

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29, 2019**

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## **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.

**Conquer Series** A 5 week video follow-up to our most recent Faith Daze- "Pornography- It Hurts Us All." Conquer series will be 5 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning on October 15. Sessions begin at 7:45 and will finish at 8:30. More details to follow

**Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada was this weekend, September 28/29:** If you missed donating to this collection you may drop your contribution at the parish office this week.

*Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.* This collection assists the Bishops in their ministry of leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

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### **SEPTEMBER 29 - OCT. 6 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon. 30:** 7 pm, Parent Sacrament Forum,  
Tranquille Hall  
**Wed. 2:** 10 am - 12 noon, Martha's Prayer Time,  
Tranquille Hall  
7:30 pm, Choir, church  
**Thurs. 3:** 7 pm, Parent Sacrament Forum,  
Tranquille Hall  
**Sat. 5:** 10 am, Parent Sacrament Forum,  
Tranquille Hall  
8 pm, Youth Choir & Movie Night, upstairs

### **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**

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

### **Parish Financial Information** (Diane Walker ext. 227)

Offering Required Weekly \$24,455.00

Offering received last Sunday \$18,028.14

Children's Offering \$169.00

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**  
 ministry  
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Go online to see our upcoming news & events:



Grade 3 - 5  
 Next gathering:  
 Friday, October 11  
 6 - 9 pm, St. JP11 Room

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



**Grade 6 - 12 Saturday, Oct. 5**  
 Join us in the choir for 7 pm Mass.  
 Movie and snack to follow in  
 St JP11 Room. Please bring something  
 comfy to sit on.



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



(Grades 9 - 12)  
 Saturdays, 8 - 10 pm  
 Next gathering, Saturday, Oct. 12,  
 8 - 10 pm, St. JP11 Room



Youth group for grades 6 - 9  
 Next gathering, Friday, Oct. 4, 7 - 9 pm,  
 St. JP11 Room



**FOR MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN**  
 1st & 3rd Wednesday,  
 10 am - 12 noon

Fall start-up: October 2, Tranquille Hall  
[www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)



**Disturbing the Peace Conference**  
**October 18 - 20 Grades 6 - 12**  
**\$119 for weekend**  
 Speaker: Jaden Neufeld

Concert: Jordan St. Cyr, Illusionist/Comedian;  
 Jared Hall

Register on-line, [dtp2019.eventbrite.ca](http://dtp2019.eventbrite.ca) and join our group: St. Joe's Youth

**SACRAMENTS** Darlene Lemay, x 228



**Through the Waters of Baptism** we welcome James Gerein, Madelyn Waugh, Kiefer Deato, Jayden Balogun and Kaehleb Danal.

We pray that their journey with our Lord will be filled with joy.

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. You may attend while still

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "A Response to Our Father in this Autumn Season"** A group of our very own parishioners contribute bi-weekly to our blog page, "Mustard Seeds".

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 5	
( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)	
Mon. 30, 7:00 am:	Jerome Bowen
Tues. 1, 10:30 am:	† Lawrence Nunes
	7:00 pm: † Socorro Fontelara
Wed. 2, 7:00 am:	† Herb House
	7:00 pm: † Mabel, John, Michael McNeil / † Stacey Hagg
Thurs. 3, 7:00 pm:	† Patrick Binns
Fri. 4, 7:00 am:	Cory Grattan
	† Madonna Kelly
Sat. 5, 9:00 am:	Alice Brick

## ADULT FORMATION

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is for adults who wish to be baptized, or if baptized in another tradition, be received into the Catholic Church. Brochures available at the Welcome Table. Contact John Witschen at the parish office.

**RCIA adapted for families** (*for baptism of children 7 years of age and older*) For information please contact Darlene, ext. 228.

**Grief as a Journey: *Our Walk to Emmaus*:** a 9 week support program for those grieving a loss. *Mondays in the Modern Martyrs Room, 7 - 8:30 pm. Beginning October 21.* The death of someone we have loved leads us to question life's purpose and meaning. 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.

**St. Joseph Refugee Committee** would like to thank our parishioners for 40 years of dedicated service to migrants and refugees through refugee sponsorship. There have been numerous sponsorships over these past 40 years. Sunday, September 29 is dedicated to the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Please pray this Sunday for 2 Pakistani Christians we have sponsored who will be interviewed Oct. 1.

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



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, Evergreen Park

*St. Joseph Day in the Park:* Sunday, June 14, Muskosepi Park, Mass at 11 am followed by family fun in the park.

### Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

**Q. What is the Penitential Act?**

**A.** In the Penitential Act, we ask God and each other for forgiveness for the times we have sinned, for we know we are not perfect.



### SOMETHING'S MISSING

All the divorced, widowed, single or separated: Do you feel like "something's missing" in your life?

Join us for faith and fellowship.

**3rd Monday of month 7 - 8:30 pm,** Grouard Room. Call Bernadette, 780-831-8016, thibeaub@telusplanet

### Voting as Catholics - 2019 Federal Election Guide

This timely, and brief guide as available on the website of the Canadian Bishops, cccb.ca. It highlights many values that we need to keep in mind as we prepare to vote, including respect for life, dignity of the human person, concern for the weakest among us, solidarity and dialogue with different social partners, justice and peace, and respect for the planet, our common home. Keep in mind that no candidate or party will completely address them all. Find out before the election what candidates will do to support these values. After the election, remind the government and your MP of your values and ask how they are supporting them. Remember, we do have an obligation to participate and vote.

### The Social Justice Committee's annual 100 Mile Dinner - October 6

At this Potluck Dinner all foods come from within 100 miles of Grande Prairie (as much as possible). The goal is to bring awareness of foods available locally, help by limiting dependence on foods transported from distant places and reduce our carbon footprint. We can also share recipes and tips for more sustainable living.

**CANCELLED**

This year our **Wednesday evening Bible Study** group has been invited to participate in the "Come, Lord Jesus" study. This is a new and exciting program which uses the Sunday Mass Readings as a basis for the study. On Wednesday, Oct. 16, following the 7:00 pm Mass, we will begin our participation in this program. Everyone is Welcome! (7:45 – 9:15 pm).

## GENERAL INFO

### Please pray for

**The sick, especially** Doug Cook Ron Quinn  
Edwin Doloroso Ken Kamieniecki  
Raffaella Deluca, mother of Pat Deluca

**The deceased, especially** Leon Shrafnalgle  
Rory Borstad, father of Rick Borstad  
Patricia Connor, mother of James Connor

**Catholic Family Services is seeking an experienced, dynamic leader to join their team as Executive Director.** CFS is a non-profit charitable organization in Grande Prairie promoting healthy families through education and support. CFS also provides counselling services for individuals and families seeking support. The successful applicant will operate and manage the association in a proficient and well organized manner, while working within the policies of the organization. Please email your resume to [careers@cfsdp.ca](mailto:careers@cfsdp.ca)



**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.

**The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is seeking a consultant to develop a fundraising campaign.** Find details on their website, [archgm.ca](http://archgm.ca) or request a copy of the Request For Proposal by calling 780-532-9766 or email [exec.agm@live.ca](mailto:exec.agm@live.ca).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Office Hours:** Mon. - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

### Regular Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am  
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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](mailto: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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**Amos 6:1a, 4 - 7.** Third woe

**1 Timothy 6:11 - 16.** The good fight of faith

**Luke 16:19 - 31.** The rich man and Lazarus

**Key Passage:** There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. Luke 16:19 - 21.

**Question:** What are the "rewards" of caring for the needs of the poor?