

# St. Joseph Catholic Church



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023



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**Collection for Catholic Family Services** this weekend, November 18/19. Make cheques payable to "Catholic Family Services". This collection is sent directly to Catholic Family Services. Please put your name and address on the envelope as your income tax receipt will come from them.

**Lectors Workshop** If you are a lector (one who proclaims the readings and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass) or would like to take part in this ministry, please plan to attend one of these workshops (even if you have been a lector for many years). Workshops are in the church:

Saturday, Nov. 18, 3 – 4:30 pm

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 – 8:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 3:30 – 5 pm

### 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 in their homes who cannot make it to Mass. If God is calling you to this ministry, please call the parish office.

### 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)

**Advent material available.** Check the table in the entrance to the church. Suggested donation: \$3.00 As well, formed.org has Advent resources for individuals and families. Sign up for FORMED on our website: [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

### November 18 - 26 Dates to Remember

- Sat. 18:** 2 - 4 pm, CWL Tea & Bake Sale, Tranquille Hall  
3 - 4:30 pm, Lector Workshop, church  
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice, parish office  
8 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room  
**Mon 20:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm, Lector's Workshop, church  
**Tues 21:** 3:30 - 5 pm, Lector's Workshop, church  
7 pm, K of C Fraternal Benefits Meeting, St JP11 Room  
**Wed 22:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
**Thurs 23:** 10 - 11:30 am, Mom's Group  
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JP11 Room  
**Fri. 24:** 7 pm, Ultreya, St JP11 Room

**2023/2024 Sunday Missals & Children's Missals** are available in the entrance to the church, by donation.

**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.

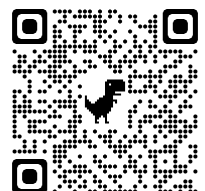
**2024 Donation envelopes will be** available in the Grouard Room beginning next weekend, Nov. 25/26, until the weekend of Dec. 18/19, or stop by the office during office hours.

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227

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

Donation options can be found on our website.



SACRAMENTS

Beatriz Fernandez ext 228 sjc-sacraments@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome

Olivia Clement and Lexie Madlung 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 Ministry
Kristen Henry ext. 230 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. 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 23, Tranquille Hall

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

Salt (Grade 3 - 6 youth group)
2nd & 4th 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

April Fogle, x 232

stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gatherings: November 18 & December 2



Gr. 9 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JP11 Room
Next gatherings: November 18 & Dec. 2



(Gr. 7 - 9) 1st & 3rd Fridays
7 - 8:30 pm in the St JP11 Room
Next gathering: December 17

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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Thursdays at lunch: (formerly known as Encounter)

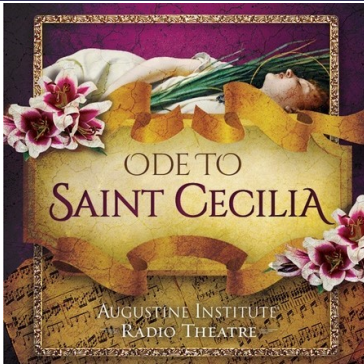
ACTION BECOMING CHANGE focuses on social justice and building awareness within the school and community.

Hosts for NET Ministries Needed

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 (3 days - 3 weeks). For more information contact April at the parish office.

ignite Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandeprairie
Bible & Beer, Thursday, Nov. 23,
7:45 pm, State & Main

**ADULT FORMATION**



**FORMED - Ode to Saint Cecilia**

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God’s grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.

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

**Ultreya, Friday, Nov 24, 7 pm, St JP11 Room**

A short time of prayer, faith sharing and support. Make new friends (and bring some old). Witness talk by Elias Marin. All are welcome.

**Filipino Mass, Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 1pm**, in the church

Presider: Fr. Nel Esguerra  
Lunch, fellowship & FAGPA AGM follows in Tranquille Hall. *Please contact Tessie for details, dotgr@hotmail.com*

**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. JP11 Room. All ladies welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 20 - 25**

✠ -*Mass for someone deceased*

- Mon. 20, 9 am: ✠ Marge Melanchuk
- Tues. 21, 7 pm: ✠ Martin Rodrigues
- Wed. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marshall Ruptash
- 7 pm: ✠ Julieta Naive
- Thurs. 23: ✠ Ashley, Jason & Casey
- Fri. 24, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marshall Ruptash
- Sat. 25, 9 am: Alexander Oliver Family

**GENERAL INFO**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**The sick, especially**

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| Koffi Kouadid                                     | Elizabeth Katchie |
| Sherrie Ratvay                                    | Helen McDonald    |
| Willard Logan                                     | Josef Panasiuk    |
| Roland Maillet                                    | Helen Hobley      |
| John Zintel                                       | Cecile Thibeault  |
| Lucy Kolebaba                                     | Millie Wrzosek    |
| Scarlette Pieper, granddaughter of Nicole Lafleur | Wilfred Wanihadie |
| Kevin Moeller, grandson of Ellen Gerk             |                   |
| Reena Siemensma, sister of Ivan Romkes            |                   |

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



Tranquille Hall, 2 - 4 pm. Donations of baking would be appreciated. Bring your contribution Saturday morning between 9 - 11 am.

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

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

**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.

**To the church family we leave behind:** After 50 years of belonging to this wonderful parish we bid you all farewell. We move from GP with extreme gratefulness and thanksgiving for all the years of belonging to St. Joseph Church. We drew strength and courage, experienced support and kindness, from receiving the sacraments for the first time, through the seasons of life, joyous and most sorrowful, we were held by you all: the Redemptorists who serve here in GP, the bishops who shepherded us and the beautiful staff that runs this parish. Never underestimate the role you all play by being a member of this amazing spiritual home! We thank each one of you for the love and support shown to our family. Forever grateful!!! *Roger & Angèle Field*

**Gift Shop Volunteers needed** after all weekend Masses. If you are interested in helping, contact Theresa, threejtr@telusplanet.net

### Catholic Family Services Christmas Hampers

Options for donating:

- Cash
- Purchase gifts, gift cards or food
- Adopt an entire family. We provide the number of children, ages, and gender and a grocery list of the minimum number of groceries for each hamper. All donations gratefully accepted! Questions? Please call Harmony or Natasha, 780-532-9381. Thank you for helping make Christmas wishes come true!

### Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Event

Tuesday, Nov 21, 7 pm in the St JP II Room. With the Knights you can address your family's insurance needs while supporting an organization that contributes to charities that align with our shared Catholic faith. Everyone is invited. Email Martin Garreau, to confirm your attendance, mrgarreau@gmail.com

### Covenant Health Foundation Lottery 2023

Support seniors and Catholic Health care in Alberta. Help ensure the best possible care for our parents, grandparents and elders today and innovate seniors care that will benefit all of us as we age. The lottery closes November 22. For information or to buy a ticket go to [covenantfoundationlottery.ca](http://covenantfoundationlottery.ca)

## Sunday Readings

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

#### *Using Your Gifts*

**Prov. 31:10 - 13, 16 - 18, 20, 26, 28 - 31.** The ideal wife  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1 - 6.** The need for preparation  
**Matthew 25:14 - 30.** Parable of the silver talents  
**Key Passage:** [The servant said] "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." *Matt 25:20b - 21*

**Question:** What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

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**Salvation Army Christmas Kettles:** Want to volunteer to man a Kettle? For dates and times email [kofc3241gp@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3241gp@gmail.com)

### Events hosted by Oliver's Funeral Home:

Nov. 21: Surviving the Holidays  
 Dec. 3: Christmas Candlelight Service  
 Dec. 13: Christmas Memories Ornament Craft  
 To register and for information contact Oliver's, <https://www.oliversfuneralhome.com/>

### 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)