

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 3, 2023



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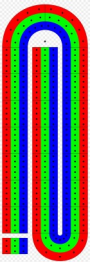


## Labour Day, Monday, September 4

Parish office closed.

Weekday Mass - 9:00 am, church

**This Sunday, September 3 at the 11 am Mass, the Archbishop will install Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R. as our new pastor.** Following Mass, the CWL & Knights of Columbus will host a barbeque in Tranquille Hall. All are welcome.



## Games Knight returns Thursday, Sept 14.

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy Crib, Canasta & board games for kids.

5:30 pm: Spaghetti dinner, garlic bread and Caesar salad.

Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.

**Looking for connection?** Join us for faith sharing and become a part of our community. *Ultreya is a part of the Cursillo movement but this gathering is open to everyone.* The next Ultreya is Friday, September 22, in the church at 7 pm. Note: you need not have attended a Cursillo weekend to join us. Looking forward to seeing you!

## Thank you to everyone who donated food, and to those who made sandwiches on July 30.

Over 600 sandwiches were delivered to St. Lawrence Centre, Wapiti House and Rising Above.

## Our Outreach program, Samaritan's Basket, needs

**some toiletries.** We would appreciate small or travel size, shampoo & conditioner, soap/body wash, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. Please drop off your donation at the parish office during office hours.

## Women, Wine & the Word: An Evening of Grace

Friday, September 29, 7 - 9:30 pm, in Tranquille Hall  
Cocktails 6:30 pm

Ladies, join us for a beautiful and inspiring evening of prayer, music, fellowship, catered charcuterie, raffles, coffee, tea, sparkling juice and wine.

Guest Speaker: Candice Edey

Proceeds will support Catholic Family Services.

Tickets \$30, available on Eventbrite, (scan the QR code) or at the back of the church after weekend Masses beginning next weekend.

This is an 18+ event as wine will be served.



## Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available online, until **September 30, 2023.** Go to

[saintjoseph.ca/sacraments](http://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.

## PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca)

Donation options: Envelopes

Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church

PAP (Personally Approved Payments): monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account

Credit Card: monthly donation

Online donation through our website

E-transfer: email to [sjc.etransfer@gmail.com](mailto:sjc.etransfer@gmail.com)

## SACRAMENTS

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



**This summer, through the waters of baptism we welcome** Leya Sundby, Isabella Johnston, Beau Greenwood, Benjamin

Macaban, Kingsley & Rylee McLeod, Chika Egunatum, Julian Kaczmarek, Jake Quejado, Luther Catalan, Amara Garganta, and Dalton & Ashton Dalziel 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/](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)

**Ladies "Walk With Me", Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 am.** Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: September 7

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, especially

- Doug Cooke
- Bill Kiedyk
- Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk
- Suzanne Schaefer, mother of Helen Walker
- Ellis Kootenay, father of Ashley Gaboury
- Buenaventura Abonita, father of Janet Sta. Prisca
- Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes
- Denise Hrushka, sister of Marie Guest

#### The deceased, especially

- Kimberly Bellam



## YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

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

**Youth Choir and High School Youth - Sat, Sept. 2nd**  
Youth grades 7 - 12 are invited to join us for Pizza at 5:30 pm followed by choir practice and Mass.  
*High School Youth (gr. 9 - 12)* meet in the SJPII Room following mass from 8 - 10 pm.  
Next gathering: Sept. 16th



**EDGE (gr.7 - 9) 7 - 9 pm**  
in the SJPII Room

**First gathering of the Fall: Sept. 15**  
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

### Programs at St. JP II HS

*Music & Muffins:* Thursdays at Focus in the chapel  
*Encounter (faith leadership):* Thursdays at Lunch in room 1018

**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!

### 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.

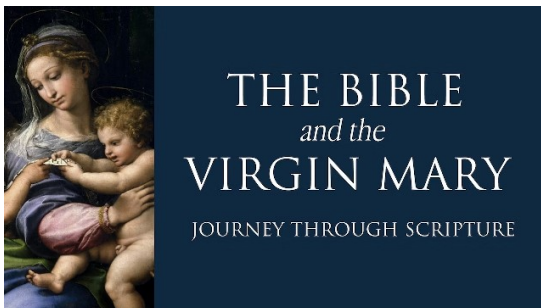
**ADULT FORMATION**



**FORMED - MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE**

This film is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

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



**The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Journey Through Scripture**

New Bible study on the Virgin Mary starting on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:45 pm in Tranquille Hall. Please email Jean-Marc at [402guene@telus.net](mailto:402guene@telus.net) to register. Cost: \$30 per participant. Come and see Mary as you've never seen her.



**Mass & Adoration**

**Friday, September 15, 7 - 8:15 pm**

Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus. We begin with Mass at 7:00 pm. Adoration follows at about 7:30 pm and continues until 8:15 pm.

**GENERAL INFO**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4 - 9**

✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

- Mon. 4, 9 am: ✠ Napoleon Rimando
- Tues. 5, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Hank Scheunhage  
7 pm: ✠ Alice Sempowich
- Wed. 6, 12:15 pm: ✠ Leslie Scantland  
7 pm: ✠ Marie Reid
- Thurs. 7, 7 pm: ✠ Ed Kaczkielo
- Fri. 8, 10:30 am (SH): Rollande Lidgett  
12:15 pm: ✠ Joe Vavrek
- Sat. 9, 9 am: ✠ Kylie Bain

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

**CWL Monthly Meetings** resume Tuesday, September 12 immediately following weekday Mass, at approximately 7:45 pm, in the Grouard Room. New members are always welcome. Email: [cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com) for details.

**The Knights of Columbus monthly meetings** resume on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 pm in Liguori Hall.

**Volunteers needed for Evacuees from the NWT**  
Many wildfire evacuees from the NWT have come to Grande Prairie, and the Friendship Centre is one of the main supports in place to meet the extra need. They need help sorting donations, serving meals, keeping the facility clean, as well as some upcoming non-evacuee related events, such as National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Sept 30th which will be run in Muskosepi Park. If you are interested in volunteering email Orren: [orrenanderson@gpfriendship.com](mailto:orrenanderson@gpfriendship.com) He will send details and requirements for volunteering at the Friendship Centre.

**Northern Light** is our Archdiocese's monthly Magazine. *Renew your yearly subscription* (or become a subscriber) at [www.archgm.ca](http://www.archgm.ca) - \$70. Peruse in-depth stories, photo spreads and features from Catholic communities across our region!

The Archdiocese has an exciting job opportunity for a full-time **Secretary to the Archbishop**. See the full details for this position at <https://www.archgm.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Job-ad-Secretary-to-the-Archbishop.pdf> Interested candidates should e-mail a cover letter and resume to [jobs.agm@outlook.com](mailto:jobs.agm@outlook.com)

**Church Parking** In order to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or fellow parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly, 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). Thank you for your consideration and understanding in helping to eliminate congestion in our parking lot. (*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

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*Come Follow Me*

**Jeremiah 20:7 - 9.** Jeremiah's interior crisis  
**Romans 12:1 - 2.** Sacrifice of body and mind  
**Matt. 16:21 - 27.** First prophecy of passion and resurrection; doctrine of the cross

**Key Passage:** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matt. 16:24

**Question:** What has it meant to you to take up your cross and follow Jesus?

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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/](http://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/](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:** Check 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)