



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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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
 9:00am - Mass
 Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass
 Sunday: 9:00am - Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00—6:30pm



2nd Sunday of Advent
 December 7, 2008



DECEMBER

8th - Fr. Rector
9th - Vinkl Strgar, RIP
10th - Franziska Mueller, RIP
11th -
12th -
13th - People of the Parish
14th - Brianne Svab, (stumborg), RIP

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



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Lighting of Candle: Alice D
Advent Prayer: Tina Gemmell
Lector 1: Johanna Habjan
Lector 2: Monica Sargent
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Tina Gemmell
 Willy Koldyk
 Johanna Habjan
Greeters: Mary & Gary H.
Collection: Casey & Alice D
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Patty M/C Travis

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Lighting of Candle: Marj Coupe
Advent Prayer: Gemma Gillis
Lector 1: Gemma Gillis
Lector 2: Eileen Bouvier
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Mary Stroet Lu Blackburn
 Nick & Mairead Sikkes
 Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: Marie Z, Corry S, Mary V
Collection: Marie Z, Mary V
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr. Samantha
 M/C John C. Max
Children's Liturgy: Kailynn G, Jaylie C-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

UPCOMING EVENT

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: The Filipino community of St. Joseph's will be visiting scheduled homes for Christmas Caroling, beginning December 8th. **PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING THEM DROP BY.**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Faith,

In the Gospel scene of the ten lepers we hear of how they begged Jesus to heal them. In response Jesus sent them on their way to show themselves to the priest. Discovering that they were healed, one of them, a foreigner, returned to say thanks.

In the recent past I have come to you begging for help for our Diocesan Church. You in turn responded most generously to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. I am returning to say heartfelt thanks.

Your very generous response shows your willingness to share the responsibility for our mission as Church. I am most grateful to all of you, as it is your generosity – in all the ways you give – that is helping us Become Church.

I pray that the Incarnate God will bless you richly this Christmas and always.

Sincerely in our Lord,
+Gerald Wiesner, OMI

Sunday Collection

Church - \$ 2132.00

School - \$145.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00

Actual to Date \$ 25,880.00

Amount exceeding Goal \$ 733.00 (Nov.30)

Refugee:

(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00

(pledges received) \$ 43,642.17

Music Ministry

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

Any students wishing to take part in the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass please call the school or the parish office by December 10th. Please let us know if your child would like to have a speaking part or a non-speaking part.



CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY - Dec 9th (following the 6:30pm Eucharist)

- Installation of Officers—during the Mass
- Bring a “fun” gift to the Christmas Party for gift exchange
- 1% personal spending for Development & Peace



We will have a basket available for any donations of sleepwear, grooming products etc, that will be donated to the Transition House.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The St. Joseph's School Council is re-evaluating our long term goals for the school. To help us ensure that we continue to be a unique, vibrant, welcoming school community, that nurtures the whole child, we are soliciting input from school and parish families. Please take a moment to identify what you value about our school, and areas we should build on or develop in the next five to ten years. Suggestions can be submitted by e-mail stj@telus.net, or placed in the suggestion box at the school and parish offices until January 31. Please include your name and contact information if you are interested in being an active participant in planning for our future goals. The council will review suggestions and take guidance from the suggestions provided. Thank you for your support!

GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES

A major fundraiser for our school is selling gift certificates for Bulkley Valley Wholesale, Extra Foods and Safeway. *Certificates will be available after Mass this weekend*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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



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

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



This year, once again, we are asking for donations of poinsettia plants. If you wish to donate a plant "In Memory" of a loved one, feel free to do so -there will be cards available. If you just want to donate a plant that is fine too. The more plants we get the nicer our church looks. We ask that the plants be in 6" pots, please bring them to the church between Dec. 15th and 19th.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Hear all people! Your God is coming to save you!



These are some of the companions with whom we journey through the season of Advent: those whom the Church has given us to act as guide, as shepherds, as ones who point us to the day of the Lord, at the end of time. They point us to that day when the Lord will come again, just as certainly as he once came through his birth in Bethlehem, over two thousand years ago.

During these weeks we are called to embrace what is really important. We are called to prepare ourselves, to prepare our lives for the fulfillment of all of God's ancient promises as voiced through the prophets. We are called to take their words to heart, to take their words seriously. Each year we are called to follow the prophets and to put faith in their words.

Perhaps this year will be the year that brings the day of which the prophets wrote. Perhaps this year we will see the return of Jesus Christ, God's own begotten Son. Perhaps this year he will come in glory to establish God's kingdom.

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<p>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY DECEMBER 11, 2008 PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE 3PM ***** SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2008 Mass at 11:30am Intention???</p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Raquel Timms 2. Barb Jarvis EMCs: Gail & Vic James SERVERS: +Nick B/C Nate C Cole GREETERS: Claudine</p>	<p>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30</p> <table><tr><td>18 envelopes</td><td>\$ 525.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$ 2.00</td></tr><tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$ 26.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (1 envelope)</td><td>\$ 100.00</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>\$ 551.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (Nov. Janitorial)</td><td>\$ 144.00</td></tr></table> <p>Diocesan Appeal (actual & pledges to date) \$7214.00</p> <p><i>In order to meet our projected expenses, we need to realize a monthly Sunday Collection of \$3000.00. Last month (November, 5 weeks) we donated \$2191.80</i></p> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised 82,199.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p>	18 envelopes	\$ 525.00	Holy Childhood	\$ 2.00	Loose	\$ 26.00	Elevator Fund (1 envelope)	\$ 100.00	TOTAL	\$ 551.00	Elevator Fund (Nov. Janitorial)	\$ 144.00
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<p>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE December 8 to 13 Tammy, Cole, Keisha</p>													
<p>COLLECTION COUNTERS December 7 Eric Susan</p>													

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 Reconciliation.

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). **All women are invited to bring a bag lunch to the home of Corrie Gould for the viewing of "IMMACULEE", an inspirational movie based on the life of one of the survivors of the 1994 massacre in Rwanda.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next PPC meeting will be on Thursday December 18 following Mass at 2pm. Council Meetings are open to all parishioners—we welcome your input and involvement. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact Tammy Hiebert (250-845-2086) before December 10.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Once again, the Houston Ministerial Association is coordinating an inter-faith Carol service on Sunday December 14th at the Christian Reformed Church. The service will begin at 7pm. You are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. A collection will also be taken. The proceeds of this collection supports the Ministerial Association commitment to assist local and transient people experiencing financial hardship.

SOUP AND BUN LUNCH - SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

The PPC is sponsoring a Soup and Bun Lunch (suggested donation \$5.00) to raise funds for Houston's 4th Annual Community Christmas Dinner. This dinner which is held on Christmas Day at 6pm in the Legion Loft is a FREE meal offered by those who believe in the sentiment that no-one should have to eat alone. Please support the lunch on Sunday December 14. All proceeds will go toward purchasing groceries for the Christmas Dinner.

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST 2009

Bishop Gerry Wiesner omi will be with us at St. Anthony's on Wednesday May 6, 2009 to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Preparation for these sacraments will begin in the New Year. If your child is in Grade 2 (or older) and you would like him/her to celebrate the sacraments next year, please register now with Detta so that the materials can be ordered. **Any adult who is not yet confirmed is also asked to see Detta.**

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.