

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 29, 2023



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## Remembering the Faithful Departed Mass, Thursday, November 2, 7:00 pm

During the month of November we remember and pray for those who have died. On November 2 we celebrate our annual memorial Mass for parishioners who have died in the past year. 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.

**Book of Remembrance** It is a long standing tradition in the church to remember the deceased in a special way during the month of November. Our Book of Remembrance will be on a table in the entrance to the church for the entire month. You are welcome to inscribe in it the names of your loved ones who have died.

## Screen Volunteers Needed

Our "Tech Team" operates our projector screens at each of the Sunday Masses. The time commitment is approximately once per month. Minor tech experience required - training provided. If you are interested in joining our team email [stjoesmediagp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesmediagp@gmail.com)

## St. Catherine Art Show: Courage to Lead

Following all Sunday Masses on November 4 and 5 come to Tranquille Hall and experience the artistic expressions of the Grade 1, 5, and 7 students from St. Catherine School. Centered around the theme "Courage to Lead," their artworks beautifully encapsulate leadership through the lens of Jesus' guidance. Come, share in their inspirations, and support our budding artists. Let's come together to celebrate faith, art, and the essence of leadership.

**October 28 - November 5 Dates to Remember**  
**Sat 28:** 9:30 - noon, Altar Servers' practice, church  
1 - 4 pm, Altar Servers' practice, church  
2 - 4 pm, All Saints Costume Party, Tranquille Hall  
**Mon 30:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
**Wed 1:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
**Thurs 2:** 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group, St JP11 Room  
7 pm, Mass for the Faithful Departed, church  
**Fri. 3:** 7 - 8:30 pm, EDGE, St JP11 Room  
**Sat 4:** 10 - 11:30 am, Choir Practice, church  
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office  
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room  
Following 7 pm Mass, St. Catherine School Art Show, Tranquille Hall  
**Sun. 5:** Following 9 & 11 am Masses, St. Catherine School Art Show, Tranquille Hall



**Next Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 am** turn your clocks back one hour to be sure to get that extra hour of sleep!

## Communion Ministry to the Hospital and

**Homebound:** We are forming a team of people to take Communion to people who are sick in the hospital and another team for people who can't make it to Mass due to illness. If God is calling you to this ministry, please call the parish office.

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca)  
Our 2022 Annual Financial Report came out this summer. Copies available on the literature rack near the entrance to the church or on our website under News - Letters & Notices.  
Donation options can be found on our website.

## SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 [sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca)

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Scion Laruan into our family of faith. We pray that his journey with our Lord is filled with joy!

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. For information check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/) or call Beatriz at the parish office, ext. 228.

## Family & Children's m i n i s t r y

Kristen Henry ext. 230 [sjc-family@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca)

If you have expressed interest in Family & Children's Ministries (including Welcome Table, Offertory Gift Bearers, and Coffee & Cookies) and have not received an email from Kristen, please accept my apologies. Please phone the office or email [sjc-family@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-family@gpcsd.ca). Let's make sure we talk!

**Mom's Group** (formerly known as Ladies Walk With Me) Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: November 2, St. JP II Room

**Offertory Gift Bearers needed!** This is a great way for families to get involved.



(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Volunteers needed  
Registration forms at Welcome Table  
Next gathering: November 23

**Liturgy of the Word With Children** (age 4 - grade 3) Children gather during Sunday Mass to hear the Gospel and discuss it. Youth, adult leaders & helpers needed (screening required). Training provided.

**Posada Planning Committee needs your talent.** Next planning meeting: November 2. Deadline for talent November 4. Email: [sjc.posada@gmail.com](mailto:sjc.posada@gmail.com)



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

[stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday  
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.  
Next gathering: November 4th



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday  
8 - 10 pm in St JP II Room  
Next gathering: November 4th



(Gr. 7 - 9) 1st & 3rd Fridays  
7 - 8:30 pm in the St JP II Room  
Next gathering: November 3

### Programs at St. Joseph HS

*Music & Muffins*: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel  
*Encounter* (faith leadership): Tuesday at Lunch in room 141

### Programs at St. JP II HS

*Music & Muffins*: Thursdays at Focus in the chapel



Thursdays at lunch: (formerly known as Encounter) focuses on social justice and building awareness within the school and community.

### Hosts for NET Ministries Needed

From March 9 - 31 NET (Nation Evangelization Teams) will be in our diocese providing retreats for our youth and schools. We are looking for people willing to billet/host missionaries. You would provide food and a place to sleep for 2 guys or 2 girls for any amount of time within their visit to GP (could be 3 days - 3 weeks). For more information contact April at the parish office.



Young Adults 18+

@ignitegrandeprairie

**Emmaus Night**: Thursday, Nov. 2, following 7 pm Mass, upstairs.

**ADULT FORMATION**



**FORMED - Brother Francis - All Souls Day**

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

**Sign up for FORMED on our website:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

**Quilting Bee-Levers** Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm in Liguori Hall. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Please contact the office for information.

**Ladies' Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

**Upcoming choir rehearsals at the church:**

Saturday, November 4, 10 - 11:30 am  
 Saturday, December 2, 10 - 11:30 am

**Gift Shop Volunteers needed** after all weekend Masses. If you are interested in helping, contact Theresa, [threejtr@telusplanet.net](mailto:threejtr@telusplanet.net)

**Items Needed for Samaritan's Basket (our outreach program)** Travel sized shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes. As the weather is cooling, mittens, gloves and winter socks are also needed.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 4**

✠ -*Mass for someone deceased*

Mon. 30, 12:15 pm: ✠ Gus, Marie & Mark Jantz  
 Tues. 31, 7 pm: ✠ Raymond Garant  
 Wed. 1, 12:15 pm: ✠ Michael Long  
 7 pm: ✠ Ma Sheung Tak  
 Thurs. 2, 7 pm: ✠ Mrs. Sebestiena & Lawrence Nunes  
 Fri. 3, 12:15 pm: Karen & Rick Sandford & Family  
 Sat. 4, 9 am: ✠ Cornelia Fritsma

**GENERAL INFO**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**The sick, especially**

Roland Maillet	Cecile Thibeault
John Zintel	Millie Wrzosek
Lucy Kolebaba	Wilfred Wanihadie
Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerke	
Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes	

**The deceased, especially** Ken O'Shea

Bill Whalley, brother-in-law of Walter Chledowski



**BLESSING BAGS**

The Family & Children and Youth Ministries are collecting for this annual service project for St. Lawrence Center.

Donations of warm mittens & socks, gloves, scarves, toques, hand warmers and candy are needed. Please bring donations labelled "Blessing Bags" to the parish office, or to Family & Children's events.

*Deadline for donations: November 17*

**CWL Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov. 18,**



Tranquille Hall, 2 - 4 pm.  
 Donations of baking would be appreciated. Bring your contribution between 6 & 8 pm

Friday, Nov 17, or Saturday morning, 9 - 11 am.

**The annual Archbishop's Dinner - Friday, Nov. 3**

Hosted this year by Deanery One in McLennan at École Providence School. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Speaker: Archbishop Pettipas

Silent auction and egg raffle. Tickets: \$35

To purchase tickets contact the parishes in Deanery One (McLennan, Girouxville and Falher), e-mail [Karen nkben@iwantwireless.ca](mailto:Karen nkben@iwantwireless.ca) or call the Archdiocese office, 780-532-9766.

**Please be mindful of our church neighbours:**

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot.

**Catholic Family Services Annual General Meeting,**  
Tuesday, November 7, 7 pm at Catholic Family  
Services in the Garrett Family Centre, 10105 102 St.

**Sexsmith St. Mary's Church Annual Fall Supper**  
**Saturday, Nov. 4** There will also be a silent auction.  
Doors open at 5 pm. Supper at 5:30 pm. Tickets at  
the door. \$20 each or \$40/family. All are welcome!

**Items Needed at the Salvation Army Foodbank:**  
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand soap, body wash  
shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, pasta sauce, diced  
tomatoes, large beans, rice, crackers, snacks, tomato  
paste, oatmeal, jello/pudding, Kraft dinner, juice (1L),  
canned fruit, boxed soup, canned pasta (spaghetti,  
Alphagetti). Bring your donation on Sunday or drop it  
directly at the Food Bank.

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

**Grande Prairie Foundations for Life needs a part time  
Educator starting immediately.** The Educator  
presents critical life-giving health and relationship  
courses to elementary, junior and senior high school  
classes. A full job description is available upon  
request. Please email with a brief resume to Kevin  
Walker, Board President - kevin@myfoundations.ca

## Sunday Readings

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
*Love of Neighbour*

**Exodus 22:21 - 27.** Social laws  
**1 Thessalonians 1:5c - 10.** A model for believers  
**Matthew 22:34 - 40.** The greatest commandment

**Key Passage:** Jesus said to him, "You shall love the  
Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your  
soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and  
first commandment. And a second is like it: "You  
shall love your neighbour as yourself." Matt. 22:37 - 29

**Question:** In a practical sense, what is one thing that  
would change in your life if you loved your neighbour as  
yourself?

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## Covenant Health Foundation Lottery 2023

Help support seniors and Catholic Health care in  
Alberta. There's a very high chance you or someone  
close to you has needed Covenant's seniors care.  
Your ticket purchases not only help ensure the best  
possible care for our parents, grandparents and  
elders today, but also help innovate seniors care that  
will benefit all of us as we age. The lottery closes  
November 22, 2023. For information or to buy a  
ticket go to <https://covenantfoundationlottery.ca>

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

#### Regular Mass Schedule (September - June)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	12:15 pm
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  
2nd Friday - Wild Rose Manor  
3rd Friday - Pioneer Lodge

#### **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)

**Devotions** to our Mother of Perpetual Help at  
Wednesday Masses.

#### **Baptism for Infants & Young Children:**

[saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/) or contact  
Beatriz 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 begin preparation *at least 8  
months* prior to their wedding date.

Call Darlene, ext. 224, or email [sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing  
sacraments?** Contact ext. 224, or email

[sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca)

**Religious Gift Shop/Library:** Open after weekend  
Masses

**Prayer Chain Requests:** Confidentiality assured.  
[stjosephprayers@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [st.joes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.joes.ppc@gmail.com)