

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCIA and Parish Renewal Workshop, Saturday, December 7, 9:45 am to 1:30 pm, Tranquille Hall. You can help to change someone's life! Did you know we have a special program to welcome newcomers to the Church that dates to the beginnings of the Church? We are all called to share our faith and love of our Lord with others. If you want to learn more come to this workshop offered by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis of our Archdiocese. Register [here](#)

Warm Winter Woolies Collection - during Advent. Warm winter wear is sorely needed in our community, especially during extreme cold. Please drop donations of new socks, mitts, gloves, toques & scarves in the collection bin at the entrance to the church. Thank you for helping to make winter a little more bearable for those who have less.

Mercy Wednesday, December 11

Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual healing. All ages welcome.

Filipino Mass - Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 pm

Fellowship in Tranquille Hall after Mass
For details contact 780-978-2106
or email dotgr@hotmail.com

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca

2025 Donation envelopes available in the Grouard Room until the weekend of Dec. 28/29, or stop by the office during office hours.

See our website for donation options.

Christmas Masses

Sunday, Dec 24: 4:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
9:00 pm
12:00 am (midnight)

Monday, Dec 25: 10:00 am

•We are not giving out tickets for Masses

•Overflow from the church will be seated in Tranquille Hall where the Mass will be live-streamed to the screen.

•The 4:00 & 6:30 pm Masses are more suited for young children.

It is likely that the 4:00 & 6:30 pm Masses will be attended by more people, so you may want to plan to attend one of the other Christmas Masses.



Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada

OPEN HOUSE - After weekend masses December 7 and 8 there will be an open house in the ATRIUM, located in the parish Gift Shop/library. This new program is for 3 and 4 year olds and runs for 2 hours on Thursday. (In January, it will also be available on Saturdays). Come and check it out!

There will be a sale of handcrafted items made by Christians in the Holy Land in Tranquille Hall next weekend after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

Available in the church:

2024/2025 Sunday Missals - \$4.50

Children's Sunday Missals - \$8.00

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Check the bulletin board in the church.

"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. No charge. Choir members needed.

Decorating piñatas Saturday, Nov 30, 9:35 am in the back of the church.

Be Part of Our Christmas Spirit!

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Children's Choir Ages 4 - 7 and 8 & older singers welcome.

Email musicstjosephgp@gmail.com

Children's procession at the 4 & 6:30 pm Masses:

If your child wants to carry a candle (electric!) to the altar contact Kristen.

Spread cheer to our children after Christmas Masses. Help make &/or hand out treats. Contact Kristen.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group

Next gathering: December 12
Celebrating Christmas!

Mom's Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: December 5

December 1 - 8 Dates to Remember

Sun. 1: 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Mon. 2: 9:30 am - 3 pm Quilting Bee-Levers,
Liguori Hall

7 - 8:30 pm, K of C COR, St JP II Room

Wed. 4: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

Thurs. 5: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,
Tranquille Hall

7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, church

Fri. 6: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church
7 pm, Ignite, begins in church

Sat. 7: 9:45 am - 1:30 pm, OCIA Workshop,
Tranquille Hall

Sun. 8: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
4 pm, Filipino Mass, church

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Youth Ministry 2024-2025 Registration

Go to saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth



Discovery Youth Retreat

Please remember the youth and team in your prayers this week-end. There may still be room on the prayer chain. Sign up at [Discovery Prayer Chain](#)



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays

7 - 8:30 pm in SJPII Room

Next gathering: December 6

Join us for faith, friends, food and fun!



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

Next gathering: Sat, Dec 7

Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office. Singers and musicians welcome!

HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12, 8 - 10 pm
Saturday, Dec. 7, St JP II Room,

Sacraments

sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca or 780-532-2351(parish office)

Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. For information check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/ or call the parish office.

Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Adoration & Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 6 - Adoration follows 7 pm Mass in the church. 8:30 pm, Christmas party in St. JP II Room

Adult Formation



7 pm Mass, followed by Adoration
Friday, December 6, 7 - 8:15 pm
Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Usher Workshop Saturday, Dec. 14, 9:45 -noon, Liguori Hall. Ushers serve our parish by assisting parishioners and helping with the collection - a great way to get involved in our parish. This meeting is for all ushers, including new people interested in learning more.

Catholics Returning Home - Thursdays, until December 19, 7:30 pm, Grouard Room. Have you been away from the church, have family or friends who no longer come to church or have questions about the Catholic faith? Join us for this informal, program. Brochures available on the literature rack in the church and on our website. Registration not required - you may just show up. For information please contact the parish office, 780-532-2351.

COR: Men's group study - Forms & strengthens Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation & fraternity.
Contact Patdeluca9@gmail.com for information.

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

Mass Intentions

December 2 - 7

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 2, 12:15 pm: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Families
Tues. 3, 7 pm: ✠ Tom Grant
Wed. 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mabel & John McNeil &
✠ Stacey Hagg
7 pm: ✠ Pinto Family
Thurs. 5, 7 pm: Catalina Chong
Fri. 6, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Resty Quinta
12:15 pm: ✠ Warren & Oliver Pinto
7 pm, ✠ Conception & Ambrosio Gallego
Sat. 7, 9 am: ✠ Marcel & Raymond Garant

General Information

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.

Sacristans Urgently Needed! Want to use your talents for God but prefer to be behind the scenes? Sacristans set up the vessels before Mass and clean them afterward. It's easy, training is provided and you will be partnered with a seasoned sacristan. Contact Bev, puddytat.b@gmail.com

Volunteers needed to launder and iron the small linens and towels used in Mass. Training provided. Call Bev, puddytat.b@gmail.com



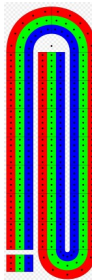
K of C Sandwich Sunday, Dec. 1, following 9 am Mass. Please consider helping to assemble sandwiches.

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

Religious Gift Shop - Advent candles and merchandise are here! Come check it out. Open after Masses: Saturday 7 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am.

Games Night, Thursday, December 12

Everyone is welcome to come for supper (sponsored by Major's Restaurant) followed by games.
5:30 pm supper: Turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots & turnip, stuffing, bun and pumpkin cheesecake for dessert. Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation to support meals for local shelters.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Judith Tovar Tessie Foster
Wilfred Wanihadie Cecile Thibeault
Judy Whiteside, Sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially

Helen Cove Peter Leduc

Items Needed for Samaritan's Basket (*We cannot take clothing.*) New or gently used: Warm gloves/mitts, warm socks and toques, toiletries: regular or travel-size shampoo & conditioner, soap/body wash, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products. Please drop off at the parish office during office hours.

St. Joseph CWL Youth & Young Adult Funding for Christian-based volunteer work. For information contact Lorraine, marting6@telus.net.
Deadline: January 15.

Catholic Family Services Christmas Hampers

Contact Catholic Family Services, 780-532-9381, to find out the many ways that you may donate. Drop off donations at CFS, 10105 102 St, 9 am - 4 pm, Monday, Wednesday or Friday or call them. Thank you for helping make Christmas wishes come true!

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 stjoesmediagg@gmail.com

Sunday Readings

First Sunday of Advent

The Habit of Prayer

Jeremiah 33:14 - 16. Restoration of Jerusalem
1 Thess. 3:12 - 4:2. Plea for growth in holiness
Luke 21:25 - 28, 24 - 36. Coming of the Son of Man

Key Passage: Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

Question:

What have been the strengths of your prayer life?
What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?

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Frequently Asked Questions

Office Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm

Sunday Masses

Saturday evening 7:00 pm
Sunday morning 9:00 & 11:00 am

Daily Masses (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

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 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

Information Centre in church New? Know of any newcomers/visitors to our parish? Questions/need information? On weekends see volunteers at the Centre.

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.