

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 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

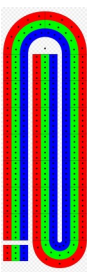


St Joseph Parish on Sept. 15, at 11:00 am Mass. Following Mass everyone is invited for a hamburger or hotdog and cake.

Cost: Cash donations to help feed the homeless.

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!

Games Night: Thursday, Sept 12



Everyone is welcome to come enjoy Crib, Canasta & board games for all ages. 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.

September 7 - 15 Dates to Remember

- Sat. 7:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice 8 pm, High School Youth, St JP11 Room
- Mon. 9:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
- Tues. 10:** 7 pm, CWL meeting, begins with Mass, church 7:30 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall
- Thurs. 12:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
- 5:30 pm: Games Night, Tranquille Hall
- Sun. 15:** 11 am Mass, K of C 75th Anniversary Following Mass, K of C Parish BBQ 3 pm, Christian meditation, chapel



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.



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 Everly Rose into our family of faith. We pray that her 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



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 12

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.



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

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

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Pizza: 5:30 pm. Practice: 6 pm
Next gathering: September 7



Grade 9 - 12
1st & 3rd Saturday
8 - 10 pm in St JPll Room
Next gathering: September 7

Rotary Food Drive, Thursday, September 12

We are looking for youth and parent (driver) volunteers for our Rotary Food Drive team. We will meet at 5 pm at the church before driving to our collection route. Pick up will be at the Salvation Army Food Bank. Email April stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com to sign up.

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+
@ignitegrandepairie

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

Mass Intentions

September 2 - 7

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH-Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 9, 12:15 pm: ✠ Joseph Vavrek

Tues. 10, 7 pm: CWL/✠ Sandra Van Schaick

Wed. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mabel & John McNeil /
✠ Stacy Hagg

7 pm: ✠ Kylie Bain

Thurs. 12, 7 pm: ✠ Taylor Van de Pol

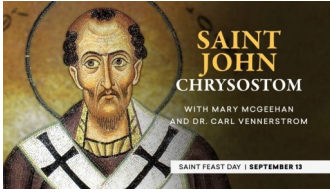
Fri. 13, (SH) 10:30 am: Rollande Lidgett

12:15 pm: ✠ Wade Kaczkielo

Sat. 14, 9 am: ✠ Rolland Maillet

Adult Formation

FORMED: ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - CATHOLIC SAINTS



From Antioch, the political centre of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom.

Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies. **Sign up for FORMED on our website:** saintjoseph.ca

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

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. Anyone is welcome to join 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

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Arlene Logan
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	Alice Dyck
Jack Douglas	Maritess DeGusman

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 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 or senior's homes. Please call the parish office for details.

CWL Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, September 10 immediately following weekday Mass in the Grouard Room. New members are always welcome. Email: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com for details.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 pm in Liguori Hall.

Quilting Bee-Levers, will resume their Monday gatherings on September 9 from 9 am - 3 pm. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

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.

Foundations for Life Fall Banquet, Oct. 5, 5 pm Bear Creek Golf Club - Silent Auction & Raffles \$50/ticket or \$350/table of 8 Questions? Email office@myfoundations.ca

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rich in Faith**Isaiah 35:4 - 7.** Israel's deliverance**James 2:1 - 5.** Against favouritism**Mark 7:31 - 37.** Healing of a deaf-mute

Key Passage: Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that He has promised to those who love Him? *James 2:5*

Question:

When has your faith in Jesus enabled you to speak out on an issue of importance?

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.

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 archgm.ca/magazine-subscription or check the Literature Rack for a subscription card.

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