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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

2025 Parish Mission: Pilgrims of Hope, April 6 - 9
Plan to attend. You won't want to miss this!
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).

Mass Time Changes During the Parish Mission: On Tuesday, April 8, weekday Mass will be at 12:15 pm and on Wednesday, April 9, the only Mass will be at 7 pm, and it will take place within the context of the mission.

The Parish Lent Penitential Service will be on the Tuesday of the Mission, April 8, at 7 pm.

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

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

Share Lent Collection next 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. Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities D & P supports in the Global South. Donate directly online at devp.org/give or place your donation in the Sunday collection basket. 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.
April 4 - Reflection: Why I am a Share-Year-Round Donor
Stations led by Ignite Young Adults

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 3

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.
Help especially needed for
Palm Sunday, April 12/13 (In 2024 we had 120 kids at 11 am.)
Good Friday, April 18, 11 am
Easter, April 20, 9 & 11 am (In 2024 we had 150 kids at 11 am.)

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 work bee 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!

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
Next gathering: Friday, April 4

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 JPII Room (following 7 pm Mass).

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults

Young Adults 18+
Check their Facebook page.

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

March 31 - April 5

✞ - *Mass for someone deceased*
SH - Mass at a Senior's Home
Mon. 31, 12:15 pm: ✞ Peter & Beatrice Fernandez
Tues. 1, 10:30 am (SH): ✞ Peter Nunes
7 pm: ✞ Helen Delorey
Wed. 2, 12:15 pm: ✞ Gwen Glaser
7 pm: ✞ Mr. Lawrence Nunes
Thurs. 3, 7 pm: ✞ Lillian Bergman
Fri. 4, 10:30 am (SH): ✞ Dom Dika
12:15 pm: ✞ Crespeniano & Purita Siega
Sat. 5, 9 am: ✞ Tee & Jerry Backmeyer

Adult Formation

FORMED: The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien. Join Joseph Pearce in exploring the profound world of J.R.R. Tolkien, where "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" reveal deep spiritual insights. Uncover the biblical connections within Tolkien's characters, offering a unique lens on human experiences. Pearce's course illuminates the theological dimensions of Tolkien's narratives, enhancing our understanding of our connection to the divine. Delve into the enchanting tales that have captivated generations, learning about humanity's relationship with God. This journey through Tolkien's literature is not just educational but also deeply spiritual.
Sign up for FORMED on our website: saintjoseph.ca

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

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

March 29 - April 6 Dates to Remember

Sat. 29: 8 pm, CWL Bake Sale, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 30: 10 am, CWL Bake Sale, Tranquille Hall
12 pm, CWL Bake Sale, Tranquille Hall
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Mon. 31: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 1: 7:30 pm, fellowship after Mass, Tranquille Hall
Wed. 2: 9:30 - 11 am, Ladies' Bible Study, St JPII Room
5:30 pm, D& P Event, Tranquille Hall
Thurs. 3: 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall
7:30 pm, Catholics Returning Home, Grouard Room
Fri. 4: 5:45 pm, Lenten meal and reflection
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, church
7 pm, EDGE, St JPII Room
Sat. 5: 5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza & practice
8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JPII Room
Sun. 6: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
7 pm, Parish Mission, church

General Information

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.

CWL Bake Sale Saturday & Sunday, March 29/30, following Mass in Tranquille Hall. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated. Drop off donations in Tranquille Hall. If you have questions, contact cwlstjosephgp@gmail.com

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. If you are interested in joining 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

Church Parking There are many people parking outside of designated parking spaces in our lot - on sidewalks, along curbs, blocking laneways/entrances/exits and parking behind cars, effectively preventing them from leaving. Only park in designated spaces and leave adequate space at the end of rows - at least 3 car widths for vehicles to turn corners. If there are no designated parking spaces available in our lot please park along the street (do not park in front of driveways).

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

The deceased, especially
Veronica Cuthill, daughter of Ed & Josy Cuthill

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.

Our Outreach program, Samaritan's Basket, needs grocery gift cards & some toiletries. We find gift cards of $25 & $50 work best. Toiletries - small or travel size shampoo & conditioner, soap/body wash and deodorant. Please drop off your donation at the parish office during office hours.

Development & Peace Event: Tuesday/Wednesday April 1/2. Join our Social Justice group as they welcome our Solidarity visitor, Luke Stocking, Acting Executive Director for D&P
•Tuesday: 7 pm Mass, Archbishop Pettipas and Archbishop-designate Duval will concelebrate with music by the Spanish community.
Fellowship in Tranquille Hall following Mass.
•Wednesday, 5:30 pm: bonus Lenten Soup Supper, in Tranquille Hall. Luke will speak about the work of D&P.

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

Sunday Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Source of Light

Exodus 13:21 - 22. Pillar of fire
Ephesians 5:8 - 14. Duty to live in the light
John 9:1 - 41. The man born blind.
Passage: Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. *Ephesians 5:8 - 9*

Question: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?
Child: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

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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.