



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
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**Administrator:**  
 Fr. Rectorino  
 Tolentino, Jr.

**Secretary:**  
 Linda Potter

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the People of God, in St. Joseph's Church, united with each other and our Pastor as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, do hereby come together to form a Parish Pastoral Council. We do so knowing that every one of us is a living member of the mystical body of Christ, and that in this body, "there are different gifts, but the same spirit: different ministries, but the

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Monday: 7:30am - Morning Prayer at Sister's house (3884 Alfred Ave)  
 9:00am - Mass

Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 6:30pm - Mass

Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 9:00am - Mass

Thursday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge  
 6:30pm - Mass

Friday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 6:30pm - Mass followed by Holy Hour

Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00am - Mass

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 6:00—6:30pm



**1st Sunday of Advent**  
 November 30, 2008



**DECEMBER**

1st - Grace Lumanlan, RIP  
 2nd - Emma Williams, RIP  
 3rd - Derksen & Konst family  
 4th - Maria Neff, RIP  
 5th - The George family  
 6th - People of the Parish  
 7th - Brianna Svab, (stumborg), RIP

*If you wish to have a Mass offered for a Special Intention, please call the Parish Office.*



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 6, 2008**

**Lighting of Candle:** Youth  
**Advent Prayer:** Youth  
**Lector 1:** Youth  
**Lector 2:** Youth  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Nathan Verbeek  
 Willy Koldyk  
 Katie Williams  
**Greeters:** Youth  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** Cr Patty M/C Aimee  
 C. Nolan

**Sunday, December 7, 2008**

**Lighting of Candle:** Youth  
**Advent Prayer:** Youth  
**Lector 1:** Youth  
**Lector 2:** Youth  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Nicki Pederson Bob Bresser  
 Johanna Habjan Katie Williams  
 Al & Tina Bruintjes  
**Greeters:** Youth  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** Cr. Kurtis  
 M/C Lindsey C. Jessica  
**Children's Liturgy:** Katelynn B, Emily B,  
 Ashley F

Please keep Sheri, Concetta, Cindy, & David in your prayers.

**If you would like a name added to the Prayer Line please contact Lu Blackburn @ 250-847-2135**



**"ADDITIONS" TO THE WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

*Beginning this week, the following additions will be made to the existing weekday Mass schedule.*

**Monday / Wednesday / \*Friday: 9:00am** (\* The first Friday of each month we will celebrate Mass at 6:30pm followed by Holy Hour.)

**Tuesday / Thursday: 6:30pm**

## PARISH LIFE

### Parish Pastoral Council:

Rob Onstein 847-0134

### Finance Committee:

Arlene deGelder 846-9890

### Liturgy Committee:

Carol deGelder 847-2935

### Youth Group:

Claudia Hayhurst 847-3280

### Social Justice:

Vigil Overstall 846-5424

Marj Coupe 846-9239

**Diocesan Appeal:** Alex Bussmann (847-1781), Michael DesHarnais (847-6688)

### Catholic Women's League:

Cecilia Midnight 847-1840

### Refugee Committee:

Tim Hicks 847-2881

### St. Joseph's School:

Susan Forbrigger 847-9414

### Altar Servers:

Nancy Verbeek 847-1538

### Social Committee:

Alex Bussmann 847-1781

### Sunday Collection

Church - \$ 2043.00

School - \$55.00

**DIOCESAN APPEAL:**

Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00

Actual to Date \$ 25,880.00

Amount exceeding Goal \$ 733.00

**Refugee:**

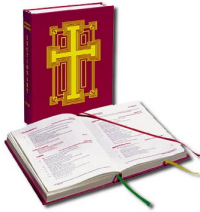
(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00

(pledges received) \$ 43,642.17



*In Loving Memory* Our sincere condolences to the Mueller family on the passing of Franziska last week.

*May she rest in eternal peace.*



### Revised Lectionary for Canada

As you are aware, the revised Sunday Lectionary prepared by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops received its *recognitio* from the Vatican in 2007 permitting its publication for use in the church in Canada. The National Liturgy Office anticipated that this revised lectionary would be published and implemented by Advent 2008. An explanation to this effect was included in the November issue of the Living with Christ missalette. The publication of the revised lectionary, however, has been delayed and it will not be available by Advent. **This means that the translation found in the Living with Christ missalettes, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, does not match the current lectionary.** Keep checking back here for more information as it becomes available.

### Music Ministry

In preparation for Christmas, there will be **CHOIR PRACTICE** on Dec. 8, 15, & 22nd following Mass. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend.



### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: [www.stj.homestead.com](http://www.stj.homestead.com)

### GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES

A major fundraiser for our school is selling gift certificates for Bulkley Valley Wholesale, Extra Foods and Safeway. You may purchase these certificates at the school office for face value and the school receives a percentage from the retailer. This is a great way to help our school raise money to help with our daily operations.

*Certificates will be available to purchase after Mass next weekend, December (6/7), in the church foyer.*

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)	7:00pm Children's Christmas Mass 11:00pm Christmas Eve Mass (Smithers)
Thursday, Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas)	9:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass (Houston)
Thursday, January 1st	9:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass (Houston)



**Advent Reconciliation Service-** Thursday, December 19th, at 7:00pm

*Father Rector and other priests, will be available for individual Reconciliation after the Liturgy.*

### **FOOD BANK / TOY DONATIONS**

For the month of **DECEMBER**, we will be collecting various non-perishable food items for our local Food Bank. If you wish to donate an **unwrapped gift** for the food hampers that would also be greatly appreciated. Items may be dropped off in the containers at the back of the church before the weekend liturgies or anytime during the week.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP OF ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**

For the next two weeks there will be a donation box in front of the altar for your offerings for Broadway House, a local emergency shelter in Smithers. Their greatest needs at the moment are socks, pajamas, long johns (tops and bottoms), gloves, toques, and other winter garments. **New or good, clean** used clothing will be appreciated. Other items that are always useful are toiletries such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, as well as canned soups, vegetables or cereals, and bedding.

We are bringing attention to the needs of the Broadway House because of feedback from a parishioner and through the Parish Pastoral Council. Please support them in any way you can.

### **First Sunday of Advent**

#### ***Advent Wreath and Blessing:***

*Lord God, / your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior / who enlightens our hearts / and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. /*

*Pour forth your blessings upon us / as we light the candles of this wreath; / may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, / who is Lord for ever and ever.*



**With these words, the Church hallows the circle of greenery and candles that often marks our liturgical space during Advent. Formed in a circle, an ancient symbol of God who has neither beginning nor end, the wreath proclaims life in the midst of the seeming death of winter. Its candles proclaim that Christ, who is to come again, is the light that no darkness can extinguish. With each week of Advent we light one more candle and the darkness retreats just a bit further.**

**All of this is to help the Church recall just what and who it is for which we wait during this season: the kingdom of God in its fullness and the coming of the one who will banish *all* darkness forever.**

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**Detta Smith**

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**  
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**SCHEDULE of LITURGIES**  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 4, 2008**  
Mass at 2:30pm Intention??  
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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 7, 2008**  
Mass at 11:30am Intention???

**LECTOR:** 1. Adrian Meeuwissen 2. Shirley Collins  
**EMCs:** Corrie Goold Jo Meeuwissen  
**SERVERS:** +Jonathon B/C Malerie C Nicole  
**GREETERS:** Frank & Liz Gerei

**DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23**

18 envelopes \$ 340.00	<b>Holy Childhood</b> \$ 4.25
Loose \$ 7.00	<b>Elevator Fund</b> (2 envelope) \$ 850.00
<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 347.00	<b>Diocesan Appeal</b> (actual & pledges to date) \$7202.00

**ELEVATOR FUND:** We need to raise \$104,000.00  
To date we have raised **81,995.97** including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

December 1 to 6 Dawn, Clara

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

December 7 Eric

**HAPPY NEW LITURGICAL YEAR**

Today begins the Season of Advent and a new Liturgical Year. The turning of the year means a new cycle of the Lectionary. On Sundays throughout this Church Year (sometimes referred to as Year B) we will follow the Gospel of Mark. Due to this being a 'short' Gospel, selections from the Gospel of John will also be used. St. Mark's Gospel is considered to be the oldest of the Gospels being written between 60 and 75 AD. Tradition tells us that Mark was a disciple and interpreter of Peter and probably wrote his Gospel from Peter's perspective. In 2007, the Canadian Bishops received permission from the Vatican to use a Revised Edition of the Sunday Lectionary. The Sunday Missals and the monthly missalettes reflect the Revised Edition however, the Sunday Lectionary has yet to be published. Consequently, parishioners who follow along as the readings are being proclaimed may find that their Missal does not always match the Reading.

**PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Advent is a time of preparation. The prophets of the Advent Scripture summon us to a conversion that prepares the world and ourselves for the Lord's coming. A communal gathering that celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one way that we, as a community and as individuals, can prepare ourselves to welcome and receive Jesus with purified hearts. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday December 11 at 3pm. Fr. Rector will be available for individual absolution.

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Day:** Noon

**New Year's Day:** Noon

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Membership dues (\$25.00) can be placed in an envelope marked "CWL" and put in the collection basket or can be given directly to Liz Gerei. All women of the parish are encouraged to consider joining the CWL: your membership helps when presenting proposals etc. to parliament (Federal and Provincial).

**BEWARE OF FALLING SNOW**

Please do not park next to the Church as the snow sliding from the roof may damage your vehicle. Also please be careful not to block the drive-through at the front door of the Church.

**SALVATION ARMY PROJECTS NEEDING OUR SUPPORT**

**CHRISTMAS KETTLE:** So many people in our community struggle with everyday living let alone the extra burden that Christmas seems to create. St. Anthony's Parish has been asked to assist with the annual Kettle Drive by "adopting" the Christmas Kettle on **Thursday December 4 from 10am to 6pm, Friday December 5 from 10am to 8pm, Saturday December 6 from 10am to 6pm.** If you are able to offer an hour or two on any of these days, please sign up on the large bulletin board.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAMME:** This Christmas, the Home Religion Families are coordinating our support of the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper programme. We are responsible for providing items to support 2 local families. Please refer to the list of needs on the table in the basement and indicate on the poster what you are able to donate to these hampers. All items are to be left in the basement on the Church by December 14th.,

**PARISH FUNDRAISER**

We are fortunate to have received donations of prizes for a raffle which will take place on Sunday December 14.

**1st prize** queen size quilt (value: \$1200.00) donated by Gail Sworyk  
**2nd prize** hand-crafted wooden bench (value: \$500.00) donated by Lawrence Saretsky  
**3rd prize** hand-crafted Santa (value: \$50.00) donated by Lynn Monteith

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO BUY AND SELL!!!**

See Kelly(845-2508) or Corrie (845-2487)

**We are also selling tickets at the Mall on Fridays. Call Kelly (845-2508) to arrange a shift!!!**

All monies raised will go toward Church needs.