



Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Begins this Sunday. See you there!

Each evening will begin at 7 pm. Social to follow at 8:30 pm on Sunday, Monday & Wednesday

Babysitting for ages 3 - grade 2. (Register at office.)

Program for children grade 3 - 6.

Sunday, April 6: Jesus, our Hope

Monday, April 7: Living in a Hope-filled church

Tuesday, April 8: The Gift of Hope in Reconciliation

Wednesday, April 9, Mass: Hope in the Midst of Pain

Wednesday Extra, 12:15 pm: Communal Sacrament of the Sick. Lunch to follow in Tranquille Hall (please call the office to register for lunch).

Discovery Youth Camps!

All camps will be held near Grande Prairie.

High School Week (gr. 9-12): August 4 - 9

Jr. High Week (gr. 7-8): August 10 - 15

Family Camp Weekend (all ages welcome): August 15 - 17

Many volunteer opportunities. Registration open!

For more information go to saintjoseph.ca/discovery

Cast Your Worries, Embrace Joy! Women's Retreat,

May 2/3. Mothers, daughters, sisters, friends - join

us for prayer, sharing and reflection \$30

Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm Included: morning

coffee/tea/snack, and lunch. Register at

Eventbrite or our website saintjoseph.ca



Share Lent Collection This Weekend, April 5/6

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's Turn

Debt into Hope campaign invites you to give

generously. Your donation transforms the lives of

some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers

across the world. Place your donation in the Sunday

collection basket or donate online at devp.org/give

Make cheques payable to *St. Joseph Church*.

Volunteers needed to help split the palms for Palm

Sunday. Saturday, April 12, 9:30 am in Tranquille

Hall. Please contact Bev, puddytat.b@gmail.com

Opportunities for Reconciliation before Easter:

Tuesday, April 8, 7 pm - Parish Penitential Service

during the Parish Mission

Saturday, April 12, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, church

Mass Time Changes During the Parish Mission:

Tuesday, April 8, weekday Mass will be at 12:15 pm.

Wednesday, April 9, the only Mass will be at 7 pm

and will take place within the context of the Mission

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.

April 11 - Reflection: Local Hope, Samaritan's Basket

Stations led by St. Joseph Social Justice Committee

We Need Help! Liturgy of the Word With Children

Leaders for Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter

Sunday. Last year at 11 am Mass we had 120

children on Palm Sunday & 150 on Easter Sunday.

If you can help contact Kristen, sjc-family@gpcsd.ca

Parish Finances

Joanne Chiasson Ext. 227 finance@saintjoseph.ca

2024 Income Tax receipts are available from the office during office hours. Call to make other arrangements if you cannot pick them up.

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: Check our website

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

April 10 cancelled (families please come to mission instead April 6, 7, 8, & 9th)

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

VBS 2025: Great Journey with Jesus through the Church Year, July 7 - 11. We can't wait to see you! Call Kristen today if you want to be on team... Volunteers have more fun!

Liturgy of the Word with Children (Saturdays 7 pm, Sundays 9 & 11 am) All hands on deck! Men, women and youth, our community is growing quickly, and we all need to pray about how to help. Call Kristen if you don't already receive LWWC emails.

Year-Round Work Bees Thursday mornings 10 am - noon. Prep for Mission, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, VBS, etc. Contact Kristen (you may also help prep outside of these workbee times).

Mission Volunteers Needed (April 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Let's take this tremendous opportunity for the kids to have a life changing encounter with Jesus, our Hope! Call Kristen today!

Holy Week - Parents, please consider bringing your kids to the Holy Thursday Mass so they can see the foot washing, and see how humbly Jesus came to serve. Remember VBS taught us Jesus came to serve - we do too. Bring bells to ring during the Gloria!

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or [StJoeseYoungAdults](#)



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page.

Youth Ministry

April ext 232 stjoesyouthgp@gmail.com

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

DTP Youth Conference- April 25-27 for grades 7-12. Join this city-wide youth event with speaker Chris King, Tehillah Worship, Refined Indignified Dance Crew and live concert with The Afters. Cost is \$139/person. Register at [dtpconference.ca](#)



Grade 7 - 9: 1st & 3rd Fridays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Next gathering in May. Watch for details.



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

Next: Saturday, April 5.
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, April 5, St JP II Room (following 7 pm Mass).

Sacraments

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

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. We will resume celebrating baptisms on Easter Sunday.

Mass Intentions

April 7 - 12

✠ - Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 7, 12:15 pm: ✠ Marie & Gus Jantz

Tues. 8, 12:15 pm: CWL

Wed. 9, 7 pm: Parish Mission

Thurs. 10, 7 pm: ✠ Rita Pinau Boivin

Fri. 11, 10:30 am (SH): ✠ Zofia Grzesko

12:15 pm: ✠ Brian Kelly

Sat. 12, 9 am: ✠ Nunes & Pinto Families

Adult Formation



FORMED: Week Five - Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT Episode 6

In this week of the Restore Lent series, Sr. Miriam helps you discover the true meaning of forgiveness. She explains that forgiveness is not condoning bad behavior or letting someone “off the hook,” rather it is letting your grief and anger come to the surface so that you can allow the Lord to heal your broken heart. We are each in need of God's grace to be able to forgive as freely and frequently as Jesus asks.

Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

Prayers for Healing, Thursday, April 10 after 7 pm Mass in the church. The Prayer Team prays for all types of healing: mental, physical, emotional, spiritual and even for someone not present, through a proxy. Attend Mass and stay for prayer!

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

April 5 - 13 Dates to Remember

Sat. 5: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza & practice
8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JP II Room
Sun. 6: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
7 pm, Parish Mission, church
Mon. 7: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
7 pm, Parish Mission, church
Tues. 8: 7 pm, Parish Mission/Penitential Service, church
Wed. 9: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JP II Room
12:15 pm, Communal Sacrament of the Sick, church
7 pm, Parish Mission, church
Thurs. 10: 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall
7:30 pm, Prayers for Healing after Mass, church
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room
Fri. 11: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church
Sat. 12: 9:30 am, Splitting Palms, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 13: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

General Information

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, April 18, 7:30 pm
Join us for this meditative reflection (with musical accompaniment) on the Passion of our Lord and the Mystery of the Cross. (Not a live dramatization).
This is more appropriate for older teens and adults.

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

Scams - Please be aware that that our priests or anyone on parish staff **WILL NEVER** try to solicit money, gift cards or donations through email or text. If you are in doubt about an email or text, please contact the parish office before you reply.

K of C BBQ, April 27, following 11 am Mass
All are welcome, including spring! Hotdogs, hamburgers, beans, salad and cake for dessert. Gluten-free options available. Cost: donation

Upcoming Renovation Projects: After 17 years in our “new” church we are at the point where updates are needed. This year we have two capital projects to complete - sidewalk repair in front of the bell tower and work in the interior of the church. Our hope is to complete both projects with as little disruption as possible. Your understanding is appreciated.

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

Christian Meditation - Sundays at 3 pm in the chapel. All are welcome for this prayer of silence, stillness and simplicity. For information contact Mia, miklge@telus.net

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially	Ivan Romkes
Femy Rouleau	Allison Deluca
Willy Klein-Gebbinck	Colleen Cooke
Marilyn Lawless	Victor Guindon
Priscila Lanada	Ben Didham
Chelsea & Casey Kent	
Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick	

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.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, McLennan. The three oils used in the celebration of sacraments - Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Infirm, and Chrism - are blessed at this Mass. Clergy of the diocese renew their commitment of service and ministry to the people of God in our diocese. Food and fellowship in the cathedral hall afterwards. Everyone is encouraged to make it part of their Holy Week celebrations!

Catholic Family Services Spring Fling, April 26, at Holiday Inn & Suites. Enjoy dinner, raffles, auctions, and live entertainment while supporting mental health services. Call 780-532-9381 for details!

Billings Life: Leaders in Fertility Education

Go to their website to register, billingslife.ca
Basic Teacher Training Part II, April 12
Basic Introduction to the Billings Ovulation Method, April 11, 7 pm & May 6, 8 pm

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

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Life Everlasting

Ezekiel 37:12 - 14. Prophecy of restoration

Romans 8:8 - 11. The flesh and the Spirit

John 11:1 - 45. The raising of Lazarus

Passage: Jesus said to [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" *John 11:25 - 26*

Question: How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

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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)

See front page for changes during the Mission

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

Parish Pastoral Council: st.joes.ppc@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League: cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus: kofc3241gp@gmail.com

Prayer Chain Requests: Confidentiality assured. stjosephprayers@gmail.com, or call the parish office

Religious Gift Shop/Library: After Saturday 7 pm & Sunday 9 & 11 am Masses

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.