



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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 Tolentino, Jr.

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 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)
 9:00am - Liturgy of the Word (Nick)
 Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 9:00am - Eucharist
 Thursday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
 Friday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 9:00am - Eucharist
 Saturday: 7:00pm - Eucharist
 Sunday: 9:00am - Eucharist
Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00—6:30pm

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 22, 2008	Sunday, November 23, 2008
Lector 1: Trevor Bruintjes	Lector 1: Arlene deGelder
Lector 2: Asuncion Dumlao	Lector 2: Kristi Pederson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Eucharistic Ministers:
Jean Moisey	Lu Blackburn Mary Stroet
Joan Joseoh	Johanna Habjan Janna Delany
Michael Spicer	Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: June P, The Verbeeks	Greeters: Theo & Corry S, Maria P
Coffee/Juice: Greeters	Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Aimee, M/C Patty	Altar Servers: Cr. Megan M/C Seb C. Bradley
	Children's Liturgy: Trent, Ty, Gerard

WORK FOR THE LORD!



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 16, 2008



- 19th - Deceased members of the Tolentino family
- 21st - All Souls in Purgatory
- 22nd - Douglas McKay, RIP
- 23rd - Phil Leroux, RIP

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



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

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



Sunday Collection

Church - \$ 2323.25	Refugee:
School - \$20.00	(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00
	(pledges received) \$ 43,642.17



Rest in Peace

Our sincere condolences to the LEROUX family on the passing of Phil this past week. "May he rest in eternal peace."

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



BECOMING CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, *Becoming Church*. Any amount raised over our goal will remain in our parish to help with any expenditures we may have.

Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00
Actual to Date \$ 25,260.00
Amount exceeding Goal \$ 113.00

New gifts received this week: 6
Amount of new gifts for this week: \$1570.00
Total number of gifts: 83

WE MADE OUR GOAL!!!!

All money collected for the Diocesan Appeal now will remain in our Parish. THANK YOU!

PLEASE NOTE: the "Diocesan Appeal" envelope in your box of envelopes will not be used this year; it should be discarded. It has been replaced by the Appeal mail out – there will not be a second collection in November for the Appeal.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU" POSTER PROJECT

The "Getting to Know You" Family Poster Project is our parish's way of introducing our community members to one another in a fun and informal way. Every two weeks, two families will be displayed on the bulletin board near the church entrance. **CHECK IT OUT!!** If you would like more information about the Poster Project, please see Linda at the parish office .



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

FUNDRAISING STUDENT VARIETY SHOW

On November 18th in our gym many past students of St. Joseph's School will perform in a variety show to raise money for "Child Focus Africa". This project is to help build a dormitory for orphaned children in Migwani District, Kenya with physical or mental handicaps. Child Focus Africa has volunteers who can build the dormitory and volunteers to teach the children life skills so that they can look after themselves when they turn 16. The performance will begin at 1:00 and last approximately 1 hour. Admission will be by donation.

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 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.**

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING



You are invited to a fun-filled, relaxing evening where we will learn about Advent and make an Advent Wreath to take home and have during the Advent Season. We will end the evening with a Prayer of Blessing for the Family during Advent. There will also be coffee, juice and treats after. You pick the day! **Friday, November 28 or Sunday, November 30 from 6 to 7pm** in the Church Foyer. The cost is \$10/wreath for materials (to be collected at the door). Please call the parish office to register.



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE.

St. Joseph's Parish has been asked to look after the Christmas Kettle on Dec. 5 & 6. If you have a couple of hours to spare on these days, and would like to help us out, please sign up at the back of the church or call Al at 847-9836.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear Friends

We are saddened by Augustina's failed appeal. In moving ahead, we are thrilled to announce that Pastoral Council has sent the official request to sponsor a large Congolese refugee family in desperate need. They have been through a bad ordeal so our outreach will provide hope of safety and a new start. The family currently has sanctuary in Kampala, Uganda. The processing by Customs and Immigration Canada can take up to two or three years. Thank you for your patience and continued care and prayers for the plight of refugee everywhere. Thank you for your fidelity towards your pledges and this ministry and we are truly grateful as your offerings faithfully continue to come in.



It is you "Spirit" of compassion, generosity, and community that is making this discipleship and ministry possible. Please check the updated bulletin board. Our gratitude to the Selection Committee and Pastoral Council for their time spent in the discernment, dialogue, and authorizing process to officially request this family.

Peace be with you
Your Refugee Committee

SMITHER'S PRO-LIFE NEWS

Smithers Pro-Life BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER Saturday December 6, 2008 at Extra Foods Mall.

To donate baking please phone Jenny 846-9158 or Hermina 847-3666
Many thanks to all participants: bakers, sellers, purchasers.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we knew when the end of our life would be, we could get ready for it. We could have our wills prepared, our possessions disposed, funeral arrangements made, and good-byes said. We could also have plenty of time to repent from the sins we had committed.

God does not give us this information. We do not know when our life will end or when Christ will come again. God's hope is that we would be ready all the time, and that we would live each day as if it were our last.

The first letter to the Thessalonians says, "You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." God's day will come suddenly, when we do not expect it, and it will rob us of what we hold dear, as a thief does at night.

Throughout the month of November we reflect on the end - the end of the church year and the end of life. It is a mournful time, but a beautiful time. We remember all the saints and the souls of the faithful departed. We thank God for the fruits of the earth, and we prepare ourselves for the eternal harvest in heaven. We do not know when it is coming, but we want to be ready.

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SCHEDULE of LITURGIES
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2008
Mass at 2:30pm Intention??

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2008
Mass at 11:30am Intention???

LECTOR: 1. Gail James 2. CWL member
EMCs: Corrie Goold Jo Meeuwissen
SERVERS: +Shirley C B/C Liz G C Barb J
GREETERS: Claudine Ketchell CWL member

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

17 envelopes \$ 385.00	Holy Childhood \$ 4.61
Loose \$ 42.25	Elevator Fund (6 envelope) \$ 440.00
TOTAL \$ 427.25	
DIOCESAN APPEAL (actual & pledges to date)	\$7002.00

ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00
To date we have raised **81,055.97** including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov. 17 to 22 Sherry, Carm

COLLECTION COUNTERS

November 23 Robert

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., when they will be taken to the distribution centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next PPC meeting will be on Thursday November 27 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 November 19.

Do you like taking pictures? Do you have a hidden talent for writing articles?
WE NEED YOU!!!

St. Anthony's Parish is looking for someone to take photographs of Special Events held at the parish, submitting the pictures and a brief article to our Diocesan newspaper, *The Northern Catholic News*. It is important that we share our story with others. **Please offer your talents and speak to any member of the PPC or to Detta.**

HOME RELIGION FAMILIES

All families involved in the Home Religion Programme are invited to a meeting/celebration following Mass on Thursday November 20. Mass will be at 2:30pm Our focus will be the Season of Advent and we will share and offer activities for the home which can truly celebrate this season of hope and anticipation. We will also distribute the next package of materials.

BOOK OF LIFE

Traditionally, November is the Month of the Holy Souls. A book is left near the Sanctuary containing pages on which you can write the names of deceased family and friends who you would like to be remembered during our November Masses. You may update your page from last year or take a new blank page from the back of the book. As a family, write down the names of your deceased loved ones. You can involve younger children in decorating your page. Place the completed page in the book. (The pages are arranged alphabetically).

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.

THURSDAYS AT ST. ANTHONY'S: Father Rector has many meetings etc. during the coming weeks. Please check the bulletin each week regarding Mass on Thursdays. If you would like to make an appointment to see Fr. Rector, please check with him when he is with us on Sundays.