

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available online, 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.

Knights of Columbus are celebrating 75 years with St Joseph Parish on Sept. 15, at 11:00 am Mass.



After Mass everyone is invited for a hamburger or hotdog and cake. Cost: Cash donations to help feed the homeless.



Only a few tickets left!! Sales end Sunday, Sept 15

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.



September 14 - 22 Dates to Remember

- Sun. 15:** 11 am Mass, K of C 75th Anniversary
Following Mass, K of C BBQ
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel
- Mon. 16:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Wed. 18:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room
7:45 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall
- Thurs. 19:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
Tranquille Hall
- Fri. 20:** 7pm, Women, Wine & the Word
Tranquille Hall
- Sat. 21:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group, St JPII Room
- Sun. 22:** After 9&11am Mass, Sandwich Sunday
Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

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 sjc.etransfer@gmail.com

Sacraments

Beatriz ext 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Myra Moreau, Nikolai Villanueva, Ignacio & Isacc Ribeiro Quijada, Miles Soriano, Cleofe Anselmo, Tristan & Carter Hawman and Christabel Adeola 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 Ministry

Kristen ext 229 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
Beginning October 10
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
St JPll Room. Volunteers needed.

Mom's Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: September 19

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

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

Foundations for Life Fall Banquet, Oct. 5, 5 pm at Bear Creek Golf Club - Supper, program, live and silent auction. \$50/ticket or \$350/table of 8
Questions? Email office@myfoundations.ca or myfoundations.ca for information or to purchase tickets.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



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

Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm.
Next gathering: September 21

**St. Joe's Youth Group Grade 7 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday**

8 - 10 pm in St JPll Room
Next gathering: September 21

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



Young Adults 18+
@ignitegrandeprairie

Bible & Beer— Thurs, Sept. 26

Join us upstairs at Mr. Mikes from 7:45—9 pm

Mass Intentions

September 16 - 21

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH-Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 16, 12:15 pm: ✠ Frank Blaszczak & Lech Kwiatkowski
Tues. 17, 7 pm: ✠ Oliver Pinto
Wed. 18, 12:15 pm: ✠ Angela Wiebe
7 pm: ✠ Wade Kaczkielo
Thurs. 19, 7 pm: Tracey Gratton/✠ Peter Guest/
✠ Denise Hrushka
Fri. 20, (SH) 10:30 am: ✠ Marbert Arapoc
12:15 pm: ✠ Volker Ries
Sat. 21, 9 am: ✠ Rolland Maillet

Adult Formation

FORMED: LOTR and Catholicism w/Joseph Pearce |



Chris Stefanick Show

You've almost definitely heard of Lord of the Rings, but do you know about its Catholic influence? Joseph

Pearce, a leading Tolkien scholar, joins Chris to talk about the famed trilogy.

Sign up for FORMED on our website:
saintjoseph.ca



Mass & Adoration

Friday, September 27, 7 - 8:15 pm

Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Mass: 7 pm followed by Adoration



The Gospel of Mark Bible Study

will resume on Wednesday,
Sept. 11, 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. Everyone is welcome even if you have not attended before.

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

Christian Meditation will resume, Sunday, Sept 15 at 3 pm in the Chapel. Newcomers are welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness, and simplicity. Contact Mia at miklge@telus.net for more information.

Know someone who can't come to Mass due to illness or infirmity? Our Communion Team can take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound and in the hospital and senior's homes. Please call the parish office for details.

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Chelsea Kent

Shannon Carson

Cecile Thibeault

Ruth Gardner

Josephine Bangale

Ronald-Ta Rongoy

Judy Whiteside

Annette Cymbaluk

Nicole Walsh

Arlene Logan

Jackie Cloutier, sister of Denise Kohlman

The deceased, especially

Elizabeth Alfonso

Maritess DeGusman

Janusz Zablotniak

Order of Christina Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

is the process by which adults formally join the Catholic Church. If you are

- Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church
- Not baptized, but recognize a need for spirituality in your life
- Baptized into another Christian denomination but wish to join the Catholic Church
- Married to a Catholic and attend Mass but want to take the next step to become a Catholic
- Baptized Catholic but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Then OCIA is for you. A new session begins the end of September. Contact Karen G, 780-532-2351, ext. 224, for information.

Quilting Bee-Levers, Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

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

Sandwich Sunday, September 22 in Tranquille Hall. Bring ingredients and help make sandwiches for those less fortunate after the 9am and 11am Masses. Signup after Mass Sept 14/15. Items needed: sandwich meat, cheese, mayonnaise, peanut butter, jam and sandwich Ziplocs.

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.

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.

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.

Sunday Readings

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Faith and works

Isaiah 50:4 - 9. Salvation through the Lord's servant
James 2:14 - 18. Faith and good works
Mark 8:27 - 35. First teaching of the paschal event and the doctrine of the cross

Key Passage: Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.
James 2: 17-18

Question:

Why should faith always lead to good works?

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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 Karen G, ext. 224, or email sjc-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