

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 24, 2019**

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**CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be at 4:00, 6:30, 9:00 pm & Midnight on Christmas Eve and 10:00 am on Christmas Day. The 4:00 & 6:30 pm Masses are especially suited to children. **Free tickets** for the 4:00, 6:30 & 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses will be available in the entrance to the church after the 7:00 pm Saturday evening Mass and the 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday Masses **beginning next weekend and every weekend during Advent** until all the tickets are gone. (Tickets are not required for midnight Mass or 10 am Christmas Day.) *Tickets will not be available during the week from the office.* If you are unable to get to Mass on the weekend, please ask someone to pick up tickets for you.

**We invite applications for the position of Finance Officer.** Accurate bookkeeping is an essential element in the smooth function of the parish. Professionalism in accuracy and attention to detail, ability to multi-task, ensure compliance with parish and diocesan policies and appropriate discretion and diplomacy are expected.

**Responsibilities:** Maintain accurate and current accounts payable, receivable ledgers, reconcile bank statements, maintain parish payroll system, administer appropriate tax and benefit deductions for staff, prepare financial statements, budget, year end, donation receipts, and reports to parish finance committee.

**Qualifications:** 2 - 3 years of related bookkeeping experience, proficient in Outlook, Word, Excel, QuickBooks and banking procedures, ability to work independently in a varied and diverse environment, and an established and intimate knowledge of the Roman Catholic tradition. Complete job description available upon request. Resumes accepted until Friday, November 29, 5:00 p.m. or until position is filled. Please submit resumes to Fr. Remi Hebert C.Ss.R., E-mail: [RemiHebert@gpcsd.ca](mailto:RemiHebert@gpcsd.ca)

## NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 1 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sun. 24:** 3 pm, Family Movie, Tranquille Hall  
**Mon. 25:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
7 - 9 pm, Chosen Girls' groups, Tranquille Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm, Road to Emmaus, Modern Martyrs Rm  
**Wed. 27:** 7 - 9:30 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall  
9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, Modern Martyrs Rm  
7:45 - 9 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall  
**Fri. 29:** 7 pm, Ultreya, St JP II Room  
**Sat. 30:** 9:50 - 11:50 am, Group C Altar Servers, church  
12 noon - 2 pm, Group D Altar Servers, church



Next session  
Wednesday, Nov. 27,  
7:45 - 9 pm,  
Tranquille Hall

(you have time to attend 7 pm Mass!).

**SAINTS** Often misunderstood. Constantly interceding. Regular people like you and me.

## 100th Anniversary Commemorative Merchandise

To fundraise for the furniture in the new upstairs rooms we are offering sweatshirts caps and touques embroidered with the 100th anniversary logo. A range of prices, with sizing from children to adult 3x. Great stocking stuffers or presents.

Taking orders after Sunday Masses or at the parish office during office hours. Ordering deadline:

**December 5.**



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

Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Offering received last Sunday	\$18,354.09
Children's Offering	\$97.00

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



Grade 3 - 5  
 Next gathering: Friday, Nov. 29  
 7 - 9 pm, meet in church (come  
 in regular door)  
 We're changing out songbooks  
 for the new liturgical year. *Special snack to follow!*



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

**Next gathering: December 4, Tranquille Hall**  
[www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/)



**Family Movie**, Sunday, Nov. 24, 3 pm,  
 Tranquille Hall.  
 Popcorn and juice provided.  
 Bring something comfy to sit on.

**SACRAMENTS**

Darlene Lemay,  
 x 228



**Through the Waters of Baptism** we  
 welcome Charlie Smith and Zemirah  
 Bautista to our faith family. We pray  
 that their journey with our Lord is  
 filled with great 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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 25 - 30**  
 ( † Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

- Mon. 25, 7:00 am: † Pat MacDonald
- Tues. 26, 7:00 pm: † Richard Hunt
- Wed. 27, 7:00 am: † Rob Kolinowsky  
 7:00 pm: † Norman O'Shea
- Thurs. 28, 7:00 pm: † Stephen Brian Engcong
- Fri. 29, 7:00 am: † Rene Prevost
- Sat. 30, 9:00 am: † Shayla Salacki



**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
 April Fogle, x 229  
[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)

**CORE** (Grades 9 - 12)  
 Saturdays, 8 - 10 pm  
 HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH No CORE Nov. 30

Next gathering, Dec. 14: Attending Boy's Choir  
 Concert at GP Alliance. Be sure to purchase your  
 ticket before the concert.



Youth group for grades 6 - 9  
 No EDGE Nov. 29 in lieu of Discovery.  
 Next gathering, Friday, Dec. 13, 7- 9 pm,  
 St. JPll Room.



**Chosen Girl's Groups**  
 (formerly Challenge Girl's)  
 1st & 3rd week of the month  
 Gr 5 - 7 (Jr): Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
 Gr. 8 - 12 (Sr): Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9pm

Monday, Nov. 25: *Creating Advent Wreaths* for both  
 junior & senior, Tranquille Hall, 7 - 8:30 pm  
**No Senior Chosen** on the Nov. 26, or Dec. 3.  
**No Junior Chosen** on Dec. 2.  
 Questions? Call Anna 780-831-8338.



**Discovery Retreat Weekend**  
 Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, St. Joseph High  
 School for grades 7 - 9.  
**Kitchen Help needed.** Signup online:  
<https://signup.com/go/aPKRsoU>  
**Join the 24 hour prayer chain**  
 Signup online: <https://signup.com/go/kUiUPwt>

**Music & Muffins at the High Schools:** from 8:40 -  
 9:15 am. Tuesdays at St. Joe's and Thursdays at St  
 JPll Schools in the chapel. A great way to start the  
 day with muffins (outside the chapel) and worship.  
 All students and staff are welcome to attend.



**High School lunch hour youth  
 group** Tuesdays at St. Joe's and  
 Thursdays at St JPll in the black  
 box. The more the merrier.  
 Snacks provided.

## ADULT FORMATION

**Grief as a Journey: *Our Walk to Emmaus*:** a support program for those grieving a loss.

*Mondays in the Modern Martyrs Room, 7 - 8:30 pm.*

**Next meeting: Monday, November 25**

This program offers help, fellowship, and the support of the Church community. For information, contact Debbie, 780-518-5763.

**Book of Remembrance** Remembering the deceased in a special way during the month of November is a long-standing tradition in the Church. Our Book of Remembrance is on a table in the entrance to the church. You are welcome to write the names of your loved ones in it.

**Ultreya**, Friday, Nov. 29, 7 pm, St. JPII Room  
Speaker: Debbie Anderson All are welcome.

**"Come as a Child"** Advent Retreat for Men & Women  
Presenter: Allan Forsberg

Saturday, Nov. 30, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Cost: \$30. Coffee, tea and light snacks provided.

Please bring a bag lunch. Contact Alan,  
780-830-8776, or allanforsberg43@gmail.com

2019 Catholic Family Ministries Women's Conference  
**Women of Dignity**, Nov. 29 - 30, Holy Trinity Parish,  
Spruce Grove. \$50/woman \$35/student  
\$75/Vendor Please register early at 780-961-3346,  
www.catholicfamilyministries.com

**Filipino Mass and Christmas gathering**, December 7,  
1:00 pm, church. Social to follow, Tranquille Hall.

**Communion Ministers for Home Visits Needed** This ministry is as much a blessing for those visiting the people in their homes to bring them communion as it is for those being visited. Time commitment is every few weeks for about 1 1/2 hours Wednesday mornings. Call the parish office if interested.

### SOMETHING'S MISSING

All the divorced, widowed, single or separated: Join us for faith & fellowship.

*Next gathering, 2nd Monday of  
December, the 9th, 7 - 8:30 pm,*

Grouard Room. Contact Bernadette, 780-831-8016,  
or thibeaub@telusplanet.net



### Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

**Q. What is the First Reading?**

**A.** The First Reading usually comes from one of the books of the Old Testament. During the Easter season, it is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

**Sock Sundays begin next weekend.** How good it feels to put on a pair of warm, dry socks! *Please remember to bring a new pair of socks to donate during Advent.* This simple act of kindness benefits many in need in our community. Don't remember to bring socks? Consider making a donation instead. All funds collected will buy more socks. Toques, mitts and scarves also gratefully accepted!

### Christmas Eve Youth Choir

This year, both the 4:00 & 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Masses will have a Youth Choir. Rehearsals for each choir will be separate. For rehearsal dates/times contact Mary-Ann: ritchima@hotmail.com or 780-532-0435.

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



**Religious Gift Shop** available after Saturday 7 pm Mass & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses, in the library. Come check our new stock of Christmas merchandise.



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

**(Tickets \$50 each** available during the week at the parish office and following all weekend Masses next weekend, November 30/December 1)

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

## GENERAL INFO

**Please pray for**

**The deceased, especially**

Mary Smichura

Raffaele Santoro, father of Anita Santoro

**Dave and Bertha Hartman are soon moving to** Edmonton. Come and bid them farewell on Tuesday, Nov 26 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in Tranquille Hall.

**2019 Sunday collection envelopes available** in the Modern Martyrs Room beginning next Sunday until Sunday, December 16.

**Donators through automatic Bank withdrawal:** extra collection envelopes will be available in the Modern Martyrs Room.

**2019 Sunday Missals & Children's Sunday Missals** are available in the entrance to the church.

**18 Wheels of Christmas 2019 Food Drive**, Nov. 30 - Dec. 1, Superstore parking lot. Accepting donations of non-perishable food items, baby food/formula, diapers and toys for boys and girls of all ages to fill a 53' trailer. Donations will be distributed to our community food banks. Catholic Family Services are volunteering for some of the shifts to greet/direct people. 2 people needed for the 12 - 2 & 2 - 4 pm shifts. Contact Catholic Family Services, 780-532-9381 by Nov. 27.

**Christ Church Anglican Christmas Tea & Bazaar**, Sat., Nov. 30, 1 - 3 pm. Tea, \$5 admission; Ages 6 & under free. Door prize & more. 6610 Poplar Drive

## 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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: *True Authority*

**2 Samuel 5:1 - 3.** David king of Israel      **Colossians 1:12 - 20.** Christ's fullness and reconciliation

**Luke 23:35 - 43.** The crucifixion; the king of the Jews

**Key Passage:** For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Colossians 1:19 - 20*

**Question:** Following the example of Jesus, what is the best way to exercise your authority over others?