



February 17, 2008

# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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**Pastor:**  
Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

**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 same Lord." (1Corinthians 12:4-5)

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday: 7:30am - Morning Prayer at Sister's house (3884 Alfred Ave)  
10:00am - Funeral Mass for Susanna Cometa

Tuesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer  
**9:00am - Eucharist with Sacrament of Anointing**

Thursday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer  
11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge

Friday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer  
9:00am - Eucharist

Saturday: 7:00pm - Eucharist

Sunday: 9:00am - Eucharist



**Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.**  
February 22nd - Fr. Frank & Carol

**RECONCILIATION : Saturday 6:00pm - 6:30pm**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 23, 2008

**Lector 1:** Monica Sargent  
**Lector 2:** Mikayla Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Jean Moisey  
Tina Gemmill  
Michael Spicer  
**Greeters:** The Verbeeks, David H  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** M. Patty CR. Travis  
C. Kiana C. Shea

### Sunday Collection

**Church - \$1338.25**  
School - \$60.00  
Catholic Missions - \$367.00  
**Refugee: \$329.15**  
(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00  
(pledges received) \$ \$3701.19

### Sunday, February 24, 2008

**Lector 1:** Arlene deGelder  
**Lector 2:** Kristi Pederson  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Lu Blackburn Mary Stroet  
Johanna Habjan Janna Delany  
Nick & Mairead Sikkes  
**Greeters:** Theo & Corry S, Maria P  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** M. Dylan  
CR. Megan L C. Seb L C. Darcy  
**Children's Liturgy:** Katelynn B.  
Hannah Rabbiosi

## PARISH LIFE

### Parish Pastoral Council:

Rob Onstein 847-0134

### Finance Committee:

Arlene deGelder 846-9890

### St. Joseph's School:

Gord Higginson 847-9414

### Youth Group:

Claudia Hayhurst 847-3280

### Refugee Committee:

Tim Hicks 847-2881

### Catholic Women's League:

Cecilia Midnight 847-1840

### Liturgy Committee:

Carol deGelder 847-2935

### Altar Servers:

Nancy Verbeek 847-1538

### Social Justice:

Vigil Overstall 846-5424

Marj Coupe 846-9239



Our sincere condolences to the Cometta family on the passing of Susanna. Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, February 18th at 10:00am. May she rest in peace.



### FEBRUARY:

**20th - +Andrew Overstall**

**22nd - +Thomas Knox**

**23rd - Claudia West**

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



**SUNDAY  
EUCCHARIST**  
11:30am

**RECONCILIATION:**  
1st Sunday of each  
month, after  
Eucharist

# ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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**Pastor:**  
Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

**Pastoral  
Assistant:**  
Detta Smith

## **SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24**

**LECTORS:** 1. Garry Beaudette 2. Gottlieb Binner  
**EMCs:** Gail & Vic James  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** + Lucas B/C Malerie C Jonathon  
**GREETERS:** Claudine Ketchell Bill Goold

**CHURCH CLEANING CREW** Feb 18 to 23: Claudine Ketchell Sasha Mac Dermid

## **DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10**

17 envelopes \$ 336.00	Holy Childhood	\$ 1.00
loose \$ 48.00	Holy Childhood (Bake Sale )	\$ 80.00
<b>TOTAL \$384.00</b>	Elevator Fund (4 envelopes)	\$100.00
	Catholic Missions in Canada (to date)	\$195.00

### **ELEVATOR FUND:**

We need to raise \$80,000.00 To date we have raised **\$67,010.48** including Fund Raising & Donations & Grants.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION BEGINS.....**

**CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCCHARIST** *Grade 2 and older*

Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30pm, beginning February 28, 2008

**IMPORTANT: Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday February 21, 2008 at 2:30pm**

*Any adults who are not yet confirmed are asked to call Detta*

### **SPIRITUAL BOUQUET**

***This year, the Diocese of Prince George celebrates its' 100th Anniversary!!!***

An invitation is being extended to each parish in the diocese to participate in a **Spiritual Bouquet** of prayers asking for God's blessing upon our diocese. (Parishioners of a "certain age" will recall that a Spiritual Bouquet consists of prayers, sacrifices and devotional acts by one person on behalf of another.)

Individual parishioners are invited to offer an Our Father, a Hail Mary, the Rosary or another form of prayer, sacrifice or devotion along with the special 100th Anniversary Prayer that has been specially prepared for this occasion. A copy of this prayer is attached to the bulletin. Forms for you to record your prayers etc can be found on the bulletin board. After recording your prayers, please return your form to the specially marked envelope on the bulletin board by March 6th. It is hoped that the Spiritual Bouquet will be remembered in a special way during the 100th Anniversary celebrations on Monday March 10th.

### **CHANGE FOR A CHANGE - Sunday February 24th**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL-** The next PPC meeting is on Tuesday February 19 at 6:30pm.

Council meetings are open to all parishioners. We welcome your input and involvement.

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

The Home Religion Families thank all who supported their Bake Sale last weekend. \$80.00 was realised which will be sent to the Holy Childhood Association (HCA). Please take time to check the HCA bulletin board for the countries that are being supported this year.

### **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

each Friday of Lent at 7pm.

**FEBRUARY 22nd:** - Home Religion Families will lead

This prayer focuses on the journey of Jesus to Calvary. It is encouraged that as part of your Catholic Tradition, we make this meditation part of our Lenten journey to Easter. You are encouraged to make this devotion part of your family prayer time: a good way for children to learn is by doing and participating!!

### **'BAKE-LESS' BAKE SALE**

Next Sunday (February 24), the CWL will invite you to participate in a 'Bake-Less' Bake Sale. You will receive an envelope in which you are asked to donate the amount you might spend at a Bake Sale. Proceeds of this fundraiser will help support CWL commitments and obligations. eg. annual donation to support a 'foster-child' in Peru.

### **DEVELOPMENT and PEACE**

Included with your bulletin is a newsletter entitled "*Partners in Action*" which explains the work of Development and Peace and tells how your Share Lent donations are used to help improve the lives of others.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday March 7 at 3pm**

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This year, the Houston Churches are being hosted by the Pentecostal Church.

## Second Sunday of Lent February 17, 2008

COMING UP .....

FEBRUARY:

- 20th - Eucharist with Sacrament of Anointing 9am
  - Social Justice Meeting 5pm
  - Adult Faith Development 7pm
- 22nd - Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
- 24th - Change for a Change (*small change in your pocket can make a big change in the lives of others*)

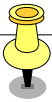
### CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

**CELEBRATION #2** - Sunday February 24th at (part of 9:00am Mass, then 45 minutes after).

The theme of our gathering will be "Sealed With The Holy Spirit".

Please complete pages 16-24 in the Family Books before the Celebration.

*Presence at all our gatherings is required.*



*With sincere thanks and gratitude to all of you ladies who gave your time in preparing meals for Fr. Joe; also to the men who provided transportation to Houston on Sundays, and to those of you who welcomed Fr. Joe to your homes for a meal. He thoroughly enjoyed the time except except for the frigid cold. :)*

*A special thank you to Willy Koldyk who was so willing and helpful with contacts and scheduling. All was greatly appreciated. Job well done!!!  
God Bless you and your families.*

*Johanna Habjan  
CWL member*

*"I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you who have taken care of Fr. Joe while I was away. Your generosity of hearts is remembered and truly appreciated.*

*During my visit in Poland I was able to go to Rome and kept you and your families in my prayers. Thank you.*

*Fr. Frank, OMI*

### EUCCHARIST WITH THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:

We will celebrate Eucharist with the sacrament of anointing on **Wednesday, February 20th at 9:00am**. Anyone who wishes to receive this sacrament is welcome to attend.  
CWL will host coffee and refreshments after the Eucharist.



### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

#### UPCOMING NOTES

Spring Break – dismiss on March 14<sup>th</sup> and return on March 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Confirmation & First Eucharist – Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.



#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for families who are members of our Parish or who have students already in our school will take place on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please phone the school office to make an appointment to see Mr. Higginson.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation is one of the seven sacraments in our Church. In our community, we celebrate this sacrament in Grade 3. If you have a child in Grade 3 outside of our school, please let us know as soon as possible. You can contact the parish office (847-2012) to get the information. Just a reminder - your child needs to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist before celebrating First Reconciliation. Thank you for giving this matter your attention.



### NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION: LENTEN MISSION ON VISION TV

Please see back of bulletin for dates and times.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING - February 20th at 5pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

### ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT - February 20th at 7pm

Join us for the topic "What is Spiritual Discipline?" A video by Fr. Michael Hines will lead us into discussion. Contact Marj Coupe.

**CWL NEWS:** We will continue to accept donations of baby layette items throughout the month of February. Items may be dropped off in the box below the CWL bulletin board or at the parish office.

### REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear friends;

Please continue to pray for Augustina's safety and to voice those concerns to our MP and let him know that we are ready for and really want to welcome Augustina's family here into our community. In the meantime thank you for your understanding, your continued hope, your generosity, and your fidelity to your pledges. We will keep you informed of any new developments. **Contact numbers for Nathan Cullen's Office are 877-4140 or email [shelley@nathancullen.ca](mailto:shelley@nathancullen.ca)**

Your Refugee Committee

*Please keep Mary, Ann & Trudy in your prayers. If you would like a name added to the Prayer Line please contact Lu Blackburn @ 847-2135.*



### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Sometimes other people see our gifts better than we see them. Others recognize in us the abilities we have to make peace, to see hope, to lead a project, or to follow through on what we say we will do.

God has created us for a special purpose, to help announce the reign of God and bring it to fulfillment. God knows how each of us is made, what gifts we have, and how they can be used for good. Knowing what to do with our gifts does not always come easy. Even though we have gifts, it may require considerable effort to put them into play. Sometimes we suffer greatly at the hands of others because we try to live according to what we believe and to what we can do.

The second letter of Timothy says, "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." God called us to a holy life "according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ." God wanted us to know that divine support will be with us always. For that reason, God's support was made manifest "through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus."

Today we hear the story of the transfiguration. It signifies the shining wisdom and power of God, for whom all things are possible, and who made us to share in this glory by the use of our gifts in spite of hardship.

