

Office Closed: Monday, May 20, Victoria Day Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

Pentecost, May 18/19 Come to Mass wearing red (the liturgical colour for the day) or wearing clothing that represents your cultural heritage.
Unfortunately the gathering after 11 am Mass has been cancelled.

#### Workshop for Extraordinary Minister of Holy

Communion - In preparation for restoring Communion from the Cup, we are having two workshops: Thursday, May 23, 7:45 - 8:45 pm
Saturday, May 25, 11 am - 12 noon
If you are presently an Extraordinary Minister, or would like to begin in this ministry, please attend one of these workshops.

**Qualities:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve in a unique and privileged way. Since you are ministering in the name of the Church we ask that you have these qualifications:

- possess a respectful love of the Blessed Sacrament and Precious Blood
- live a life consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church (Mass attendance, regularly celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation, married in the church if you are in a relationship)
- a person of good standing in the community.
- able to hold the chalice and paten (the dish that holds the Blessed Sacrament)
- able to consume the Precious Blood

Family Night Out, Sunday, May 26, 4:30 - 6:30 pm Come for fellowship with your whole family! Enjoy a meal, conversation, music and more. RSVP by May 25 <a href="mailto:here.">here.</a> For details email sic-family@gpcsd.ca

### **Dates To Remember**

May 18 - 26

**Sat 18:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice 8 pm, High School Youth, St JPII Room

Tues 21: 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass

7:30 pm, K of C Meeting, Liguori Hall

Wed 22: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room

Thurs 23: 10 am - noon, Mom's Group, St JPII Room

7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JPII Room 7:45 pm, EMHC Workshop, church

Sat 25: 11 am, EMHC Workshop, church Sun 26: 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Family Night Out,

Tranquille Hall

#### Samaritan's Basket

As a very important part of our Outreach Programs, Samaritan's Basket not only helps the homeless in our community but also others in times of emergency (such as those evacuated due to wildfires). We are always in need of gift card donations for this ministry. Please consider adding a grocery store gift card to your next shop to support those in need. \$25 and \$50 denominations appreciated. Drop off at the parish office.

### **Parish Finances**

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca

**2023** income tax receipts - Available from the parish office during office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm. For donation options see our website, <u>click here</u> or call the parish office.

### **Sacraments**

Beatriz ext 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. For information check <u>saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/</u> or call Beatriz at the parish office, ext. 228.

### Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 229 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

**Mom's Group:** Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: May 23



#### Grade 3 - 6 youth group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm St JPII Room. Volunteers needed. Next gatherings: May 23



# Hometown Nazareth VBS, July 8 - 12 Registration is open!

Calling all kids, ages 4 - grade5/6!

Come experience what life was like in ancient Nazareth. Discover the village where Jesus grew up. Hear stories about Jesus when he was your age. Register on our website click here.

Volunteers needed! Many jobs to do. We all have gifts and talents to share and many hands make light work. Please register as a volunteer at <a href="VBS volunteer registration">VBS volunteer registration</a>

Liturgy of the Word with Children: Children ages 4 - grade 3 please join us during Mass for a joyful celebration of Liturgy of the Word geared for you. We sing, hear and discuss Jesus' message, pray and do an activity while we have fun with friends. Older children and teens are welcome to volunteer.

## **Youth Ministry**

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday

Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm Next gathering: June 1



Grade 9 - 12 1st & 3rd Saturday

8 - 10 pm in St JPII Room
Next gathering: June 1



Grade 7 - 9 1st & 3rd Friday

7 - 8:30 pm in St JPII Room

Note: Next gathering, May 31

#### Programs at St. Joseph HS

Music & Muffins: Tuesdays at Focus in the chapel

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Music & Muffins: Thursdays at Focus in the chapel



Thursdays at lunch: focuses on social justice and building awareness within the school and community.



Camp St. Martin registration is open.

Grade 9 - 12: August 5 - 10

Grade 7 - 8: August 11 - 16

Grade 4 - 6: August 18 - 21

Register <u>here</u>

**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!

# **Young Adults**



**Bible & Beer: Tuesday, May 23** At Mr. Mike's in the "Upper Room".

### **Adult Formation**



# FORMED: MARY - THE CHURCH'S FIRST AND MOST PERFECT MEMBER

In the Gospel of John, we see the powerful scene in which Jesus gives to the Church his final gift: "Behold, your mother!" (John 19:27) Here we see Jesus inaugurating Mary's role as mother of the Church. Therefore, it should be no surprise that from the very earliest time of the Church, Christians have turned to Mary as their spiritual mother for her prayers and her motherly help.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Work-Bee**

Saturday, June 1, 9:30 - 12 noon, in the Grouard Room (enter through the front doors of the church). Cutting, drawing, coloring, & laminating, etc. - materials supplied. Just show up if you are interested in learning more and helping out. Call the parish office if you have questions for Marie Moreau. For more information about this program for young children visit the website www.cgsac.ca.

### **Mass Intentions**

May 20 - 25

⊕ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 20, 9 am: ⊕ Edgar Fajardo Tues. 21, 7 pm: ⊕ Rita Elliot

Wed. 22, 12:15 pm: ⊕ Henry Diederich

7 pm: Aguilar & Cabigon families

Thurs. 23, 7 pm: 🕆 Peter Willette & Jerry Hennessey

Fri. 24, 12:15 pm: 🕆 Emerenciano Lugao

Sat. 25, 9 am: ⊕ Mabel & John McNeil/⊕ Stacey Hagg

### **General Information**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially
Annette Bouchard
Mark Pillsworth
Toni McKenzie

Vienna Plamondon
Thelma Schuenhage
Adrian Trepanier
Ruth Gardner

Marcos Mazorra, brother of Maria Mazorra
Pat Gauthier, mother of Donna Mostowy
Wilfred Wanihadie Tony Wanihadie
Pat Hunt Wanda Boucher
Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker
Darryl Palmer, father of Darlene Lemay

The deceased, especially

Josy Tuazon, sister of Tessie Foster

**CWL May meeting, Tuesday, May 21,** beginning with Mass at 7 pm in the church.

Knights of Columbus May meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 pm, in Liguori Hall.

#### Ultreya, May 31, 7 pm, Liguori Hall

A witness talk, small group sharing & refreshments. Even if you've never been to a Cursillo you are welcome to join us!

Witness speaker: Tamara Dion

Road Construction in front of the church, May 6 to June 10. Please be aware that this construction will likely disrupt traffic around the church.

Applications for the **CWL Frances Pronovost Scholarship** are being accepted until June 30. Please call Lorraine, 780-539-4766, for information.

**Gift Shop:** A large selection of gifts are available. Come and check them out. Open after Saturday, 7 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am Mass.

**SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"** There are a number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In order 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.

School Board By-Election for Ward 1 (Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Sexsmith and the surrounding area) Nominations are open for candidates for one Trustee in the Grande Prairie Roman Catholic Separate School Division, for the By-Election on June 25. Nomination packages are available from the Board Office in Grande Prairie at 9902 – 101 Street during regular business hours.

Nominations may be submitted until noon on May 28. Details about school board elections can be found at https://www.gpcsd.ca/apps/pages/by-elections2024

Parish Event Promotion: If you are having a parish event and would like the parish office to promote it through our bulletin, bulletin board, website and/or Facebook, please fill in the Request to Promote form under Contact at saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/. Submissions for the bulletin must be received by noon on Wednesday. Posters for our bulletin board should be no bigger than 8.5 X 11. All requests/submissions are subject to approval.

#### THE SALVATION ARMY FOOD BANK NEEDS

Crackers Jam Canned fruit Chunky soup Side Kicks School snacks Juice boxes Minute Maid juice

Lipton/Cup of Soup

### **Sunday Readings**

#### **Pentecost Sunday: Acting with Courage**

Acts 2:1 - 11. Descent of the Holy Spirit Galatians 5:16 - 25. Live by the Spirit John 20:19 - 23. Appearance to the disciples

**Key Passage:** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:3 - 4

#### Question:

Adult When has the Holy Spirit given you the strength to act with courage?

Child - When and where do you need the Holy

Spirit's help to speak out?

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Church Parking Do not park along curbs or in laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. FYI: damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

### **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 9:00 am Saturday

#### 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: Open after weekend Masses

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

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