



Friday, Sept. 20, 7 - 9:30 pm, Tranquille Hall. Age 18+ An inspiring evening of prayer, music, fellowship, raffles, catered charcuterie, refreshments and, of course, wine!

Guest Speaker: Cathy Dusterhoft
Doors open: 6:30. Tickets \$30 on
Eventbrite and in the back of the church.
Proceeds support Salvation Army Food

Bank - Please bring a non-perishable food item.

Games Night: Thursday, Sept 12

Everyone is welcome to come enjoy Crib,
Canasta & board games for kids.
5:30 pm Supper: Beef on a Bun sponsored by
Brown's Socialhouse
Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.
Cost is by donation to support meals for
St. Lawrence Centre.

Samaritan's Basket

As a very important part of our Outreach Programs, Samaritan's Basket helps those in need in our community. Gift cards and toiletries are always welcome. Some of our clients do not have access to a kitchen, so gift cards for Tim Horton's, McDonald's, DQ, etc. (maximum \$25) would be very helpful. As well, we often have requests for toiletries: regular or travel-size shampoo & conditioner, soap/body wash, toothpaste/toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine hygiene products. Please drop off at the parish office during office hours.

Labour Day, Monday, September 2Parish office closed.
Weekday Mass - 9:00 am, church

Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available <u>online</u>, until **October 31, 2024.** 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 2024/2025 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.

NEW Information Centre in the church (in the window to the right of the main doors) This Centre has replaced the Welcome Table. If you are new, or know of any newcomers/visitors to our parish, have any questions, or need information, please see our helpful volunteers at the Centre.

Stickers are available for children!

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 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 sic.etransfer@gmail.com

Sacraments

Beatriz ext 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome into our family of faith Adriel Gurango, Zion Gomia and Rossi & Kailie Abalos. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great 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 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: September 5

Children's Mass bags are available (containing colouring pages and crayons/pencil crayons) in the entrance to the church until Liturgy of the Word for Children resumes.

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

Liturgy of the Word With Children (age 4 - grade 3) at Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will be returning soon!

Children gather during Mass to hear the Gospel proclaimed, then discuss it together.

Youth and adult leaders and helpers are needed (screening and training provided).

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.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



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

Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Practice: 6 pm Next gathering: August 7



Grade 9 - 12 1st & 3rd Saturday

8 - 10 pm in St JPII Room
Next gathering: August 7

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



Emmaus Night: Tuesday, September 10 following 7:00 pm Mass

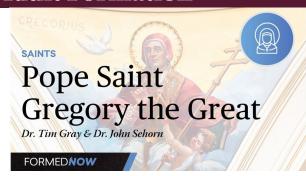
Church Parking

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.

Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed by Bylaw Enforcement.

FYI: damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

Adult Formation



FORMED: POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

In the history of the church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. Gregory is known for his prolific writing, radical humility, emphasis on missions, and dedication to almsgiving. Enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca



The Gospel of Mark Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 7:45 pm in Tranquille Hall. This Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help us better understand and pray with the Gospel of Mark. Anyone is welcome to join even if you have not attended before.

Mass Intentions

September 2 - 7

⊕ -Mass for someone deceased

Wed. 4, 12:15 pm: ⊕ Titus Nunes

7 pm: ⊕ John Vande Pol Thurs. 5, 7 pm: ⊕ Alice Sempowich

Fri. 6, 12:15 pm:

¬ Nunes & Pinto Families

Sat. 7, 9 am: 🕆 Rolland Maillet

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Chelsea Kent Shannon Carson
Cecile Thibeault Ruth Gardner
Josephine Bangale Ronald-Ta Rongoy
Jeannine Greute, sister of Edgar Jodoin
Jackie Cloutier, sister of Denise Kohlman

The deceased, especially Garry Hof Primitiva Obas, sister of Ceferino Lanada

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

Quilting Bee-Levers, will resume on Monday, Sept. 9. They regularly meet on Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius presented by Peace Retreats. This collection of meditations, prayers and contemplative practices will help you deepen your relationship with God. Details on the Literature Rack in the entrance to the church. Registration deadline: September 15th. Limited space. For information or to register email peaceretreatsgp@gmail.com

Gift Shop: Beginning the weekend of September 7/8, the Gift Shop will be available after 7:00 pm Mass on Saturdays and after 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses on Sunday mornings. Come check out our selection of merchandise.

The Salvation Army Food Bank is in desperate need of donations. The need for food support in our community has risen significantly. Their annual food drive is Thursday, Sept. 12. Volunteers are urgently needed to canvass the city. Over 100 teams (ideally 5 people/team with a truck/SUV) are needed and they currently only have 36. Sign up to volunteer at gpfooddrive.ca as a team or an individual. Please give generously when they come to your door.

Please be mindful of our church neighbors.

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

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.

Subscribe to Northern Light Magazine

Our Archdiocese monthly magazine is entering it's fourth year. Become a subscriber/renew your yearly subscription (10 issues) for \$70 at <u>archam.ca/</u> magazine-subscription or check the Literature Rack for a subscription card.

Sunday Readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Doers of the Word

Deuteronomy 4:1—2, 6 - 8. Advantages of fidelity **James 1:17 - 18, 21—22, 27.** Response to God's gift **Mark 7:1 - 8, 14—15, 21 - 23.** Jesus and the Pharisees **Key Passage:** Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. James 1:21 - 22

Question:

Adult: Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do? Child: How do you welcome the words of Jesus into your heart?

Reprinted with permission from *Heritage of Faith*, by Jo McClure Rotunno. Copyright ©2004; all rights reserved. Published by Twenty-Third Publications, New London, CT 06355.

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:

<u>saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/</u> 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 Karen G, ext. 224, or email sic-marriage@gpcsd.ca

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

Religious Gift Shop/Library: Beginning Sept. 7/8, after Saturday 7 pm & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses.

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

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