

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Healing Our Wounds in Joyful Service

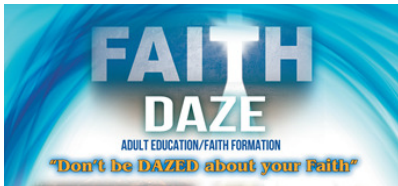
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019**

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Parish Office Closed: Family Day, Monday, Feb. 18
Weekday Mass will be at 9:00 am



Next session: Wednesday, February 27, 7:45 - 9 pm
in Tranquille Hall (you have time to attend 7 pm
Mass!). **Understanding the Catholic Perspective on
"End of Life"** (Please note change of topic)

The CWL request the assistance of our parish to
provide the **St. Lawrence Centre** with gently used
towels (please note: not new) and personal items
such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo,
soap, disposable razors, etc. Thank you.

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. Baptism
is when we first encounter new life with Jesus.
Therefore, it is not appropriate to celebrate
baptism *during* Lent as we are *preparing* for
baptism. We will resume celebrating baptisms on
Easter Sunday, April 21.

**FYI - the ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the
Palms used on Palm Sunday last year.** In preparation
for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your old
palm branches to church before **Sunday,
February 22** so that we have time to burn them
before Ash Wednesday.

FEBRUARY 17 - 24 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sun. 17:** 4 pm, French Mass, church
Mon. 18: Family Day
- 9 am, Weekday Mass, church
Wed. 20: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
- 10 am - noon, Martha's Prayer Time, Tranquille Hall
- 7:30 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
- 7 pm, RCIA, Liguori Hall
Thurs. 21: 7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
Fri. 22: 7 pm EDGE/SALT Nerf Wars, Tranquille Hall

7th Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Friday, March 1, 7 pm, Tranquille Hall



Full costume or just a mask,
all ages welcome!
Fun for all ages - games,
bouncy castle, a DJ & more.
No tickets required.

Bring your whole family for this great mid-winter
celebration!

Mardi Gras helpers needed to decorate, set-up,
take-down, kitchen, and assorted help throughout
the evening. Call Joanne at the office, ext. 230.

Hope for...frazzled parents:

Crying children in the church today are the future
of the church. Blessed are you for persevering.

Parish Financial Information (Diane Walker ext. 227)	
Offering Required Weekly	\$24,455.00
Offering received last Sunday	\$19,566.28
Children's collection	\$154.00
DIY: In 2018 we spent on	
Power	\$39,597.99
Heat	\$19,675.53
Water & Sewer	\$7,193.01
Total	\$66,466.53

Family & Childrens
ministry
 Joanne Chiasson ext. 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Youth group Grades 3 - 5

Next gathering:

Nerf Wars

Friday, Feb. 22,

7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall.

Bring your own Nerf Gun.

Darts provided.



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 229

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Go online to see our
 upcoming news & events:



Youth group for grades 6 - 9

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7 - 9 pm, Tranquille Hall

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Martha's
 ♥ *prayer time*

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: February 20, Tranquille Hall

www.facebook.com/groups/momsprayerandplay.gp.ca/

SACRAMENTS

Darlene Lemay,
 x 228



Through the waters of Baptism we welcome Jordyn Awid, Gavin DeVries, Liam Lloyd and Broden Smith to our family of faith. We pray their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

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 Eucharist & Reconciliation sessions:
 Sundays, from 3:30 - 4:30 pm, in the church.

Challenge Girl's Groups (gr. 5 - 6, 7 - 8 & 9 - 12)

Mondays, 7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: February 25

St JP II Room. Questions?

Call Anna, 780-831-8338.



High School Youth Group: (Grades 9 - 12).



2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, 8 - 10 pm, in St JP II Room following Saturday evening Mass

Next CORE: Saturday, February 23

The NET Ministries Team will be visiting our parish from March 1st - 22nd and we are in need of host/billet homes for the young adults: accommodations for 2 (or more) girls or guys for 1, or more, weeks. For information/details please contact April, 780-882-4091, or email stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Arch GM Youth Ski Trip Ages 12 - 15

March 2 - 3, Peace River \$132 all inclusive

Register @ archgmyouth.com or 780-532-9766

Earlybird - Register by Feb 1

Deadline February 15

Transcend Events Ski Trip Ages 16 - 19

March 15 - 17, Jasper, AB \$280/participant

Register @ transcendevents.ca or 780-532-9766

Early Bird - Register by Feb 10

Deadline February 28

ADULT FORMATION

Stepping Stones & Stumbling Blocks

Tuesday, Feb. 19, 9:30 am - 3 pm, Grouard Room
A Lenten Retreat for Men & Women introducing the Christian Roots of Twelve Step Spirituality with the Way of the Cross Presenter: Sheila Shepherd
 Cost: \$20 Please bring a bag lunch
 To register, call Sheila, 780-296-4493, or Larry, 780-532-7231

Sponsored by Peace Retreats

Our monthly Prayers for Healing are this Thursday, February 21, following the 7 pm Mass in the church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone else through a proxy. Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and stay for prayer.

Cursillo Weekends this Spring:

Men's Cursillo, March 7 - 10, Rector: Chris Chiasson
 Women's Cursillo, March 28 - 31, Rectora: Candice Edey
 Cursillistas please keep the weekend in your prayers and consider candidates for the weekend.
Help needed on the women's weekend in the kitchen
 If you are interested in signing up for a 4 hour shift please contact Candice, 780-933-0893.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - There will be no Adoration in February. Next Adoration: Friday, May 10 (after Lent).

St. Joseph 100th Anniversary, April 26, 2020 We are excited about celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish in Grande Prairie. To help us prepare, send any suggestions/ideas to Fr. Remi on how we might celebrate this wonderful occasion.



Religious Gift Shop

Come in after weekend Masses & check out our inventory.

Bulletin Q & A - Mastering the Mass

Q. What is the Chasuble?

A. It is the 'poncho-like' outer liturgical vestment worn by priests and bishops when celebrating the Eucharist. This outer garment reflects the liturgical season in its colour and often includes other artwork that depicts various aspects of the Paschal Mystery.

Retrouvaille - Help for Struggling Marriages



Is your marriage in crisis?
 Communication problems?
 You are not alone.
 Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages!

For information and to register check helpourmarriage.com, info@helpourmarriage.ca or call 587-598-4357. Next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program starts **March 15 - 17.**

Catholics Returning Home begins Thursday, Mar. 7 at 7:45 pm. Brochures with more details are available on the literature rack in the entrance to the church. If you have family or friends who have been away from their faith please take a brochure and encourage them to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 18 - 23

(† Signifies a Mass for someone deceased)

Mon. 18, 9:00 am: † Agnes Hartman

Tues. 19, 7:00 pm: † Apolonja Popek

Wed. 20, 7:00 am: † Joyce & Jack Mann

7:00 pm: † Josy & Felisa Alido

Thurs. 21, 7:00 pm: † Anna Zinterer

Fri. 22, 7:00 am: † Mark Christopher /

† Nicholas Daskewech

Sat. 23, 9:00 am: † Dymetro & Mary Woychuk

saintjoseph.ca Blog Reflection "The Greatest"

Sign up under "Subscribe for special parish updates and reflection blog" on the home page to receive notification for each new blog.

GENERAL INFO

Please pray for

The sick, especially Todd Fogle
The deceased, especially Jason Anderson
 Richard Hunt, brother of Bert Hunt

CWL 2019 membership envelopes are now being mailed.

CWL Spiritual Workshop, Saturday, February 23,
 Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Sexsmith
 An informative workshop on "The Spiritual Aspect and Teaching of the Catholic Church on Euthanasia" presented by Kevin Dunn from Euthanasia Prevention. *Non-members and men also welcome to attend.*
 Admission: \$20/person If you plan to attend please call Lauraine, 780-978-1664, before Feb. 20, as Sexsmith needs to know to plan for lunch.

World Day of Prayer 2019 - March 1, 7 pm at Christ Church Anglican, 6610 Poplar Drive. This year's prayers "Come-Everything is ready!" are written by the women of Slovenia. Come to praise, thank, and proclaim the kingdom of love. *Everyone* is welcome! This international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Their motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action" aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

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 Mass.

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. Ana, 780-978-4966

El Shaddai Prayer Group: Sundays, 3:30 - 6 pm
 Contact Irene, 780-380-9540.

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reaching out to others

Jeremiah 17:5 - 8. True wisdom

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 - 20. The resurrection and faith

Luke 6:17, 20 - 26. The great discourse

Key Passage: Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." *Luke 6:20*

Question: When have you helped bring God's love to someone who was sad, or hungry, or whom others made fun of?