

Parish Office Closed: Monday, September 30 for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

# The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada is this weekend, September 28/29:

Support the Bishops of Canada in proclaiming the Good News. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

### Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available <u>online</u>, until **October 31, 2024.** To register go to saintjoseph.ca/sacrament

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.

# 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.

Blessing of Pets, Sunday, October 6, 4:00 pm Bring your pets: feathery, furry, scaly or otherwise. Meet in the courtyard by the Bell Tower.

#### September 29 - October 6 Dates to Remember

**Sun. 29:** After 9 & 11 am Mass, Sandwich Sunday Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel

**Wed. 2:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room 7:45 pm, Bible Study, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 3: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,

Tranquille Hall

**Fri. 4:** 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church 7 pm, EDGE, St JPII Room

Sat. 5: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

8 pm, Youth Group, St JPII Room

**Sun.6:** 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel 4 pm, Blessing of Pets, courtyard by Bell Tower



For children, 3 & 4 years (by June 30/24) is a Montessori based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. It starts October 10 in our parish.

Information and registration at saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/ or contact Marie at catechesisgp@gmail.com

### **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 Jesslyn Enriquez, Jared Sta. Iglesia and Emersyn Johnson 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
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
St JPII Room. Volunteers needed.

Mom's Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: October 3

Offertory Gift Bearers - Bring up the bread and wine during mass with your friends or family. This beautiful ministry makes the joy of our participation in Christ's sacrifice a deep and tangible prayer. We bring Him all of our praise and thanksgiving as we present the bread and wine. See Kristen after Mass.

#### SAVE THE DATES:

All Saints/Halloween Costume Party

**Saturday, October 26,** 1 - 3 pm Dress as your favorite Saint or character (nothing scary please). Volunteers needed. No Charge.

"The Inn" (La Posada), Sunday, December 22 after 11:00 am Mass A musical reenactment of the Holy Family's search for room at the Inn. All ages welcome. Costumes available. Watch bulletin for workshops building Pinatas and musical shakers. No Charge. Volunteers, choir, instruments, actors, and planners needed!

### **Youth Ministry**

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

### Youth Ministry 2024-2025 Registration is Open!

To register for our Youth Ministry programs please go to saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth



Grade 7 - 9

Friday, Oct. 4th 7 - 8:30 pm in SJPII Room Join us for faith, friends, food and fun!



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

Saturday, October 5
Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the

parish office. Singers and musicians are welcome!

HS Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12

Saturday, Oct. 5th in SJPII Room 8 - 10 pm

### **Young Adults**



Young Adults 18+ @ignitegrandeprairie

Meal for St. Lawrence Centre, Monday, Sept. 30, 5 pm. Join us in Tranquille Hall as we prepare meals for St. Lawrence Centre, Sunrise Youth Emergency Shelter and Rising Above.

Adoration & Games Night, Friday, October 4, 7 pm Join us for Mass and Adoration followed by games in the St JPII Room. (Bring a game to share.)

### **Mass Intentions**

September 30 - October 5

⊕ -Mass for someone deceased

(SH) - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 30, 9 am: Jerome Bowen

Tues. 1, 10:30 am (SH): ⊕ Margaret Micallef

7 pm: ♣ Margaret Martin

Wed. 2, 12:15 pm: 🕆 Jean Driver

7 pm: 🕆 Rita Grant

Thurs. 3, 7 pm: ⊕ Wade Kaczkielo Fri. 4, 12:15 pm: ⊕ Titus Nunes

Sat. 5, 9 am: Cory Grattan

### **Adult Formation**



FORMED: BROTHER FRANCIS - THE BAREFOOT SAINT OF ASSISI - A 10 part audio drama from Augustine Institute Radio Theatre. If you think you know Francis of Assisi, you're in for a surprise. Discover the astonishing life of Brother Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ. As a young soldier, he encountered suffering. As a victim of war, he began a search for inner meaning that would redirect his life. As a holy beggar, he embraced lepers, shook hands with the Pope, debated a Sultan, and touched the lives of millions.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca



### Mass & Adoration Friday, October 4, 7 - 8:15 pm

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

Mass: 7 pm followed by Adoration

COMING SOON: COR - Men's group study



COR exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation and fraternity. All men of the parish are invited. For more information or to register please contact Pat Deluca, <a href="mailto:patdeluca9@gmail.com">Patdeluca9@gmail.com</a>

**Christian Meditation** Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. Everyone is welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness, and simplicity. Contact Mia at miklge@telus.net for more information.

### **General Information**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially
Chelsea Kent
Chelsea Ke

Judy Whiteside, Sister of Alice Brick

**The deceased, especially** Ronalyn Laolao Gracy John, aunt of Charles Parappully Donna Petiot, sister-in-law of Diane Walker

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

### Order of Christian 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. Contact Karen G, 780-532-2351, ext. 224, for information.

**OCIA Companions needed:** If you would like to learn more about our Catholic faith and are comfortable enough with your faith journey to accompany someone else on theirs we would love for you to join us. Call Karen G for information.

**Quilting Bee-Levers: Cancelled for Monday, Sept 30,** National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

**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!

#### **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

#### 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 in demand. 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, feminine hygiene products and gloves and warm socks. Please drop off at the parish office during office hours.

**Gift Shop:** available after 7:00 pm Mass on Saturdays and after 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses on Sundays. Come check out our selection of merchandise.

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

## **Sunday Readings**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Setting Priorities**

Numbers 11:25 - 29. Sharing the gift of Prophecy James 5:1 - 6. Keeping the right focus Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48. Sharing our possessions

**Key Passage:** Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. *James 5:4* 

#### **Question:**

Ad*ult:* What are the three most important values motivating your daily decisions?

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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.

### **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