

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024



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the KINGDOM of GOD

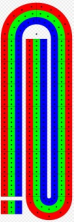
# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**PLEASE NOTE: Monday, Dec. 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Weekday Mass has been changed to 7 pm.** The Redemptorist priests will renew their vows at this Mass.

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

**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.

**Games Night, Thursday, December 12**  
 Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games. 5:30 pm supper: Turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots & turnip, stuffing, bun and pumpkin cheesecake for dessert (sponsored by Major's Restaurant). Games begin after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation to support meals for local shelters.

**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.

**Warm Winter Woolies Collection - during Advent.** Warm winter wear is especially 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 your generosity.



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the Good Shepherd  
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**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!

### Christmas Masses

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

Wednesday, 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.

## Parish Finances

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

Donations to be included on your 2024 income tax must be received at the parish office before December 31. Donations made after December 31 must be via cheque, dated for December 31, 2024, and received at the office by January 3, 2024.

**See our website for donation options.**

## 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.

**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**

**2nd & 4th Thursday**

Next gathering: January 9

Have a wonderful Christmas!

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

## Sacraments

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

**Through the waters of baptism we welcome** Kaeden Danal to our family of faith We pray that his journey with our Lord is filled with much joy!

**Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation.** For information call the parish office or check [saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/](http://saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, especially

Sherrie Ratvay Maria Shalom Westerson

Judith Tovar Tessie Foster

Wilfred Wanihadie Cecile Thibeault

Judy Whiteside, Sister of Alice Brick

#### The deceased, especially

Gertrude Metz  
Rene Lemire, brother of Gaetanne Monfette

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

**Youth Ministry 2024-2025 Registration**

Go to [saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth](http://saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth)



**Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays**

\*Next gathering: Saturday, December 21

Joining the High School Youth Group in the Youth Choir at 7 pm Mass followed by a Christmas party in the St JP II Room.



**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.

## Young Adults

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



**Young Adults 18+**

**Meal for St. Lawrence Centre,**

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5:00 pm,

Tranquille Hall

### December 7 - 15 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 7:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room

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

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

**Tues. 10:** 5:30 pm, CWL/K of C Christmas Gathering,  
Tranquille Hall

**Wed. 11:** 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room  
1 - 7 pm, Mercy Wednesday confessions, church  
5 pm, Ignite, Tranquille Hall

**Thurs. 12:** 10 am - 12 noon, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall  
5:30 - 8:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm, SALT, St JP II Room

7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, church

**Sat. 14:** 9:45 am - noon, Usher Workshop, Liguori Hall  
8 pm, Coffee & Cookies, Tranquille Hall

**Sun. 15:** after 9 & 11 am Mass, K of C Breakfast,  
Tranquille Hall  
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

## Adult Formation

**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.

**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.

**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, [puddyat.b@gmail.com](mailto:puddyat.b@gmail.com)

## Mass Intentions

December 9 - 14

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 9, 7 pm: ✠ Rafael & Margaret Mascarenhas

Tues. 10, 7 pm: CWL

Wed. 11, 12:15 pm: ✠ Mark, Gus & Marie Jantz  
7 pm: ✠ Elaine Croken

Thurs. 12, 7 pm: ✠ Rose Mae Laframboise

Fri. 13, 10:30 am (SH): Anne Menzies

12:15 pm: ✠ Sandra Van Schaick

Sat. 14, 9 am: ✠ Raoul & Noëlla Tremblay

## General Information

**Available in the church:**

2024/2025 Sunday Missals - \$4.50

**2025 Donation envelopes** available in the Grouard Room until the weekend of Dec. 21/22, or stop by the office during office hours.

**Handcrafted items made by Christians in the Holy Land** for sale in Tranquille Hall this weekend after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

**Volunteers needed to launder and iron the small linens and towels used in Mass.** Training provided. Contact Bev, [puddyat.b@gmail.com](mailto:puddyat.b@gmail.com)

**CWL/K of C Christmas Gathering**, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 pm, Tranquille Hall.

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



**K of C Breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 15,**  
following the 9 & 11 am Masses.  
\$10/person \$30/family

**Religious Gift Shop** - Check out our Advent merchandise. Open after Masses: Saturday 7 pm and Sunday 9 & 11 am.

**Christmas decorating for the church, Sunday, Dec 22, 1 - 3 pm.** Fluff a Christmas tree, string lights, hang banners, etc. Lots of help needed. Please join in preparing our church for the season of Christmas.

**Christmas Choir Rehearsals**

All rehearsals are in the church.

*4 pm Christmas Eve Children/Youth Choir:* children aged 4 - 7 sing pre-mass songs. Youth aged 8 and older sing during Christmas Mass.

	Age 4 - 7	Age 8+
Dec 14	11:25 - 11:45 am	10:30 - 11:45 am
Dec 21	1:20 - 1:45 pm	12:30 - 1:45 pm
Dec 23	2:30 - 3:00 pm	1:30 - 3:00 pm

*Other Christmas Eve Choir rehearsals*

	6:30 pm Choir	9 pm Choir
Dec 21	11:10 am - 12:25 pm	9:45 - 11:00 am

**Midnight Mass Choir** - Dec 23, 7 - 8:30 pm

**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!

**Voices in the Wilderness Concert**, Monday, Dec. 16, 7:30 pm, in the church. Christmas music from "Around the World", accompanied by an orchestra, will appeal to North American, South American and European audiences. No cost, but donations to the Food Bank and the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles are urgently and gratefully received at the door.

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

*Deadline: January 15.*

**18 Wheels of Christmas Food Drive, Saturday/Sunday Dec. 14/15, 11 am - 5 pm**, in Safeway North parking lot (9925 114 Ave). Please help to fill their 53' Christmas trailer with donations for our local community Food Banks. Accepting donations of non-perishable food items, baby food/formula & diapers.

**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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**Prayer of Repentance**

**Baruch 5:1 - 9.** Jerusalem consoled

**Philippians 1:3 - 6, 8 - 11.** Gratitude and hope

**Luke 3:1 - 6.** John the Baptist

**Key Passage:** [John] went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. *Luke 3:3*

**Question:** In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness? During Advent what will you do to show you are sorry?

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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 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.