

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 13, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 14

Weekday Mass is at 9:00 am.

Blessing of Same-Sex Couples Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:45 pm, Tranquille Hall. Reviewing the Doctrinal Declaration "Fiducia Supplicans" on the pastoral meaning of blessings. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.



Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations available [online](#), until **October 31**.

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.

Instructors needed to help prepare our children to receive Sacraments. If you would like to share & grow in your faith and help children to grow in theirs please contact Beatriz, ext. 228. All materials and lessons provided.

World Mission Sunday, October 19 & 20

This is a global celebration of the universal church. Your prayers and donations will assist churches, hospitals, schools and the training of priests. The donations that the Catholic communities throughout the world receive through World Mission Sunday will help them to be self-sufficient and flourish. By sharing your gift of faith, we can bring love and compassion to those who need it most. *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.*

October 13 - 20 Dates to Remember

Sun. 13: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Mon. 14: **Thanksgiving Day, office closed**

Tues. 15: 8:30: Ignite, St. JP11 Room

Wed. 16: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 17: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
Tranquille Hall

7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church

Fri. 18: 6 pm, Thanksgiving Dinner, Tranquille Hall
7 - 8:30 EDGE, St. JP11 Room

Sat. 19: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice

8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP11 Room

Sun. 20: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Thanksgiving Dinner, Friday, Oct. 18, 6 pm

in Tranquille Hall. Hosted by the K of C Mashed potatoes, pierogies, coleslaw, ham, and cabbage rolls from Majors. Everyone is welcome. Cost: donation. Proceeds will be used to help groups helping those in need in Grand Prairie area.



Catholic Education Week,

October 19 - 26.

Join us in celebrating the gift of Catholic Education at the 7 pm Mass, on October 19.

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

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

Check the bulletin board in the church.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
Next gathering: October 24
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
St JP II Room. Volunteers needed.

Mom's Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: October 17

Liturgy of the Word With Children (LWWC) Team Training - If you are new to this ministry, or did not attend our annual training this spring, please sign up for ONE of the training sessions, at [LWWC Training](#) Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 am, Modern Martyrs Room

Offertory Gift Bearers - Bring up the bread and wine during Mass with your friends or family. Contact Kristen

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 piñatas and musical shakers. No charge. Many helpers needed: choir, instruments, actors, and planners!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - For children, 3 & 4 years (by June 30/24). A Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. For information & registration contact Marie, catechesisgp@gmail.com or go to saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/

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 1st & 3rd Fridays
7 - 8:30 pm in SJPII Room
Next gathering: Friday, Oct. 18
Join us for faith, friends, food and fun!



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Next gathering: Sat, Oct. 19
Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office. Singers and musicians are welcome!

HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12
Saturday, Oct. 19th in SJPII Room, 8 - 10 pm

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Emmaus Night: Catholic Origins of Halloween
Tuesday, October 15, St JP II Room

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

Mass Intentions

October 14 - 19

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
(SH) - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 14, 9 am: ✠ Francisco Namoco
Tues. 15, 7 pm: ✠ Florence Beaulieu
Wed. 16, 12:15 pm: ✠ Louise Roy
7 pm: ✠ Ladislao Gutierrez
Thurs. 17, 7 pm: ✠ Bernardo Bautista
Fri. 18, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Margaret Micallef
12:15 pm: ✠ Mabel & John McNeil & Stacey Hagg
Sat. 19, 9 am: ✠ Milly Wrzosek

Adult Formation

FORMED: ST. TERESA OF AVILA: A study in Perseverance Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.

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. 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.

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Oct.17, after 7 pm Mass in church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

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, Patdeluca9@gmail.com

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, in the hospital and senior’s homes. Please call the parish office for details or to sign up.

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Laurie Sluymers
Joan Piebiak	Agatha Vavrek
Chelsea Kent	Steve Vandenburg
Cecile Thibeault	Peter Leduc
Ruth Gardner	Arlene Logan
Judy Whiteside, Sister of Alice Brick	
The deceased, especially	
Anita Lina Smith	Adrian Trepanier

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.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - If you distribute communion at Mass, or would like to start, please plan to attend a workshop. All existing and new Extraordinary Ministers need to attend one session to update and renew your understanding of this important ministry: Sat, Oct. 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Monday, Oct. 21, 7 - 9 pm

Remembering the Faithful Departed Mass *Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 pm*

At our annual memorial Mass the name of anyone whose funeral was celebrated in our church will be read aloud. If you have an immediate family member (parent, sibling or child) who died in the past year, we invite you to call the office with their name *before noon on Wednesday, October 30*. Their name will be read aloud. If you have other loved ones who have died in past years, this Mass is a way to remember and pray for them, though their names will not be announced. All are welcome.

Quilting Bee-Levers: Mondays, 9:30 am - 3 pm. All are welcome. No sewing skills required. Contact the parish office for information.

2024 Archbishop’s Dinner - Friday, Nov. 8 at the Holy Family Catholic Conference Center, Peace River (10307 99 St) Hosted by Deanery Two.
Doors open: 6:00 pm. Speaker: Archbishop Pettipas
Trivia Show, live & silent auctions. Tickets \$35/person
To purchase contact the Chancery Office, Grande Prairie, 780-532-9766, or any of the parishes in Deanery Two: Peace River, Fairview, Grimshaw, Manning.

Screen Volunteers Needed

Our "Tech Team" operates our projector screens at each of the Sunday Masses. Minor tech experience required - training provided. Time commitment is approximately once per month. If you are interested in joining our team, email stjoesmediagp@gmail.com

Samaritan's Basket This ministry 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. Also needed: regular or travel-size shampoo & conditioner, soap/body wash, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, gloves, warm socks. Please drop off at the parish office during office hours.

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

Canada-wide Rosary Rally - Thousands of Catholics across Canada will gather on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10:15 am to pray the rosary. Gather in our parking lot to add your voice.

Sunday Readings

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Danger of Riches

Wis. 7:7 - 11. Solomon and the riches of wisdom

Hebrews 4:12 - 13. God's living word

Mark 10:17 - 30. The danger of riches - Jesus and the rich man

Key Passage: [Jesus said,] "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." *Mk 10:25*

Question:

How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

Children: What favourite toy, game, video, etc., of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

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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: 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

Event Promotion: Fill in a Request to Promote form on our website saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/. Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.