

REACHING OUT

We are so blessed to have encountered our living Hope, Jesus Christ. Whether through personal prayer or the sacred inheritance of scripture and traditions handed to us by God's people who have gone before us, He continues to make Himself present to all who have the courage to ask.

LENT & EASTER

Parish life during Lent and Easter includes special activities to help us make more room in our hearts for Jesus. This year we also have a Parish Mission that you won't want to miss.

[Join us every weekend to hear God's Good News](https://www.saintjoseph.ca/news/bulletins/)

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FAMILY & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

MARCH 2025

THIS ISSUE

The Mission April 6, 7, 8 & 9

Holy Week April 12-20:

Palm Sunday

Holy Thursday

Good Friday Liturgy of the Word with

Children

Easter Vigil

Easter

Womens Retreat

Vacation Bible School

Discovery Youth Camps

For your Family at St Joseph Church

THE MISSION: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

[HTTPS://WWW.SAINTJOSEPH.CA/EVENT/PARISH-
MISSION-PILGRIMS-OF-HOPE/](https://www.saintjoseph.ca/event/parish-mission-pilgrims-of-hope/)

Guest speaker
**FATHER IVEL
MENDANHA, CSSR**

**PILGRIMS OF
HOPE**
Parish Mission

April 2025 **6-9** | St. Joseph Catholic Church
Grande Prairie, AB

4 EVENINGS OF RENEWAL & HOPE
FREE EVENT | PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

MISSION SCHEDULE

**SUN
06
APR**

- 7pm - 8:30pm - Theme: Jesus Our Hope
- 7pm - 8:30pm Faith event for Grade 3 and up
- Social to follow at 8:30pm
- Babysitting available for ages 3 - Gr 2 (6:45pm - 8:30pm). Registration required

**MON
07
APR**

- 7pm - 8:30pm - Theme: Living in a Hope Filled Church
- Social to follow at 8:30pm
- Babysitting available for ages 3 - Gr 2 (6:45pm - 8:30pm). Registration required

**TUE
08
APR**

- 7pm - 8:30pm - Theme: The Gift of Hope in Reconciliation
- 7pm - 8:30pm Faith event for Grade 3 and up upstairs in the church
- Reconciliation

**WED
09
APR**

- 7pm - 8:30pm - Theme: Hope in Midst of Pain
- Mass
- Social to follow at 8:30pm
- Babysitting available for ages 3 - Gr 2 (6:45pm - 8:30pm). Registration required

Please contact the Parish Office to register for the lunch on Wednesday, following the Communal Sacrament of the Sick at 12:15pm.

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday

Hosanna in the Highest

April 12 & 13th

Mass times Saturday 7pm,

Sunday 9am & 11am

St Joseph Church

Special Liturgy of the Word with
Children during these masses

HOLY THURSDAY

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Special Mass 730pm

We remember Jesus' Last Supper, and
that He washed His disciples' feet.



April 17, 2025 - no Liturgy of the Word with Children

HOLY WEEK APRIL

12-20

HOLY WEEK -

TRIDUUM (HOLY

THURSDAY, GOOD

FRIDAY, EASTER

VIGIL AND EASTER)

MASS/LITURGY

TIMES



Family  Children's
ministry

GOOD FRIDAY

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN
GATHER AROUND THE CROSS OF CHRIST
11AM-NOON APRIL 18TH
ST JOSEPH CHURCH - BRING A FRIEND!**

Does your child Love to sing or read aloud? Join our Good Friday Children's Choir or Reader team!

Friday April 18 11am
Contact the office 780-532-2351 for details.

Please join us for this liturgy intended for young children. We include this liturgy as a means of trying to help children understand why we celebrate on Good Friday – Jesus' passion for us, through his death on the cross.

Please note this is a "Holy Week Extra" and Communion will not be distributed at this liturgy.


EASTER VIGIL

Easter Vigil

Gather around the Easter Fire at dusk (after 8:30pm.)

See God's light grow as faith is shared.

Ring Bells at God's triumph over darkness.

An illustration of two lit candles. The candle on the left is lit and its flame is lighting the wick of the candle on the right. The background is dark.

**In Him there is
no darkness**

**9pm ~midnight Saturday April 19th
St Joseph Church**



EASTER!

Amazing! He's Alive!

Easter Sunday Mass @St Joseph Church

April 20 9am & 11am

age 4 -grade 3 bring a friend!



**Many volunteers
needed!**

Contact Kristen

780-532-2351

sjc-family@gpcsd.ca



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WOMEN'S RETREAT

2/3
MAY

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
10404 - 102 ST, GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB



CAST YOUR WORRIES

Embrace Joy!



Carmen Moore M.Ed (MRE)



Celestina Shaba, NP



Archbishop-Elect Charles Duval

All women welcome!

May 2nd from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

& May 3rd from 9 am - 4 pm

(lunch included)

\$30/person

Mothers, daughters, sisters, friends - join us for a women's retreat at St. Joseph Church, Grande Prairie. All women welcome!

There will be time for prayer, sharing and reflection. Coffee/tea and a snack Saturday morning and lunch on Saturday included. Please advise if you have special dietary requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Go to Eventbrite to register
or saintjoseph.ca/event/womensretreat2025**



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ARE YOU EXCITED?



SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

St Joseph Church Grande Prairie
Mornings July 7-11
Age 5-Grade 6

Our program will have limited enrollement due to our scheduled renovations.

Registration opens May 2025

<https://www.saintjoseph.ca/vacation-bible-school/>

Your family is welcome here!

Liturgy of the Word With Children - age 4-grade 3 @ Mass Saturday 7pm, Sunday 9&11am -children gather to hear the Gospel proclaimed then discuss it together each week

Mom's Group- Morning Gathering for Women and Children (weekly)

Offertory Gift Bearing
Families needed! Have you ever brought the bread and wine to Father during mass? It's a really great way to make the mass real for children and youth.

Sharing and Learning Together (Grade 3-6 youth group) registration required (twice monthly)

Annual Special Events:
October- All Saints Party, November- Blessing Bags & Advent Wreaths, December- La Posada & Christmas Eve Children's Choir, February- MardiGras, March -Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Liturgy of the Word With Children, & Children's Choir, Feast of St Joseph & Talent Show, Pysanky.



Children's Mass Book Shelf- Parents and children help yourself to our collection of faith-based books during mass.

2025 Save the dates!

Parish Mission April 6-9, 2025

Vacation Bible School-July 7-11, 2025

Contact Kristen for more information.
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780-532-2351
Please come introduce yourself after Mass!



SUMMER 2025!

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL (VBS) JULY 7-11
[HTTPS://WWW.SAINTJOSEPH.CA/VACATION-BIBLE-SCHOOL/](https://www.saintjoseph.ca/vacation-bible-school/)

NEW!
DISCOVERY YOUTH
CAMPS! AUGUST 2025
[HTTPS://WWW.SAINTJOSEPH.CA/DISCOVERY/](https://www.saintjoseph.ca/discovery/)

FOR YOUR FAMILY AT ST JOSEPH CHURCH

[HTTPS://WWW.SAINTJOSEPH.CA/MINISTRIES/FAMILY/](https://www.saintjoseph.ca/ministries/family/)

