



Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 9 is World Marriage Day. During the Sunday celebrations, we will have a special blessing of married couples. Come with your spouse.

Live Your Best Life in Love - Free Half-Day Couples Retreat Saturday, Feb. 15, 11:15 am - 3:30 pm
Presentations (via video link) followed by discussion time with your partner. Grow in faith and love! Whether engaged or married, this retreat offers a peaceful, prayerful environment to enrich connection within your relationship. For questions or to register email sjc-marriage@gpcsd.ca or at the back of the church after weekend Mass.

Women's Cursillo weekend, Friday, Feb. 14, 6 pm - Monday, Feb. 17, 5 pm. Calling all Cursillistas! Now is the time to invite your friends and family to attend this weekend of sharing, faith, laughter, building community, and good food (prepared by someone else!) For applications and sponsor forms go to www.cursillo.archgm.ca/cursillo-application

Catholicism Video Series with Bishop Robert Baron Wednesdays until March 12, 7:45 pm, in Tranquille Hall. Join us as we discover the richness and full meaning of our faith through this video series. Come for one or all evenings. All are welcome!

K of C Sandwich Sunday, February 9. Sign up to bring sandwich supplies this weekend, February 1/2 after all the Masses.

We need your old palm branches from previous Palm Sundays. The ashes on Ash Wednesday come from the palms used on previous Palm Sundays. Place them in the box in the entrance to the church.

2025 Mardi Gras - Friday, Feb. 28, 7 - 10 pm
Theme: Radical Room All-ages costume party! Join us in Tranquille Hall. Bring your friends. DeeJay, dancing, door prizes, games, snacks, photobooth, Bouncy Castle (7 - 8 pm).
Costume ideas: If you could go anywhere or any time, what would you wear?
Free tickets after Masses in February.



7 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, Friday, Feb. 7, 7 - 8:15 pm
Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Gift Shop "Clearance Sale" - 50% off Old Stock!
February only - Lots of items available!
Shop open after Saturday evening 7 pm Mass and Sunday morning, 9 & 11 am Mass.

Parish Finances

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

2025 Donation envelopes - Available from the parish office during office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - noon and 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

2024 Income Tax receipts will be available mid-February.

Donation options: Envelopes
PAP (Pre-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
Tap to Give! in the entrance to the church

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 Thursdays
7 - 8:30 pm

Next gathering: February 13

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: February 6

VBS 2025: Great Journey with Jesus through the Church Year. July 7 - 11. Planning now. Call Kristen

Liturgy of the Word Leader Come & See, next weekend, February 8/9. Join us to explore whether this ministry to our little ones is for you. Saturday 6 pm, Modern Martyrs Room. Sunday 10:10 am, Modern Martyrs Room. Sign up to let us know you are attending at [LWWC](#)

Sacraments

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

This weekend, through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Bella Wallan to our faith family. 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/

During Lent we are not scheduling baptisms.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. For the six weeks of Lent we are in the desert *preparing* for new life - the resurrection. Since Baptism is when we first *encounter* new life with Jesus, we will not celebrate baptism during Lent. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

Check out our programs for youth at saintjoseph.ca/ministries/youth.

DTP (Disturbing The Peace) Citywide Youth Event at McLaurin Baptist Church, Friday, February 7, 7 - 9 pm Both *EDGE (Grade 7 - 9) & HS Youth Group (Gr. 9 - 12)* are attending. We will meet up with other churches around the city for music, games, snacks, & worship. *7 pm drop off at 10913 107 Ave*, (look for St. Joe's Youth group wearing green). The event is free, but please email April stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.




Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Saturday, February 1
Begins with pizza at 5:30 in the parish office. Singers & musicians welcome!

Save your Bottles for our Youth Groups: Drop them at any Bottle Depot with this information on them: St. Joseph Youth Group #1479-2351. Your donations and assistance are greatly appreciated!

Young Adults

@ignitegrandepairie or StJoesYoungAdults

 **Young Adults 18+**
Adoration & Social, Friday, Feb. 7,
7 pm, begins with Mass in the church. See Facebook for details.

Emmaus Night: The Four Loaves, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:45 pm. See Facebook for details.

February 1 - 9 Dates to Remember

Sat. 1: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza & practice

Sun. 2: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

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

Wed. 5: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study,

St JPll Room

7:45 pm Catholicism Series, Tranquille Hall

Thurs. 6: 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall

Fri. 7: 7 pm, Mass followed by Adoration, church

Sun. 9: 10 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Adult Formation



FORMED: Foretold Our world is full of noise. Often, that noise is loud and negative. When was the last time you heard something good on the news? Because of the constant intake of “bad news,” many people no longer believe in the Providence of God, nor trust that He has a plan for us. Dr. Sean Innerst weaves together the Old and New Testament stories, highlighting their connecting threads of prophecy and fulfillment. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

COR: Men's group study - Forms & strengthens Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation & fraternity.
Contact Patdeluca9@gmail.com for 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

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

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The sick, especially

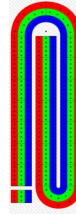
Annette Cymbaluk
Ivan Romkes
Eyleene Joachin
Kendra McKenna
Tessie Foster
Priscila Lanada
Helena Gabad Rimando
Wilfred Wanihadie
Cecile Thibeault
Judy Whiteside, sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially

Mary Arleen Antypowich
Arnold Abenes, nephew of Tessie Rimando

General Information

Games Night, February 13



Everyone is welcome to come for supper followed by games.

5:30 pm supper: Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, veggies, strawberry & pecan salad and carrot cake sponsored and provided by

Major's Family Restaurant. Games after dinner until 8:30 pm. Cost is by donation. Proceeds support our youth programs.

K of C Pancake Breakfast has been postponed from February 16th to the 23rd.

Volunteers needed to launder and iron the small linens and towels used in Mass. Training provided.
Contact Bev, puddytat.b@gmail.com

Ladies' Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 am, St. JP II Room. All ladies welcome.

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

February 3 - 8

† - Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 3, 12:15 pm: † Jocelyn Walker

Tues. 4, 10:30 am (SH): † Chiquita Caballes/

† Enrique Jayagan

7 pm: † Brady Grattan

Wed. 5, 12:15 pm: † Lorraine Taraska

7 pm: Loxam Family

Thurs. 6, 7 pm: † Jerry Hennessey / † Peter Willette

Fri. 7, 10:30 am (SH): † Sr. Mary Mason

12:15 pm: † Rita Boivin

7 pm: † Guillermo & Cleotilda Claud

Sat. 8, 9 am: † Gerard Pinto

The Refugee Committee in Sexsmith needs 4 volunteers for the City of Grande Prairie.

Commitment is 2 - 3 hours/month, delivering food and assisting refugees in the city. Contact our parish office, 780-532-2351.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Marian Pilgrimage of Hope

Visit Marian churches, grottos and/or any Marian statues or icons in the Archdiocese and offer the prayer chaplet "Mary: Exemplar of Hope". The Archdiocese has prepared a "Pilgrim's Passport", which includes the list of Marian churches and grottos, as well as the prayer chaplet. Copies may be found at the Information Centre in the church, at the parish office or print your own copy at www.archgm.ca/jubilee. Through the intercession of Mary, may we all be "Pilgrims of Hope" this Jubilee year.

Grief to Grace, May 20- 25, Kelowna - Through a 5 day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. For more information please email griegtograckelowna@gmail.com or call 250-808-6403.

Oliver's Funeral Home: National Flag Day

Flag Retirement Ceremony, Thursday, Feb. 13. Once a year, Oliver's lays retired flags to rest during a ceremony at Grande Prairie Cemetery. Flags can be dropped off at Oliver's year-round. For information and the schedule go to oliversfuneralhome.com

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).

Sunday Readings

Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3:1 - 4. The Lord you seek will come to the temple.

Hebrew 2:10 - 11, 13b - 18. Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Luke 2:22 - 4. Simeon recognizes the promised Messiah.

Question: In what ways do you offer yourself to God?

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 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 for adults? 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

Catholic Women's League: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: kofc3241gp@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.