

St. Joseph Catholic Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023



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The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is this weekend September 23/24:

Support the Bishops of Canada in proclaiming the Good News. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available online, until **September 30, 2023**. Go to saintjoseph.ca/sacraments to register.

In our archdiocese, 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 2023/2024 school year, whether they attend Catholic school or otherwise, must be registered online. You need to provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the parish office.

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.)

Please be mindful of our church neighbor's:

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

September 24 - October 1 Dates to Remember

- Mon 25:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Wed. 27: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
4:15 - 5:45 pm, Altar Servers' Workshop, church
Thurs. 28: 10 - 11:30 am, Ladies "Walk with Me",
Tranquille Hall
Sat. 30: 9:45 am - noon, Altar Servers, church
10 am - noon, Choir practice, St JP11 Room
1 - 2:30 pm, Altar Servers, church



Friday, September 29, 7 - 9:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall
Cocktails 6:30 pm Guest Speaker: Candice Edey
Ladies, join us for a beautiful and inspiring evening of prayer, music, fellowship, catered charcuterie, raffles, coffee, tea, sparkling juice and wine. Proceeds will support Catholic Family Services.

Tickets \$30, available on Eventbrite, (scan the QR code) or at the back of the church after Masses this weekend. Ticket deadline: this Sunday, Sept. 24
Please note: tickets will not be available at the door.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 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



Through the waters of baptism we welcome Isaac Toivonen, Adriel Danao and Riley, Andrea & Bella Castor into our family of faith. We pray that their

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/ 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

Ladies "Walk With Me", Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: September 21

Offertory Gift Bearers needed! This is a great way to make the Mass real for children and youth. Training provided.

Salt
Sharing & Learning Together
(Grade 3 - 6 youth group)
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Volunteers needed
Registration open

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

Children's Bookshelf - help yourself to our collection of faith-based books during Mass. Volunteers needed to tidy and maintain books.

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!



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Youth Choir and High School Youth

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday, Youth Choir at 7 pm Mass in the church.

High School Youth (gr. 9 - 12) meet in the SJPII Room following mass from 8 - 10 pm.

Next gathering: October 7



EDGE (gr.7 - 9) 7 - 9 pm

in the St JPII Room

Next gathering: October 6

All students in grades 7 - 9 join us for friends, faith, fun & food.

Programs at St. Joseph HS

Music & Muffins: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel

Encounter (faith leadership): Tuesday at Lunch in room 141

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Encounter (faith leadership): Thursdays at Lunch in room 1018

Youth Ministry Leadership Workshops

Attend both sessions to learn more about youth ministry and how to lead and inspire young people in the parish community.

Part 1 (on Zoom): October 14th, 9:45am- 1pm

Fundamentals of Youth Ministry by Fr. Santo Arrigo CSSR

Part 2 (St. Joseph Church): October 21st 9:45-1pm

Tools for Youth Ministry -

Office of Catechesis and Evangelization

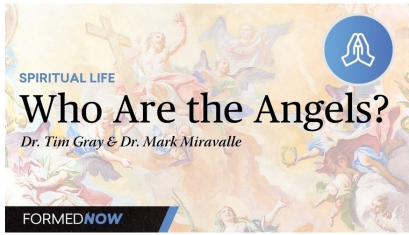
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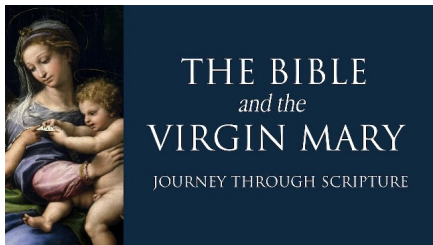
ignite Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandeprairie
Bible & Beer: Thurs, Sept. 28, 7:45 pm - State & Main
Emmaus Night: Tues, Oct. 3, 7:45pm - 9pm, in the St JPII Room presented by Caleb Binder

ADULT FORMATION



FORMED - WHO ARE THE ANGELS?

Dr. Ben Achters sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss the angels. What is an angel? What are the choirs of angels? How do we engage with our guardian angels? **Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca**



The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Journey Through Scripture

A new Bible study on the Virgin Mary started on Wednesday, Sept. 20. Please email Jean-Marc at 402guene@telus.net for information. Cost: \$30 per participant. Come and see Mary as you've never seen her.

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"

There are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 - 30

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

- Mon. 25, 12:15 pm: ✠ Margaret Crittall
- Tues. 26, 7 pm: ✠ Joe Vavrek
- Wed. 27, 12:15 pm: ✠ Chris Kinsella
- 7 pm: ✠ Leslie Scantland
- Thurs. 28, 7 pm: ✠ Margaret Martin
- Fri. 29, 12:15 pm: ✠ Cathy Cronk
- Sat. 30, 9 am: Jerome Bowen

GENERAL INFO

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The sick, especially** Millie Wrzosek
 Agnes Guenette Wilfred Wanihadie
 Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk
 Ellis Kootenay, father of Ashley Gaboury
 Reena Siemsensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
- The deceased, especially**
 Denise Hrushka, sister of Marie Guest
 Teddy Atud, uncle of Jonalyn Arsenal
 Audrey Laughy, aunt of Trudy Switzer

Please note: Clergy and parish staff **NEVER** solicit donations or gift cards through email or text.

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.

Altar Server Training Fall 2023

If you have a child interested in serving please fill out a registration form, available in the altar server drawer by the Sacristy. Contact Donna 780-512-7667 (phone/text) or email murrdonn@telus.net If you have already filled out a registration form and have not heard from Donna, please contact her.

Adult Volunteers Needed to Assist with Altar Server Training Please reach out to Donna, 780-512-7667, or email murrdonn@telus.net

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - If you already distribute communion at Mass, or would like to begin in this ministry, please plan to attend one of the workshops. It is important that all existing and new Extraordinary Ministers attend one session to update and renew your understanding of this important ministry. Sessions are:
 Monday, October 2, 7 - 8:30 pm
 Tuesday, October 3, 2:30 - 5 pm
 Saturday, October 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Archdiocese 2022 Annual Report: Statistics, finances and an overview of all the ministries in our churches. Pick up a copy in the back of the church or get your digital copy at <https://www.archgm.ca/annual-reports/>

Grande Prairie Immigration Partnership (GPLIP) invites all immigrants aged 16 or older in Grande Prairie to participate in their survey to share your experiences and help improve the lives of newcomers, immigrants, and refugees in Grande Prairie. For more information and to complete the survey go to <https://engage.cityofgp.com/immigration>

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre needs Volunteers to help at some upcoming events, such as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30th which will be run in Muskosepi Park. Email Orren: orrenanderson@gpfriendship.com
He will send details and requirements for volunteering at the Friendship Centre.

Church Parking Please do not park along curbs or in laneways and leave adequate space at the end of rows (at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners-
For your information: any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.

Sunday Readings

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
God's Generosity

Isaiah 55:6 - 9. Seeking the Lord
Philippians 1:20 - 24, 27. Spreading the Gospel
Matt. 20:1 - 16. The labourers in the vineyard

Key Passage: [The landowner] said, "Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" *Matt. 20: 14 - 15*

Question: Which has deepened your faith more - being treated justly or being treated with love and care? Who needs you to treat them with care this week?

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Oliver's Funeral Home is hosting: *Paint, Sip & Grieve*
A social evening of painting and wine!
Tuesday, September 26, 7 - 9 pm \$40/person
Cost includes all supplies needed and 1 drink ticket.
After a loss, it can be hard to get out and socialize, but it is so important for our mental health.
De-stress and connect with family, friends and others who have experienced a loss.
There are a limited number of seats available. Please register at www.oliversfuneralhome.com/paint-night/

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/ 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

Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments? Contact ext. 224, or email sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Check after weekend Masses

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office.

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com