



Passion (Palm) Sunday
April 13, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

NO REGULAR BULLETIN UNTIL APRIL 26/27 WEEKEND:
Watch for our special Grapevine edition for Easter.

Parish Office Closed: Good Friday & Easter Monday

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Mon, April 14: 12:15 pm, Weekday Mass

Tues, April 15: 12:15 pm, *Communion Service*

(Due to the Chrism Mass in McLennan)

Wed, April 16: 12:15 pm, Weekday Mass

7:00 pm, Weekday Mass

7:30 pm, Reconciliation

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:30 pm, Mass of Our Lord's Supper

Following Mass until midnight, Adoration in chapel

Good Friday, April 18

11:00 am, Liturgy of the Word with Children

3:00 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 pm, Meditative Stations of the Cross, with music. *(More appropriate for older teens & adults.)*

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00 pm, Blessing of Food, church

9:00 pm, Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Easter Mass

Easter Monday, April 21

9:00 am, Weekday Mass

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land, Good Friday, April 18. This collection is "not only for the Holy Places but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities." St. Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Nobis in Animo* on the needs of the church in the Holy Land.

Please make cheques payable to St. Joseph Church.

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



Tuesday, April 15, 12:15 pm, Communion Service, presided by Dcn. Gerald Logan. Due to the priests attending the presbyter meeting and the Chrism Mass in McLennan on the Tuesday of Holy Week, there will be no weekday Mass.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Parking - Our parking lot has limited parking. As part of your Lenten sacrifice you may consider parking off-site for Holy week/Easter Sunday events (Good Friday and Easter Sunday) and leave the parking lot for those who are unable to walk far or families with young children.

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
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 pm
Next gathering: April 24

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: April 17

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 VBS and other special events. Contact Kristen (you may also help prep outside of these workbee times).

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!

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.

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: May 2, 7 - 8:30 pm, St. JP II Room



Gr. 7 - 12: 1st & 3rd Saturday
Next gathering: Sat, May 3
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, May 3, St JP II Room (following 7 pm Mass).

Young Adults

@ignitegrandeprairie or StJoesYoungAdults



Young Adults 18+

Bible & Beer, Thursday, April 24, 7:30 - 9 pm, at Mr. Mike's Restaurant in the "Upper Room".

Mass Intentions

April 14 - 26

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

Mon. 14, 12:15 pm: ✠ Anicet & Aurora Pinto

Wed. 16, 12:15 pm: ✠ Elizabeth Alfonso

7 pm: ✠ Nestor Mostowy

Mon. 21, 9 am: ✠ Lech Kwiatkowski

Tues. 22, 7 pm: ✠ Rita Pinau Boivin

Wed. 23, 12:15 pm: ✠ Lucy, Casey & Derrick Glodek

7 pm: ✠ Bernardo Bautista

Thurs. 24, 7 pm: ✠ Agatha Vavrek

Fri. 25, 1, 12:15 pm: ✠ Raymond Eherer

Sat. 26, 9 am: ✠ Titus Nunes

Adult Formation



FORMED: The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ with Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. Starring Actors/Producers/Directors Jonathan Roumie (The Chosen) and Maria Vargo (Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy), along with a devoted cast of 19 others.

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. For information contact Patdeluca9@gmail.com

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.

Good Friday Fast and Abstinence from Meat:
Traditionally on this day, when we remember our Saviors' incredible sacrifice for us, we eat simpler meals than normal, and refrain from eating meat (eggs and fish are allowed.) Fasting is never intended to harm your health! Eating nothing is discouraged. If you have a condition negatively effected by fasting, continue with what you ordinarily do.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially Ivan Romkes
Femy Rouleau Willy Klein-Gebbinck
Colleen Cooke Marilyn Lawless
Victor Guindon Ben Didham
Chelsea & Casey Kent
Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick
The deceased, especially
Mark Cunningham, brother of Darlene Brausen

General Information

Tickets for the Ordination of Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R: If you would like to attend the ordination please call the parish office.

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. There is no gathering on April 21 & 28.

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

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

Donations to Share Lent and the Parish Mission: If you would still like to contribute you may place your envelope in the collection basket on Sunday, or bring it to the parish office. You may e-transfer or donate through credit card. Details on our website.

April 12 - May 4 Dates to Remember

Sat. 12: 9:30 am, Splitting Palms, Tranquille Hall
Sun. 13: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel
Mon. 14: 9 am - 3 pm, Quilting Bee-Levers, Liguori Hall
Tues. 15: 12:15 pm, Communion Service, church
Wed. 16: 7:30 pm, Reconciliation, church
Thurs. 17: 10 am, Moms' Group, Tranquille Hall
Mon. 21: 9 am, Weekday Mass, church
Thurs. 24: 10 am, Mom's Group, Tranquille Hall
April 27: after 11 am Mass, K of C BBQ

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.

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.

Billings Life: Leaders in Fertility Education

Go to their website to register, billingslife.ca
Basic Introduction to the Billings Ovulation Method,
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

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Love & Betrayal

Isa. 50:4 - 7. Salvation only through the Lord's servant
Philippians. 2:6 - 11. Imitating Christ's humility
Luke 22:14 - 23: 56. The passion of Jesus

Passage: The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." *Luke 22: 61*

Question: When have you felt that you betrayed the confidence of another, as Peter did when he denied Jesus?

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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 Holy Week/Easter

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.