

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 20, 2019**

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**Annual Family Hallowe'en  
Party - Saturday, Oct 26,  
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm**  
Games, snacks, prizes and  
lots of good, clean fun!

RSVP not required. **Call Joanne, ext. 230, or email  
[sjc-family@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca) if you are able to help.**

**Parish Pastoral Council Elections - Next weekend  
October 26/27** We have 8 candidates running for 6  
elected positions. All registered parishioners over  
the age of 16 are eligible to vote. You are invited to  
vote for 6, or less, candidates. Meet the candidates  
on Thursday, Oct. 24 after the 7 pm Mass .

**100th Anniversary Dinner Tickets** available for  
purchase following all weekend Masses and during  
the week at the parish office. This  
special dinner with entertainment  
will be held at Evergreen Park,  
**May 3, 2020**, to commemorate this  
momentous occasion. Tickets \$50 each

**Remembering the Faithful Departed Mass,  
Monday, November 4, 7:00 pm** During the month  
of November we remember and pray for those who  
have died. On November 4 we celebrate our annual  
memorial Mass for parishioners who died in the past  
year. Their names are read aloud during the Mass.  
If you have an immediate family member (parent,  
sibling or child) who has died in the past year but is  
not from our parish, we invite you to call the office  
**before Friday, October 25 at 12 noon** so that we can  
include their names in the program and read them  
aloud as well. This Mass is also a wonderful way to  
remember and pray for loved ones who have died in  
past years, even though their names will not be read  
aloud. Everyone is welcome.

## **OCTOBER 20 - 27 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Mon. 21:** 9 am - 3pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm, Something's Missing group, Grouard Room  
7 - 8:30 pm, Road to Emmaus, Modern Martyrs Room  
**Tues. 22:** 7:45 - 8:30 pm, Conquer Series,  
Tranquille Hall  
**Wed. 23:** 7 - 9:30 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, Modern Martyrs Rm  
**Thurs. 24:** 7:30 pm, PPC Candidates forum,  
Grouard Room  
7 pm, Catholic Family Services AGM, Liguori Hall  
**Fri. 25:** 7 - 9 pm, Ultreya, church  
7 - 9 pm, EDGE, Tranquille Hall  
**Sat. 26:** 9:50 - 11:50 am, Group A Altar Servers, church  
Noon - 2 pm, Group B Altar Servers, church  
Noon - 3 pm, Halloween Family fun, Tranquille Hall

## **Liturgy of the Word with Children**

**We cannot sustain this program with the current  
number of active volunteers.** In order to run this  
program we need 2 volunteers per group. This  
means 32 volunteers/month in order to have every-  
one serve once/month. We currently have 19.  
This is a valuable ministry for our children and our  
parish and we desperately need more volunteers.  
It is not a difficult ministry - all materials and  
training are provided. **URGENT!** Contact Joanne,  
ext. 230. Volunteer screening is necessary.

**Parish Financial Information** (Diane Walker ext. 227)  
Offering Required Weekly \$24,455.00  
Offering received last Sunday \$18,529.09  
Children's Offering \$157.00  
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 MINISTRY**

April Fogle, x 229

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Go online to see our  
 upcoming news & events:



Grade 3 - 5  
 Join us at the Family Halloween  
 Party, Saturday, Oct. 26,  
 Tranquille Hall

**Next gathering:** Friday, Nov. 8, 7 - 9 pm, St. JPll Room  
 All are welcome.



(Grades 9 - 12)

HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH Saturdays, 8 - 10 pm

Next gathering, Oct. 26, 8 - 10 pm, St. JPll Room.

**1920's Murder Mystery.** Sign up for your character



**FOR MOMS & PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN**

1st & 3rd Wednesday,  
 10 am - 12 noon

**Next gathering: November 6, Tranquille Hall**

[www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)



Youth group for grades 6 - 9

Next gathering, Friday, Oct. 25, 7- 9 pm,  
 Tranquille Hall.

**Pumpkin Carving.** Bring your own  
 pumpkin

**SACRAMENTS** Darlene Lemay,  
 x 228



**Through the Waters of Baptism** we  
 welcome Abigail Distrito, Danika  
 Ruecker, Leannah Sagum and  
 Nathalia & Aemilia Matias to our  
 faith family. 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 expecting your child! Contact Darlene, ext. 228



**Challenge Girl's Groups**

Grade 5 - 8 Mondays

Grade 9 - 12 Tuesdays

7 - 8:30 pm in St. JPll Room

First gathering of the year:

Grade 5 - 8 November 4,

Grade 9 - 12 November 5

Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.

**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!



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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 21 - 26**

( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 21, 9:00 am: † Theresa Magnowski

Tues. 22, 7:00 pm: † Lynn Moffat

Wed. 23, 7:00 am: † Pat MacDonald

7:00 pm: † Jerry Backmeyer

Thurs. 24, 7:00 pm: † Blair Klein

Fri. 25, 7:00 am: † Frank Smith

Sat. 26, 9:00 am: † Pablo Liong

## ADULT FORMATION

**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.

**Ultreya, Friday, October 25, 7 pm, in the church**  
Witness speaker: Pat DeLuca. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

**Conquer Series** Tuesdays, until Nov. 12, 7:45 - 8:30 pm, St. JP11 Room.

A 5 week video follow-up to our most recent Faith Daze, "Pornography- It Hurts Us All." Deepen your awareness of the harmful effects of pornography. Bring your teenager (14+). It may be a good way to begin an important conversation.

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

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. Wednesdays, 7:45 – 9:15 pm, Tranquille Hall (We meet following the 7:00 pm Mass.)  
Everyone is welcome!

**saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "JOY"** A group of our very own parishioners contribute bi-weekly to our blog page, "Mustard Seeds".

### Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

*Q. How do the Introductory Rites end?*

*A. By means of the Collect (opening prayer) the priest gathers up all our prayers and offers them to God through Jesus Christ, thus ending the Introductory Rites.*



### 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.

*Next gathering, October 21.* Contact Bernadette, 780-831-8016, or thibeaub@telusplanet.net

### 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.

**Helpers/Volunteers Needed** Are you looking for a place to volunteer on occasion in the church? We are looking for cleanup crews for the events that are being held in the parish. The team would come towards the end of the event, relieving the event hosts. Ideally, teams of 4 - 5 would be created and the commitment would be just a few times a year. For information or to sign up contact Bernadette, 780-831-8016 or thibeaub@telusplanet.net .



### 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.

## GENERAL INFO

### Please pray for

**The sick, especially** Ron Quinn

*Correction from last week's bulletin:*

Raymond Garant, brother of Denis Garant

**The deceased, especially** Rose Mae Laframboise

Maria Nicdao, mother of Cristina De Rueda

### The Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories' letter concerning Catholic Education

**Sunday in Alberta** (November 3) is available on the literature rack at the entrance to the church. They have composed a **novena prayer for Catholic Education Sunday** beginning October 25 and ending November 2, which is also on the literature rack.

### Catholic Family Services Annual General Meeting

October 24, 7 pm, Liguori Hall. All are welcome.

### Immaculate Conception Church, Sexsmith,

**Annual Fall Supper**, Saturday, Nov. 2, 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
50/50 Draw & Quilt Raffle Families \$40 Individual \$20

### St. Joseph CWL invites you to attend the CWL Christmas Tea, Bake Sale and Bazaar

Saturday Nov. 2, 1 to 4 pm, Tranquille Hall.  
If you wish to donate anything for the bake sale or craft items, they may be dropped off  
Friday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Tranquille Hall.

**World Mission Sunday Collection** is this weekend. If you missed donating you may drop your contribution at the parish office during office hours this week.  
*Please Make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

## 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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Taking Responsibility*

**Exodus 17:8 - 13.** Battle with Amalek

**2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2.** Apostolic charge

**Luke 18:1 - 8.** The corrupt judge

**Key Passage:** For a while the judge refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." *Luke 18:4 - 5*

**Question:** Whose needs might you be failing to listen to right now?