

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 2, 2025



Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Ash Wednesday, March 5, Mass Times

12:15 & 7:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, from 5:00 to 6:15 pm.

Cost is by donation. Bring the family and enjoy a variety of toppings for your pancakes: broccoli, cheese curds and gravy, sweets, berries, ice cream! Gluten-free available. Hosted by the K of C.

Ash Wednesday Collection, March 5. Until 2026, this collection is for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to fulfill our Archdiocese's commitment to raise \$165,000. Your support and generosity will go towards programs for healing and reconciliation for Indigenous communities in our Archdiocese. Please make cheques payable to "St. Joseph Church."

Lenten Fridays: *Soup, Reflection, Stations of the Cross*

5:45 pm: meatless soup & buns served by CWL in Tranquille Hall. Donations for Development & Peace
6 pm: Reflection, organized by Social Justice Committee

7 pm: Stations of the Cross in the church

Join us for all 3 or whatever your time allows.

March 7 - Reflection: Overview of Development and Peace 2025 Share Lent Campaign

Stations led by the Knights of Columbus

OCIA & Parish Renewal Workshop, Saturday, Mar 8,

9:45 am – 1:30 pm, Tranquille Hall. Discover how the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) can revitalize your parish and create a culture of welcome and transformation. You will leave inspired and equipped to bring new energy into your parish community! A light lunch, coffee, and snacks will be provided! Register now at

www.archgm.ca/ocia-parish-renewal/

Catholics Returning Home - Have you been away from the church? Do you have family or friends who no longer come to church? Do you have questions concerning the Catholic faith? This 6 week program is at 7:30 pm on Thursdays, beginning March 6. Brochures available on the literature rack in the church and on our website in Events. For info call the parish office, 780-532-2351. Registration is not required. You may also just show up.

Lenten Material: Booklets for all ages are available in the entrance to the church. On-line videos, reflections, movies, etc. can be found on FORMED - sign up on our website saintjoseph.ca

Children receiving their First Reconciliation this March will be acknowledged at all the Masses next weekend, March 8/9. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Parish Finances

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

2024 Income Tax receipts are available from the office during office hours. Call to make other arrangements.

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

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: March 13

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: March 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, March 7/8. 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](#)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: A Montessori-based international program for 3 & 4 year old children to grow in relationship with God. Resuming in the Fall on Saturdays from 10 - 11:30 am. For info & registration contact catechesisgp@gmail.com or saintjoseph.ca/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd/

Sacraments

Jean-Marc ext. 228 sjc-sacrament@gpcsd.ca

This weekend, through the waters of Baptism, we welcome Cian Tamayo & Murphy Klettke. We pray that their 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 do not schedule 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 do 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.



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Please note, our next gathering is:
Friday, March 21.



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

Please note: Next Youth Choir: Saturday, March 1.

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, Mar. 1, St JP11 Room (following 7 pm Mass).

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

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

Stations & Movie Night, beginning in the church at 7:00 pm.

Mass Intentions

March 3 - 8

† - Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 3, 12:15 pm: † Titus Nunes

Tues. 4, 10:30 am (SH): † Lucienne Forcier

7 pm: † Lillian Bergman

Wed. 5, 12:15 pm: † Angela Vavrek

7 pm: † Alice Chrenok

Thurs. 6, 7 pm: † Rita Boivin

Fri. 7, 12:15 pm: † Lucy, Casey & Derrick Glodek

Sat. 8, 9 am: Slanina & Family

Adult Formation



FORMED: FORETOLD

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But He also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Catholicism Video Series with Bishop Robert Baron

There will be no session on Ash Wednesday. The final video will be on Wednesday, Mar 12 at 7:45 pm in Tranquille Hall. Join us as we discover the richness and full meaning of our faith. Everyone is welcome.

Save the date: Cast Your Worries, Embrace Joy!

Women's Retreat, May 2 & 3

COR: Men's group study - Forms & strengthens Catholic men in faith and virtue through prayer, formation & fraternity. For information contact

Patdeluca9@gmail.com

March 1 - 9 Dates to Remember

Sat. 1: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir Pizza & Practice

8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room

Sun. 2: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

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

Tues. 4: 5 - 6:15 pm, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes,
Tranquille Hall

Wed. 5: Ash Wednesday

9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room

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

7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room

Fri. 7: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection

7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church

7 pm, Ignite, begins in church

Sat. 8: 9:45 am - 1:30 pm, Parish Renewal Workshop,
Tranquille Hall

Sun. 9: 10 - 11 am, Sandwich Sunday, Tranquille Hall

3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

General Information

2025 Parish Mission: Pilgrims of Hope, April 6 - 9

Save the Date! You do not want to miss this. The Mission is for all ages and will be in the evening. More information coming soon.

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

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 takes 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.

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.

Rite of Election Mass, March 9, 1:00 pm

St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan

Join with Archbishop Gerard Pettipas and/or Archbishop Designate Charles Duval as the Catechumens and the Candidates are elected to become members of the Church. A light lunch will be served afterwards. Pray for our brothers and sisters during this time of preparation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Pope Francis	Colleen Cooke
Marilyn Lawless	Marie Guest
Roland Antonio	Victor Guindon
Milagrosa Diaz	Chelsea & Casey Kent
Ivan Romkes	Kendra McKenna
Priscila Lanada	Helena Gabad Rimando
Helen Hoble, sister of Alice Brick	

The deceased, especially Jules Loiselle

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:***Universal days of fasting & abstinence from meat***

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years of age and older; the law of fasting binds those who are 18 to 59 years of age. We are invited to limit ourselves to one ordinary meal (perhaps more simple than usual) and much simpler meals at other times. The Church does not encourage a "black fast" which implies eating nothing. The purpose of fasting is to learn to discipline ourselves and to be in solidarity with so many around the world who have much less than we have. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are good days to make an effort to refrain from snacking. Fasting is never intended to harm your health! If you are pregnant, nursing your child, or have a medical condition which would be effected by fasting, please continue with what you ordinarily do.

World Day of Prayer 2025, March 7, 7 pm will be hosted by Forbes Presbyterian Church, 9635 76 Ave, with snacks and fellowship to follow afterwards. This international ecumenical Christian Laywomen's initiative is celebrated annually on the first Friday in March. This year's prayer "I Made You Wonderful" was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the Cook Islands, based on Psalm 139:14 "I will praise Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made". The service will include participation from various churches in our city. Everyone is welcome.

The Refugee Committee in Sexsmith needs volunteers for the City of Grande Prairie 2 - 3 hours/month, delivering food and assisting refugees in the city. Contact our parish office, 780-532-2351.

Sunday Readings

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Authentic Living

Sirach 27:4 - 7. All tested by their speech

1 Corinthians 15:54 - 58. Glorification of the body

Luke 6:39 - 45. All known by their works

Passage: [Jesus said], "How can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye?" *Luke 6:42a*

Question: When have you felt most like a hypocrite? How did you overcome this feeling?

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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/ or call

Jean-Marc, ext. 228 (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.