

Epiphany of the Lord  
January 5, 2025

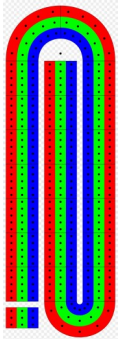


EMBRACING  
the KINGDOM of GOD

# Bulletin

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Games Night, Thursday, January 9



Everyone is welcome to come for supper (sponsored by Brown's Socialhouse) followed by games.

5:30 pm supper: Beef on a bun, salad & mashed potatoes.

Subway cookies for dessert.

Games after dinner until 8:30 pm.

Cost is by donation to support meals for St. Lawrence Centre.

### Catholicism Series with Bishop Robert Baron

Beginning Wednesday, January 8, 7:45 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Join us as we discover the richness and full meaning of our faith through this 10 part series. Come for one or all 10 evenings. All are welcome!

### Faith in Action Men's Conference, January 25

**"We love because He first loved us"**

For all men 16+

Exploring the topic of marriage.

Presenters: Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R.,

Justice Kevin Feehan & Dr. Mona-Lee Feehan

\$35/person includes lunch, refreshments and door prizes. Contact Hervey, herveychabot@gmail.com

Deadline for tickets: January 20

Hosted by Knights of Columbus

### Come & See Weekend, January 24, Grande Prairie

Are you or someone you know considering the priesthood? This is for all men (in Grade 12 or older) open to religious life. For information go to their website, [www.redemptoristvocations.ca](http://www.redemptoristvocations.ca) or speak to one of our priests. Register with the QR code or at [vocations@redemptorists.ca](mailto:vocations@redemptorists.ca)



### Save The Dates:

January 8 - March 12: Catholicism Series

January 25: Men's Conference -

*"We love because He first loved us."*

February 28: Mardi Gras

March 19: Feast of St. Joseph

April 6 -9: Parish Mission "Pilgrims of Hope"

May 2 & 3: Women's Retreat -

*"Cast Your Worries, Embrace Joy"*

**The Church's 2025 Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope" began on Christmas Eve.** We will be holding a number of events in our parish in the coming months to celebrate our loving God's grace and mercy. There are Jubilee prayer cards available in the entrance to the church. Please pick some up for your family. Take extra and share them with friends!

## Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 [sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-finance@gpcsd.ca)

**2025 Donation envelopes** available in the Grouard Room until the end of January or stop by the office during office hours.

### **Automatic Bank & Credit Card withdrawal**

**donators:** Special Collection envelopes available in Grouard Room or from the office.

### **Donation options:** Envelopes

Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church

PAP (Personally Approved Payments): monthly automatic withdrawal from your bank account

Credit Card: monthly donation

Online donation through our website

E-transfer: email to [sjc.etransfer@gmail.com](mailto:sjc.etransfer@gmail.com)

## Family & Children Ministry

Kristen ext 230 sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Check the bulletin board in the church for Family & Children events.



**Grade 3 - 6 youth group**  
**2nd & 4th Thursday**  
Next gathering: January 9

**Mom's Group:** Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: January 9



*Catechesis of  
the Good Shepherd*  
Association of Canada

For children, 3 & 4 years old

Thursdays 10 am - noon.

It will also be available on Saturdays beginning later this month. 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/)

## Sacraments

[sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca](mailto:sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca) or 780-532-2351(parish office)

**This weekend, through the waters of baptism** we welcome Jasmine Faustino. We pray that her journey with our Lord is filled with great 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/)

## Youth Ministry

April ext 232 [stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com)

Check out our programs for youth at [saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth](http://saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth)



**Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays**  
Next gathering: Friday, January 17



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

Next gathering: Saturday, January 4.  
Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office.  
Singers & musicians welcome!

**HS (High School) Youth Group: Gr. 9 - 12, 8 - 10 pm**  
Saturday, Jan. 4, St JP II Room (following 7 pm Mass).

## Young Adults

[@ignitegrandeprairie](https://www.facebook.com/ignitegrandeprairie) or [StJoesYoungAdults](https://www.facebook.com/StJoesYoungAdults)



**Young Adults 18+**

Check their Facebook page for the next gatherings.

### January 4 - 12 Dates to Remember

**Sat. 4:** 5:30 pm, Youth choir pizza & practice  
8 pm, Youth Group, St JP II Room

**Sun. 5:** 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

**Mon. 6:** 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall  
7 pm, K of C COR, St JP II Room

**Wed. 8:** Catholicism Series, Tranquille Hall

**Thurs. 9:** 10 am, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall  
5:30 pm, Games Night, Tranquille Hall  
7 pm, SALT, St JP II Room

## Adult Formation



**Formed Now!** Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections to January 11. Formed Now! will return to its regular format on January 12.

**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.

**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)

**Available in the church:**

2024/2025 Sunday Missals - \$4.50

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, especially** Allison Deluca  
Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R  
Gaetanne Monfette Kaylyn Score  
Peter LeCerf, brother of Judy Riddle  
Sherrie Ratvay Tessie Foster  
Wilfred Wanihadie Cecile Thibeault  
Siemie DeBoer, sister of Sylvia Romkes  
Judy Whiteside, sister of Alice Brick

**The deceased, especially** Liliane Ngaleu  
Ernest Johnson Blaire Ferguson

## General Information

**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](mailto:puddytat.b@gmail.com)

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

**Quilting Bee-Levers, Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm**  
All are welcome. No sewing skills required. If you are interested in joining contact the office for formation.

**Gift Shop - Advent/Christmas articles at cost!** Check them out after Saturday evening 7 pm Mass and Sunday morning, 9 & 11 am Mass.

**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.

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

## Mass Intentions

January 6 - 11

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 6, 12:15 pm: ✠ Linda Cowel

Tues. 7, 10:30 am: ✠ Ellen Cyr

7 pm: Cook & Goulet Family

Wed. 8, 12:15 pm: ✠ Andrea Vavrek

7 pm: Tim & Tessie Foster

Thurs. 9, 7 pm: ✠ Ed Biegel

Fri. 10, 10:30 am: ✠ Lucy, Casey & Derrick Glodek

12:15 pm: ✠ Heidi Heitrich/ ✠ Patricia Lefley

Sat. 11, 9 am: Tim & Tessie Foster

**Thought for the Week:**

Have you ever seen a U-Haul behind a hearse?

**Please be mindful of our church neighbours:**

Do not park in driveways or in the Hillcrest Church's parking lot (south of our parking lot).

**Church Parking Lot** - Do not park along curbs or in laneways to allow a clear exit from the parking lot for emergency vehicles, or parishioners who have to leave Mass unexpectedly. Leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. *FYI:* damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your responsibility.

**SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY"** There are a growing number of people who are sensitive, or allergic, to the scents that make the rest of us feel so good. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

## Sunday Readings

Epiphany

### Overcoming Jealousy

**Isaiah 60: 1 - 6.** Glory of the new Zion  
**Eph. 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6.** Commission to preach God's plan  
**Matthew 2:1 - 12.** The visit of the magi

**Key Passage:** Then [Herod] sent the [magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." *Matt 2:8*

**Question:**

When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

*Child:* When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

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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.