summer Sunday offering	\$113.05
Children's Offering Sept. 1	\$167.00
Sept. 8	\$77.00

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 & Childrens
 m i n i s t r y
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Grade 3 - 5
 Next gathering:
 Friday, October 11
 6 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall

Register when you arrive.
 \$40 for one child, \$20 for each additional child (this includes children in Youth groups as well)

Go online to see our
 upcoming news & events:



CORE (Grades 9 - 12)
 HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
 8 - 10 pm, following Saturday evening Mass
Next CORE: Saturday, Sept. 21



URGENT!
Liturgy of the Word with Children Leaders & Helpers needed.
 Volunteer screening is necessary.
 Contact Joanne, ext. 230.



Youth group for grades 6 - 9
 First gathering: Friday, Sept. 27, 7 - 9 pm
 Upstairs

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!

Martha's & prayer time

FOR MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN
 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon
Fall start-up: October 2
www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/



We were established as a parish April 26, 1920.
 Join us for Mass on our 100th Anniversary:
 Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Other centennial festivities include:
Parish Mission: March 29 - April 1
 Mission Preacher - Fr. Jack Kingsbury
Parish Dinner: May 3, at Evergreen Park
St. Joseph Day in the Park: Sunday, June 14, Muskoseepi Park, Mass at 11 am followed by family fun in the park.

SACRAMENTS Darlene Lemay, x 228



Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. You may attend while still expecting your child!
 Contact Darlene, ext. 228

100th Anniversary Committee Members: Fr. Remi, Fr. Leo, Darlene Brausen, Annette Dechant, Dan Gorman, Dennis Grant, Helen MacDonald, Diana McConachie, Paulette Patterson, Russ Snoble, Szabi Stikker, Laura Tapson, Diane Walker, Kevin Walker, April Weavell



Religious Gift Shop available after Saturday 7 pm Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses, in the library. New merchandise has arrived! Come check out our gift shop.

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "Coming Home"
 A group of our very own parishioners contribute bi-weekly to our blog page, "Mustard Seeds". We hope that you will be inspired by their reflections as we journey together in our faith.

ADULT FORMATION

Prayers for Healing Thursday, September 19

following 7 pm Mass in the church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and for someone else by proxy. All are welcome to attend Mass and stay for prayer.

Searching for RCIA Sponsors for the adults preparing for full initiation (baptism/confirmation and Eucharist) or full reception into the church. The basic quality of a sponsor is someone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith and who is comfortable enough with their faith to accompany someone else on their faith journey.

For information contact John Witschen in the parish office.

Lectors Workshop If you are a lector (one who proclaims the readings and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass) or would like to begin in this ministry, please plan to attend one of these workshops (even if you have been a Lector for many years). Workshops are in the church.

Saturday, September 21, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Monday, September 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, September 24, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Grief as a Journey: *Our Walk to Emmaus* is a nine-week support program for those grieving a loss. *Beginning October 21, they will meet on Mondays in the Modern Martyrs Room, 7 - 8:30 pm.*

The death of someone we have loved leads us to question life's purpose and meaning. We find ourselves asking many questions: Where is my life headed? What is its true meaning? How do I assess the rightness of my decisions? What is real and true? When the answers are unclear, we can lose the confidence that we once had about where all this was leading us.

The two disciples on that ancient road to Emmaus did not have a known destination; in many ways the personal experience of grief is precisely like that. This program offers help, fellowship, and the support of the Church community. For more information, contact Debbie, 780-518-5763.

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. Why do we begin Mass with the Sign of the Cross?

A. It is the symbol of our faith and of our belief in the Triune God.

Laughter: A Vacation for the Soul: Monday, September 16, 3 - 4:30 pm, Grouard Room. Brother Raymond Pierce, C.Ss.R. is coming to share some of his favorite stories. His signature story is a fractured fairy tale about "Cinderella and the Handsome Prince" or "Dincerella and the Pandsome Hrince." Join us for an entertaining afternoon. Bring a friend.

The Joy of Love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church. Despite the many signs of crisis in the institution of marriage, "the desire to marry and form a family remains vibrant. This is an inspiration to the Church". As a response to that desire, "the Christian proclamation on the family is good news indeed". Steven Defer will present a workshop on the papal encyclical and the implications for today's couples on Friday & Saturday, Sept. 27 & 28, in Tranquille Hall. It begins on Friday at 7:30 pm and continues on Saturday at 9 am. Register before September 27 at <http://tiny.cc/s9gicz>

The Refugee Committee seeks prayer partners for two potential sponsorships. These two *Christian* groups await important interviews with a Canadian visa officer. One family sponsorship is for a *Rwandan* family in Zambia and the other is two *Pakistani* adults from Thailand. If you would like to pray for successful interviews for these two groups, call Helen, 780-532-1071, or Sharon, 780-532-4871.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 16 - 21

(✠ Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 16, 7:00 am: Alice Brick

Tues. 17, 7:00 pm: ✠ Arthur Coben

Wed. 11, 7:00 am: ✠ George Bond

7:00 pm: ✠ Jack & Joyce Mann

Thurs. 19, 7:00 pm: ✠ Jose Joa

Fri. 20, 7:00 am: ✠ Helma Fletcher

10:30 am: ✠ Lucas Nunes

Sat. 21, 9:00 am: Kira & Lexi Borman

GENERAL INFO

Please pray for

The sick, especially Doug Cook
Edwin Doloroso Ken Kamieniecki

The deceased, especially

Amos, Morin, father of Steve Morin

100 Mile Dinner - September 2019

Every fall, the Social Justice Committee hosts a Potluck Dinner meal where all foods come from within 100 miles of Grande Prairie (as much as it is possible). This is to encourage us to consume local foods, whether purchased or home-grown. Our goal is to limit dependence on foods transported to us from distant places, thereby reducing our carbon footprint on the Earth, and to bring awareness of all that is available locally. Another happy side-effect of this meal is that it helps to build community - eating together, sharing recipes and tips for more sustainable living on our planet. Call Josy, 780-876-4060, for info.

K of C meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 17 (note date change), beginning with Mass in the church at 7 pm.

The Knights of Columbus are accepting applications from High School graduates for one of **three \$500 scholarships**. Application forms are available at the church office. **Application Deadline extended:** Sept. 15

PLEASE NOTE: Only bring *NON-PERISHABLE* food items to Mass to donate to the Foodbank (no dairy, bread, fruit, vegetables, etc.)

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
Saturday	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 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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *The Courage to Forgive*

Exodus 32:7 - 11, 13 - 14. The golden calf

1 Timothy 1:12 - 17. Paul's gratitude

Luke 15:1 - 32. The prodigal son

Key Passage: The slave replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then the elder son became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. *Luke 15:27 - 28*

Question: When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?