



Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 27, 2025

Bulletin

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Thursday, May 1.
The parish staff will be on Retreat.

Discovery Youth Camps! Register now!
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. 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
Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Cost: \$30
Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm Included: morning coffee/tea/snack, and lunch.
Register at Eventbrite: click [here](#).
Deadline: Tuesday, April 29.



We welcome into our family of faith those who were confirmed and received into the church at the Feast of St. Joseph: Nancy Duarte Valderrama, John Carreon, Fummi Ilogienboh, Sherry Gagnon, Gladys Kent, Blessing Lamai and Alician & Dan Zacharias
And all those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil: Kendel Alstad Anderson, Matthew Smith, Kyle Tosczak, Dominic Engen, Emma Klave and Ainslie & Peter McMullin. We pray that their journey with our Lord is filled with great joy!

Thank You from the St. Joseph CWL Lenten soup supper group and the Social Justice committee to all those who provided soup and buns, worked in the kitchen and attended the suppers as well as those who presented talks. Because of your generosity we were able to fundraise \$2244.70 for Development & Peace. Happy Easter!



Pope Francis Memorial Mass
Tuesday, April 29,
12:15 pm
St. Joseph Church

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

Adoration for May will be on Friday, May 16, following 7 pm Mass. Join us for this sacred time to pray in the Real Presence of Jesus.

Parish Gift Shop: Confirmation and First Communion gifts are now available. Check them out after weekend Masses.

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

Sacraments

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

Through the waters of baptism we welcome Sophia Badillo, Eli Klava, Alice Miller, Benjamin Westerson, Roland Whitson, Adeline Whitson, Drew Desgagne, Bernadett Agad and Leksley Castor to our faith family. We pray that their journey with our Lord be filled with great joy!

Parents are required to complete Baptism preparation. For information call the parish office or check saintjoseph.ca/sacraments/baptism/

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: May 8

Moms' Group: Thursdays, 10 - 12 noon. Children welcome. Come as you are for faith, fun and fellowship. Next gathering: May 8

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).

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

Join us for Youth Choir and Youth Group
May 3.



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).

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](https://www.facebook.com/StJoesYoungAdults)



Young Adults 18+

Check their Facebook page for upcoming events.

Mass Intentions

April 28 - May 3

✠ -Mass for someone deceased

SH - Mass at a Senior's Home

Mon. 28, 12:15 pm: ✠ Rod McNeil

Tues. 29, 7 pm: ✠ Mr. Lucas Nunes

Wed. 30, 12:15 pm: ✠ Elizabeth Alfonso

7 pm: Jean Douglas

Thurs. 1, 7 pm: ✠ Marie, Gus, Mark & Nathan Jantz

Fri. 2, 10:30 am (SH): Tessie Foster

12:15 pm: ✠ Fonseca & Rodriguez Families

Sat. 3, 9 am: ✠ Peter Nunes

Adult Formation



FORMED: The Pope - What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy. Why is the pope called the "pope"? Do I have to listen to the pope? Why do Catholics have a pope? How is the pope chosen?

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

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

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

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

April 27 - May 4 Dates to Remember

Sun. 27: after 11 am Mass, K of C BBQ
3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

Tues. 29: 12:15 pm, Pope Francis' Memorial Mass

Thurs. 1: Parish office closed

Fri. 2: 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Women's Retreat, church

Sat. 3: 9 am - 4 pm, Women's Retreat, church

5:30 pm, Youth Choir pizza & practice

8 - 10 pm, High School Youth Group, St JPll Room

Sun. 4: 3 pm, Christian Meditation, chapel

General Information



Parish Games Night: Thursday, May 8, 6 - 8 pm

Please note: No meal.

Cookies, coffee & iced tea

No charge/donations

Games for adults and children.

Everyone is welcome!

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.

Church Parking Many people are 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). *For your information:* any damage to your vehicle from emergency vehicles, as a result of parking in non-designated areas, is your own responsibility.

SCENT & "SCENSITIVITY" There are a number of our parishioners who are sensitive, or allergic, to scents. In an effort to accommodate all of our parish family, please consider cutting back on the amount of scented products that you wear to church, or refrain from wearing any at all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, especially

Ivan Romkes

Ben Didham

Femy Rouleau

William Edgerton

Marilyn Lawless

Chelsea & Casey Kent

Helen Hobley, sister of Alice Brick

The deceased, especially

Victor Guindon, cousin of Laurent Guindon

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.

3rd Annual Foundation for Life Charity Golf Tournament, June 14 at Morningview Golf Club
Teams of 4. Tournament followed by dinner.
Registration fee: \$125 (Club Members \$100)
Dinner only: \$50 Go to myfoundations.ca/events for information and to register. Registration closes June 5.
Questions? Email finance@myfoundations.ca

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Living Without Fear

Acts 5:12 - 16. Signs and wonders
Revelations 1:9 - 11a, 12 - 13, 17 - 19. First vision
John 20:19 - 31. Appearance to the disciples; Thomas

Passage: He placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, but see, I am alive forever and ever." *Revelations 1:17b - 18a*

Question: When has your faith in the living Christ helped you overcome fear?

Child: What could you do this Easter season to help someone feel less afraid?

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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

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.