



February 24, 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)
9:00am - Liturgy of the Word (Clara)
Tuesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
9:00am - Eucharist
Thursday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
Friday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
9:00am - Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 7:00pm - Liturgy of the Word
Sunday: 9:00am - Liturgy of the Word



Stations of the Cross - Every Friday during Lent at 7pm.

Saturday, March 1, 2008

PRESIDER: Monica Sargent
REFLECTION: Johanna Habjan
Lector 1: Moira McMillan
Lector 2: Mikayla Moore
Eucharistic Ministers:
Falyne Johnson
David Hemenway
Greeters: The Verbeeks
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: M. Travis CR. Patty

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Collection

Church - \$1949.00
School - \$20.00
Catholic Missions - \$417.00
Refugee:
((total pledged) \$ 58,740.00

Sunday, March 2, 2008

PRESIDER: Clara Moore
REFLECTION: Johanna Habjan
Lector 1: Gemma Gillis
Lector 2: Monica Sargent
Eucharistic Ministers:
Tim Hicks
Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: Eileen B, The Bolens
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: M. Lindsey
CR. Megan L C. Seb L C. Michael

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

Life Teen:

Gord Higginson 847-9414

Catholic Women's League:

Cecilia Midnight 847-1840

Refugee Committee:

Tim Hicks 847-2881

Liturgy Committee:

Carol deGelder 847-2935

Altar Servers:


Nancy Verbeek 847-1538

Social Justice:

Vigil Overstall 846-5424

Marj Coupe 846-9239



 *Rest in Peace*

Our sincere condolences to the GEORGE family on the passing of Fred last week.

"May he rest in Peace"



FEBRUARY:

27th - +Martha Goudy

29th - +Afra Hekkert

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



**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 MARCH 2

Liturgy of the Word with Communion

PRESIDER: Vic James **REFLECTION:** Gail James
LECTORS: 1. Shirley Collins 2. Corrie Goold
EMCs: Gail & Vic James
ALTAR SERVERS: + Sydney B/C ???? C ????

CHURCH CLEANING CREW Feb 25 to Mar 1: Amy Slaney Desi Slaney

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

21 envelopes \$ 370.00	Holy Childhood	\$ 6.91
loose \$ 31.00	Elevator Fund (3 envelopes)	\$90.00
TOTAL \$401.00		

ELEVATOR FUND:

CHRISM MASS/ 100th ANNIVERSARY of OUR DIOCESE

The western region of the Diocese is arranging a 3-Day Pilgrimage to Prince George to celebrate the anniversary of our Diocese. Pilgrims will participate in the Chrism Mass celebration on Monday March 10th followed on Tuesday with visits to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Christ our Saviour, St. Mary's and Immaculate Conception for spiritual programmes. Mass and then shopping at Pine Centre Mall or a tour of UNBC will follow on Wednesday March 12 before leaving for home.

Cost for pilgrims includes travel and 2 nights accommodation at Bon Voyage Motor Inn, based on double occupancy. (*Cost from Kitimat is \$225.00. This will be less for those joining the pilgrimage in Houston*). There is a

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION: Please see inside bulletin for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

each Friday of Lent at 7pm.

FEBRUARY 29th: - Detta

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

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

'BAKE-LESS' BAKE SALE

The CWL invites you to participate in a 'Bake-Less' Bake Sale. Today you received an envelope in which you are asked to donate the amount you might spend at a Bake Sale. Proceeds of the fundraiser will help support CWL

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Attached is a copy of the letter from Bishop Gerry which was read at Mass today. The letter encourages our generosity when asked to contribute to the Share Lent collection later this month and speaks of the work for justice

PARISH APPRECIATION

Continuing our parish focus of developing a deeper ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE, we recognize and celebrate **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.**

Sunday March 9th is Solidarity Sunday. During our Liturgy we will focus on some of the social teachings of the Church which remind us that the Earth is sacred and that all life is interconnected and interdependent. For many people, a bowl of rice is all they have to eat in the course of a day. To help us better understand their plight, to be in solidarity with them, you will be invited downstairs after Mass to share in a "Hunger Meal." Instead of your usual Lunch, you will be served a bowl of rice. A donation box will be available and you are encouraged to donate whatever you might normally have spent on lunch that day. (Your donations will be sent to Development and Peace.) This can be a powerful experience for all of us, especially children. We will also watch a short video,

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION EVENING

The penitential discipline of Lent makes this an appropriate season for a communal celebration of Penance/Reconciliation. Fr. Frank will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on

**Third Sunday of Lent
February 24, 2008**

COMING UP

FEBRUARY:
27th - Baptismal Preparation 7pm

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

We would like to invite all the parents who are planning to have their children baptized, to our next Baptismal Preparation session on **Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7:00pm.**



Please contact the Parish Office by February 26 if you are planning on attending this session.

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.



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Reinier Kanis for sharing his talent and time to construct a parish website for our church! Some areas are still under construction, but if you'd like to



LIBRARY CART Check out the library cart every 1st and 3rd weekend. We have some great new resources for Lent! DVD's and video's are also available for you to sign out.

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT: Feb. 27th at 7pm. Our topic for discussion is "What can we learn from suffering." We will share a 25 min. video by Fr. Michael Hines and then listen to the

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



UPCOMING NOTES

Spring Break – dismiss on March 14th and return on March 31st.

CWL NEWS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2008

Friday, March 7th at 7pm at the United Church. This year we are praying for "The Women of Guyana". We encourage all women of the parish to come out. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Prince George Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League Annual Convention will be held in Dawson Creek April 11-13 2008. A copy of the Agenda & Registration forms are posted on the C.W.L. bulletin board. Registration closes March 17, 2008. For more details, and/or interested in carpooling (leaving Thursday April 10th), please call Tina Gemmell at 847-9648.

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



Largely through the partnership of **DEVELOPMENT and PEACE** we were able to support 20 community radio stations to carry out civic education programs prior to the 2006 general election. Many more of our people took part in the election.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION: LENTEN MISSION ON VISION TV

As in previous years, the National Catholic Broadcasting Council will air a nation-wide mission to help us on our Lenten journey.

The mission will be broadcast on Vision TV: Part 1 - March 3rd at 4pm (repeated at 8pm)

Part 2 - March 4th at 4pm (repeated at 8pm)

This year's guest preacher is Fr. Ron Rolheiser omi. His topic is entitled *Keeping a Mellow Heart in a*



CHRISM MASS - YOU ARE INVITED!!

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.



Third Sunday of Lent

If someone offends you and apologizes, you are probably willing to forgive. But if someone offends you and never apologizes, you might withhold forgiveness.

You might do a favor for someone you love, or even for a complete stranger. But if someone has offended you and has never apologized for it, you probably will not do a favor for that person. Offenders might think the wrong they've done wasn't so bad. You wouldn't want to take that risk.

You wouldn't take that risk, but God would. God did. God did all of us a favor. God sent the only-begotten Son into the world to suffer and die so that we could have eternal life. God did this not for those who committed the least sin, not for those who fasted, not for those with the most service hours, and not for those who made the best grades. God did it for everyone. God even did it for sinners.

Saint Paul tells the Romans that Christ died for the ungodly. "Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die."

How different God is from us! We would not give the time of day to people we know are sinners. Jesus gave his life for you, no matter what you've done or how well you've apologized. God's love lies beyond human experience.

