

Christ the King  
November 24, 2024



EMBRACING  
the KINGDOM of GOD

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Parish Office Closing Early:** 4 pm, Friday, Nov 29

### 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 [saintjoseph.ca/jobs/](http://saintjoseph.ca/jobs/) 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](mailto:charlesduval@gpcsd.ca)

### Discover Youth Retreat Needs Your Help

Baked goods would be appreciated. During the weekend on Nov. 29 - Dec 1, you can assist in the kitchen and on the 24 hour prayer chain (from the comfort of your own home). Kitchen shifts are 3-4 hours. Prayer shifts are 1 hour.

Contact April, [stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)  
Even if you can't commit to help on the weekend, your prayers will be most welcome.

### November 23 - December 1 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 23:** 8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall  
**Sun. 24:** ~~After 9 & 11 am Masses, Pancake Breakfast, Tranquille Hall~~ **Cancelled**  
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel  
**Mon. 25:** 9:30 am - 3 pm Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
**Wed. 27:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
**Thurs. 28:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall  
6:45 pm, SALT, Cineplex Theatre  
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, church  
**Fri. 29:** 7 pm, Ultreya, St JP11 Room  
**Sat. 30:** 9:45 am - 3:45 pm, Advent Retreat, St. JP11 Room  
2 - 4 pm, Advent Wreath Workshop  
**Sun. 1:** 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, 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](http://Advent Wreath) \$25/wreath/family  
Payment: on-line at [saintjoseph.ca/donate](http://saintjoseph.ca/donate)(choose Wreath Making Workshop); e-transfer to [sjc.etransfer@gmail.com](mailto:sjc.etransfer@gmail.com); cash or cheque.



## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto: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** Rhys Rasalan, Hannah Sebastian & Jacinda Bollozos 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/](http://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  
Families are invited to meet at the Cineplex Theatre at 6:45 pm.

We're watching The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

**Mom's Group:** Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: November 28



Catechesis of  
the Good Shepherd  
Association of Canada

For children, 3 & 4 years (by June 30/24). A Montessori-based international program for children to grow in relationship with God. Thursdays 10 am - noon. (In January, it will also be available on Saturdays). For information & registration contact Marie, [catechesisgp@gmail.com](mailto:catechesisgp@gmail.com) or go to [saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/](http://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](http://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](http://saintjoseph.ca/discovery)

Deadline: November 24



**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 are welcome!

**HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12**

Saturday, December 7 in St JPII Room, 8 - 10 pm

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](http://StJoesYoungAdults)



**Young Adults 18+**

**Bible & Beer, Thursday, Nov. 28**

7:30 - 9 pm, Mr. Mike's Restaurant

## Mass Intentions

November 25 - 30

† -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 25, 12:15 pm: † Florence Beaulieu

Tues. 26, 7 pm: Wayne & Paulette Patterson

Wed. 27, 12:15 pm: † Rob Kalinowski

7 pm: † Sandra Van Schaick

Thurs. 28, 7 pm: Thanksgiving

Fri. 29, 12:15 pm: † Ninfa Suarez

Sat. 30, 9 am: † Ed Biegel

## Adult Formation

**Labyrinth Prayer Walk:** St. JPll School has set up a Labyrinth in their theatre. Parishioners are invited to use/pray/walk this unique spiritual experience on Nov 26, 12:30 - 2 pm, Nov 27, 10:30 am - 2 pm, and Nov 28, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

**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](#)

**Filipino Mass - Sunday, Dec. 8, 4 pm**  
Fellowship in Tranquille Hall after Mass  
For details contact 780-978-2106  
or email [dotgr@hotmail.com](mailto:dotgr@hotmail.com)

**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. Register at [Sheilamcshepherd@gmail.com](mailto:Sheilamcshepherd@gmail.com)  
(780) 296-4493

**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](mailto:Patdeluca9@gmail.com) for information.

## General Information

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, especially

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

**Ultreya, Friday, Nov 29, 7 pm,** St JPll Room. A short time of prayer, faith sharing and support. Make new friends (and bring some old). Speaker: Kevin Walker  
Everyone is welcome.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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 Sandwich Sunday, Dec. 1, following 9 am Mass.** Sign up this weekend to bring sandwich supplies for next weekend. Please consider helping to assemble sandwiches December 1.

**2025 Donation envelopes** available in the Grouard Room, beginning Nov 30/Dec 1, until the weekend of Dec. 28/29, or stop by the office during office hours.

**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. **Cash only.**

**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 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](mailto:stjoesmediagp@gmail.com)

## Sunday Readings

Feast of Christ the King

**Given the Kingdom**

**Daniel 7:13 - 14.** Daniel's vision of one like the Son of man

**Revelation 1:5 - 8.** Praise to Jesus Christ

**John 18:33 - 37.** The blood and water

**Key Passage:** To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. *Rev. 1:5b - 6*

**Question:**

In what ways is Jesus the ruler of your life?

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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/](http://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](mailto:sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca)

**Interested in joining the church or completing sacraments?** Contact Karen G, ext. 224, or email [sjc-ocia@gpcsd.ca](mailto: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](mailto:stjosephprayers@gmail.com), or call the parish office

**Parish Pastoral Council:** [st.joes.ppc@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://saintjoseph.ca/contact/promote/). Bulletin submissions due noon Wednesdays. Maximum poster size 8.5 X 11. All requests subject to approval.