

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 3, 2024



EMBRACING  
the KINGDOM of GOD

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 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 November 15, 2024 at 5 pm or 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)

### Remembering the Faithful Departed Mass

**Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 pm**

If you have loved ones who have died in past years, this Mass is a way to remember and pray for them. All are welcome.

**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, 780-532-9766, or any of the parishes in Deanery Two: Peace River, Fairview, Grimshaw and Manning.

### November 2 - 10 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 2:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP11 Room  
**Sun. 3:** 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel  
**Mon. 4:** 9:30 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers,  
Liguori Hall  
**Tues. 5:** 7 pm, Faithful Departed Mass, church  
7 pm, Men's COR Study, St JP11 Room  
**Wed. 6:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP11 Room  
**Thurs. 7:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group,  
Tranquille Hall  
**Sun. 10:** 10 am, Sandwich making, Tranquille Hall  
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

**Canadian Missions Collection is next weekend, November 9/10.** Mission activity was the first action of the Apostles. When Canada began, French missionaries accompanying explorers continued that action in North America. Four hundred years later, some areas have yet to be fully established. Our Canadian missionaries and the Catholics they serve need our prayers and support. *Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph church.*

### K of C Sandwich Sunday, Nov. 10, following 9 am



**Mass.** Sign up this weekend to bring sandwich supplies for next weekend. Please consider helping to assemble sandwiches November 10.

## 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

### Sacrament Registration for Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation

Register [online](https://saintjoseph.ca/sacrament) at [saintjoseph.ca/sacrament](https://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.

**Through the waters of baptism we welcome Sky Solon** into our family of faith. We pray that her 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/](https://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 14  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7

**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:* Tuesday, Nov 12, 10 am, St JPll Room  
Wednesday, Nov 13, 7 pm, Ligouri Hall  
Saturday, Nov 16, 10 am, St JPll Room

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

### Youth Ministry 2024-2025 Registration is Open!

To register go to [saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth](https://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](https://saintjoseph.ca/discovery)



### Grade 7 - 9 1st & 3rd Fridays

7 - 8:30 pm in SJPII Room  
Next gathering: Friday, Nov. 15  
Join us for faith, friends, food and fun!



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

Next gathering: Sat, Nov. 2  
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. 2 in SJPII Room, 8 - 10 pm  
Wild West Murder Mystery Party  
Sign up for your character at [St. Joe's Murder Mystery](#)

## Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or [StJoesYoungAdults](#)



Young Adults 18+

St. Lawrence Centre Meal

Wednesday, November 6, Tranquille Hall

## Mass Intentions

November 4 - 9

✠ -Mass for someone deceased  
(SH) Mass at a Senior's Home  
Mon. 4, 12:15 pm: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Families  
Tues. 5, 7 pm: ✠ Nestor Mostowy  
Wed. 6, 12:15 pm: ✠ Louise Roy  
7 pm: ✠ Carmen Gonzales  
Thurs. 7, 7 pm: ✠ Luis Joa  
Fri. 8, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Resty Quinta  
12:15 pm: ✠ John Mason  
Sat. 9, 9 am: Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Valenkanni

## Adult Formation

**FORMED: HOW TO WIN AN ARGUMENT WITHOUT LOSING A SOUL BY MATT FRADD** Whether you're arguing with family members or Facebook friends, skeptical co-workers in the office or pushy proselytizers at your front door, it helps to not only have the facts but the skills for presenting your points forcefully and well. Matt equips you with the powers of argumentation you need to be an effective debater and the right attitude for doing it with charity, humility and patience.

**Sign up for FORMED on our website:** [saintjoseph.ca](http://saintjoseph.ca)

**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.

**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](mailto:catechesisgp@gmail.com) or go to [saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/](http://saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/)

**Catholics Returning Home** - Thursdays, November 14 - 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, 6 week program. Brochures are available on the literature rack at the entrance of the church and on our website. For more information please contact the parish office, 780-532-2351. (Registration is not required. You may also just show up at the first meeting.)

**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.

## General Information

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, especially** Shannon Carson  
Wilfred Wanihadie Arlene Logan  
Laurie Sluymers Cecile Thibeault  
Judy Whiteside, Sister of Alice Brick

**The deceased, especially** Einar Van Den Broecke  
Beatriz Gomez Joan Piebiak  
Theophile Tanon Marshall Gillard  
Brian Wheeler, brother of Gladys Kent

**Book of Remembrance** It is a long standing tradition in the church to remember the deceased in a special way during the month of November. Our Book of Remembrance will be on a table in the entrance to the church for the entire month. You are welcome to inscribe in it the names of your deceased loved ones.

**CWL Afternoon Tea & Bake Sale**, Saturday, Nov. 16,

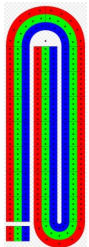


Tranquille Hall, 2 - 4 pm. Donations of baking would be appreciated. Bring your contribution between 6 & 8 pm Friday, Nov 15, or Saturday morning, 9 - 11 am.

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

**Donations 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.

**Games Night, Thursday, November 14**



Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.

5:30 pm Supper (sponsored by Kili Landscaping): Traditional Czech meal of pork, dumplings and fried cabbage. Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation to support meals for local shelters.

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

"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!

### 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)

**Item's Needed for Samaritan's Basket** 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.

**Immaculate Conception Church, Sexmith, Fall Supper** Sunday, Nov. 3, 5 pm in the church hall. \$25/person \$60-Family Rate (2 adults & children 14 years & under)

## Sunday Readings

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### The Greatest Commandment

**Deuteronomy 6:2 - 6.** The great commandment  
**Hebrews 7:23 - 28.** Jesus, the eternal high priest  
**Mark 12:28 - 34.** The greatest commandment

**Key Passage:** [The scribe] asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all you strength.'" *Mark 12:28 - 30*

### Question:

Why is love of neighbour as important as love of God?

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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.