

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

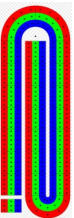
Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

Games Night, Thursday, October 10

 Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.

5:30 pm Supper (sponsored by Mr. Mikes):
Mac & cheese, mashed potatoes,
Caesar salad. Subway cookies for dessert.
Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Cost is by donation to support meals for local shelters.

Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Registrations is now available [online](#), 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.

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.



Catholic Education Week,
October 19 - 26.

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

October 5 - 13 Dates to Remember

Sat. 5: 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

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

Mon. 7: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall

Tues. 8: 7 pm, CWL Meeting, begins with Mass, church
7:30 pm, K of C meeting, Liguori Hall

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

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

5:30, Games Night, Tranquille Hall
7 - 8:30 am, SALT, St. JP II Room

Sun. 13: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Funeral Luncheon Helpers needed:

This ministry prepares and serves food for funeral receptions for a very cost effective price. Those who are grieving the loss of a family member or friend are very grateful for this service. Helpers can be both women and men and you do not have to work every funeral. Time commitment is minimal. Please email cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com to add your name to the list.

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 Oisin Caillou into our family of faith. We pray that his 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

Check the bulletin board in the church.



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: October 10

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 Youth training](#) this weekend between Masses.
Adult training: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 10 am, St JPll Room
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 pm, Liguori Hall
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!

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 SJPll Room
Next gathering: Friday, Oct. 18
Join us for faith, friends, food and fun!



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Saturday, October 5 & 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. 5th in SJPll Room, 8 - 10 pm

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Meals for St. Lawrence Centre, Wednesday, Oct. 9,
5 pm, Tranquille Hall

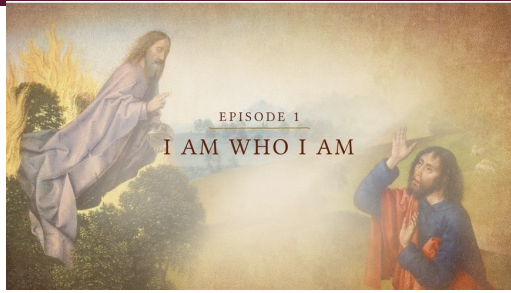
Please note: Clergy and parish staff **NEVER** solicit donations or gift cards through email or text.

Mass Intentions

October 7 - 12

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
(SH) - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 7, 9 am: ✠ Joseph Vavrek
Tues. 8, 7 pm: CWL/✠ Elizabeth Alfonso
Wed. 9, 12:15 pm: ✠ Sofia Gutierrez
7 pm: ✠ Wade Kaczkielo
Thurs. 10, 7 pm: ✠ Gerald Robinson
Fri. 11, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Gordon Watts
12:15 pm: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Families
Sat. 12, 9 am: ✠ Rose Mae Laframboise

Adult Formation



FORMED: I AM WHO I AM - LECTIO: GOD, Episode One
Who is God and what does He mean when He says, “I Am Who I Am”? Join Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

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.



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

For children, 3 & 4 years (by June 30/24).

CGS 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

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

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

The deceased, especially

Nicole Walsh	Peter Biegel
Raymond Eherer, father of Fr. Ed Eherer	

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.

CWL monthly meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 8, begins with Mass at 7 pm in the church.

K of C Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7:30 pm, Liguori Hall

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

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.

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

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. 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.

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.

Rosary Rally 2024

Together, thousands of Catholics across Canada will gather as one body to bring our Lady of Fatima's Message of Hope, with special emphasis on the Holy Rosary. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:15 am outside the Church to profess our faith and ask for the intercession of our Holy Mother to bring unity and peace to our beautiful country and the world.

Sunday Readings

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Childlike Faith

Genesis 2:7ab, 15, 18 - 24. Second story of creation/creation of woman

Heb. 2:9 - 11. Jesus' Exaltation through abasement

Mark 10:2 - 16. Divorce & Jesus blessing the children

Key Passage: [Jesus said,] "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." *Mark 10:15*

Question:

What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

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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