

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2024



EMBRACING
the KINGDOM of GOD

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Available in the church:

2024/2025 Sunday Missals (\$4.50), Children's Sunday Missals (\$8.00), and advent material (\$3.50) Be sure to pick yours up.

We're Hiring

We are looking for a practicing Catholic with knowledge of church sacraments for the position of *Sacramental Preparation Coordinator*. The successful candidate will need strong organization skills, computer skills and the ability to minister within the context of the parish team. The primary responsibilities of this position include: lead baptismal preparation sessions for infant baptism, coordinate OCIA Adapted for Families, liaise with the Catholic school sacramental preparation and coordinate sacramental preparation for students who do not attend Catholic schools.

Complete job description available on the [parish website](#) or from the office. Resumes accepted until the position is filled. Submit resume, with 3 references (including a reference from current parish priest if you are not from St. Joseph Parish) to Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R. Resume may be submitted to the parish office or electronically to charlesduval@gpcsd.ca



The Dignity of Life

November 20, 7:45 pm, Tranquille Hall
Even with the many advances in medicine, death remains an inevitable reality. Rather than see it as the great enemy, our Catholic faith sees it as an important journey. Indeed, our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. We will reflect on how our Catholic faith changes our perspective on both palliative care and medical assistance in dying.

November 16 - 24 Dates to Remember

Sat. 16: 2 - 4 pm, CWL Tea & Bake Sale, Tranquille Hall
5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice
8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP11 Room
Sun. 17: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Mon. 18: 9:30 am - 3 pm Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm, COR Men's study, St JP11 Room
Tues. 19: 8:30 pm, Ignite, St JP11 Room
Wed. 20: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room
7:45 pm, Faith Daze, Tranquille Hall
Thurs. 21: 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing, church
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, church
Sat. 23: 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 24: after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Advent Wreath Workshop

Saturday, November 30, 2 to 4 pm, in Tranquille Hall

Learn about and create your own Advent Wreath.

Register at [Advent Wreath](#)

\$25/wreath/family

Payment: on-line at saintjoseph.ca/donate(choose Wreath Making Workshop); e-transfer to sjc.etransfer@gmail.com; cash or cheque.



Parish Finances

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

Our 2023 Annual Financial Report is now available on our website or on the Literature Rack in the entrance to the Church.
See our website for donation options.

Sacraments

Beatriz ext 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Billie Doucette & Brianna Arbo 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.

Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Check the bulletin board in the church.



Grade 3 - 6 youth group
Next gathering: November 28
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: November 21

Liturgy of the Word With Children (LWWC) 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: Sat, Nov. 16 after 7 pm Mass, Grouard Room
Sun, Nov. 17, between Masses, Modern Martyrs Room
Adult: Saturday, Nov 16, 10 am, St JPll Room

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/

"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
Go to saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth



Overnight Youth Retreat: Nov 29-Dec 1
Grades 7 - 9. This weekend is a great opportunity to make new friends with fun activities, games, prayer, and great food! Register at saintjoseph.ca/discovery
Deadline: November 24



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays
7 - 8:30 pm in SJPII Room
Join us for faith, friends, food and fun!



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Next gathering: Sat, Nov. 16
Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office. Singers and musicians are welcome!

HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12
Saturday, Nov. 16 in SJPII Room, 8 - 10 pm

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Young Adults 18+
Emmaus Night:

Origins of Catholic Social Teaching
Tuesday, Nov. 19 8:30 pm, St JPll Room

Mass Intentions

November 18 - 23

✠ -Mass for someone deceased
Mon. 18, 12:15 pm: Marie Guest
Tue. 19, 7 pm: ✠ Florence Beaulieu
Wed. 20, 12:15 pm: ✠ Jozef & Jerry Panasiuk
7 pm: ✠ Sandra Van Schaick
Thurs. 21, 7 pm: ✠ Felicidad, Francisco, Jose & Balsilia Polidario
Fri. 22, 12:15 pm: ✠ Millie Wrzosek
Sat. 23, 9 am: ✠ Annie Helkenbeg & Avalon Thompson

Adult Formation

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, Nov. 21, 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!

Encounters on the Road to Bethlehem: Peace Retreats Advent Retreat. November 30, 9:45 am - 3:45 pm in the St JPll Room. Explore how God spoke to the major players leading up to the birth of Jesus and still speaks to us today. Led by Sheila Shepherd and Allan Forsberg. Bring a bag lunch; snacks are provided. Cost: cash donation or a Food Bank item.

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

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.

Collection for Catholic Family Services is this weekend, November 18/19. Make cheques payable to "Catholic Family Services". This collection is sent directly to Catholic Family Services. Please put your name and address on the envelope as your income tax receipt will come from them.

General Information

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Judith Tovar Helen Cove
Wilfred Wanihadie Cecile Thibeault
Judy Whiteside, Sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially

Garrett Salopree
Pacifico Flores, father of Irma Mercado



CWL Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 - 4 pm Tranquille Hall. Donations of baking would be appreciated. Bring your contribution Saturday morning, 9 - 11 am.

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 are here! Check out our Advent items. Open after Saturday 7 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses.

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!



K of C Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 24
after 9 & 11 am Mass
in Tranquille Hall

Filipino Mass - Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 pm
Fellowship in Tranquille Hall after Mass
For details contact 780-978-2106
or email dotgr@hotmail.com

Donations ARE STILL NEEDED for our new refugee. A young Eritrean man arrived in our city in early October. He is co-sponsored by his cousins and the Archdiocese, with help from our committee. Donations of gift cards to Walmart and Superstore would be greatly appreciated. Household items are NOT needed as they are provided by the co-sponsors.

Village Goods Sale, Grande Prairie Museum**Noon to 4:30 pm, November 23, 24 & 25**

Support fair trade artisans. Find unique and handmade items perfect for holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. A wide selection of items, including food & drink, holiday décor, winter wear, gift items, home goods. **Early Bird Special** - Lend a hand unpacking and get a sneak peek, Friday, Nov. 22 at 10 am.

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.

Book of Remembrance Remembering the deceased in a special way during the month of November is a long standing tradition in the Church. We invite you to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance. It is on a table in the entrance to the church and will be there until the end of the month.

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

Sunday Readings

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Ready For the Lord

Daniel 12:1 - 3. Daniel's conclusion to the apocalypse
Hebrews 10:11 - 14, 18. Christ's eternal sacrifice
Mark 13:24 - 32. The second coming

Key Passage: [Jesus said], "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." *Mark 13:32*

Question:

What would you do for others today if you thought you would not have another chance to do it?

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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 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

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.