



March 2, 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 (Johanna)
Tuesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday: 9:00am - Eucharist / Morning Prayer
Thursday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
7:00pm - **Lenten Reconciliation**
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 29th - School Council



RECONCILIATION: Saturday 6:00 - 6:30pm

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Lector 1: Vigil Overstall
Lector 2: Trevor Brintjes
Eucharistic Ministers:
Nathan Verbeek
Willy Koldyk
Tina Gemmell
Greeters: Linda, Bina, Liesel
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: M. Rebecca CR. Travis
C. Shea C. Kiana

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday Collection

Church - \$2279.75
School - \$205.00
Catholic Missions(to date) - \$722.00
Change for a Change - \$40.30
Refugee:
(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00
(pledges received) \$ \$3701.19

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Lector 1: Arlene deGelder
Lector 2: Katelynn Bolster
Eucharistic Ministers:
Nicki Pederson Rita Rickett
Bob Bresser Clara Moore
Nick & Mairead Sikkes
Greeters: Pete & Mary S, Johanna H
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: M. Kurtis
CR. Megan L C. Seb L C. Tanner
Children's Liturgy:

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 CARDINAL family on the passing of Gary last week.

"May he rest in Peace"



MARCH:

7th - +Wilma & John Stroet

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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**Pastoral
Assistant:**
Detta Smith

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 9

LECTORS: 1. Garry Beaudette 2. Gottlieb Binner
EMCs: Gail & Vic James
ALTAR SERVERS: + Shanea B/C Kelton C Sydney
GREETERS: Bill Goold Claudine Ketchell

CHURCH CLEANING CREW Mar 2 to 8: **ANY VOLUNTEERS??**

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

16 envelopes \$ 305.00	Holy Childhood	\$ 4.10
loose \$ 39.00	Elevator Fund (3 envelopes)	\$310.00
TOTAL \$344.00	Change for a Change	\$ 21.59

ELEVATOR FUND:

We need to raise \$80,000.00 To date we have raised **\$67,410.48** including Fund Raising & Donations & Grants.

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 sign up sheet, a poster and a copy of the 3day itinerary on the bulletin board. Please sign up by the end of February.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent at 7pm.

March 7th: - Development & Peace

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.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Attached to your bulletin is information explaining how you can support the work of Development & Peace with monthly, year-round donations.

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, "After the Tsunami: rebuilding our villages, our lives", produced by Development and Peace.

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Last week, **ALICIA BISHOP, DYLAN CARON** and **COLE RENNIE** began their journey toward Full Initiation into the Catholic Church. They will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Tuesday April 15. As members of their Parish Family, our role is to prayerfully support these individuals on their journey. If you would like to be a Prayer Companion for one of these young people and his/her family, please take a name card from the envelope on the display in the Entrance Way.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today marks the mid-point of our Lenten journey to Easter. Traditionally, it is called "Laetare Sunday", a Latin word meaning "rejoice". Laetare Sunday calls the Church to come together in joy because the Pasch/Easter is near! For this reason, the use of rose-coloured vestments and altar linens are permitted, as also are the use of flowers in the sanctuary. This tradition developed from the custom of bringing the first roses of Spring to Church on this day, thus marking it as a unique Sunday in Lent, a season when flowers are not normally used in Church.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 2, 2008**

COMING UP

MARCH:

- 3rd - Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. 7pm
- 6th - Lenten Reconciliation 7pm
- 7th - Stations of the Cross 7pm

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

CELEBRATION #3 - Sunday March 9th at (part of 9:00am Mass, then 45 minutes after).

The theme of our gathering will be "The Eucharist".

Please complete pages 25-50 in the Family Books before the Celebration.

Presence at all our gatherings is required.

 * **HOLY TRIDUUM** *
 * **Holy Thursday (March 20th) - 8pm** *
 * (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight) *
 * **Good Friday (March 21st) - 3pm** *
 * **Ecumenical service at St. Joseph's** *
 * (Veneration of the Cross - 7pm) *
 * **Easter Vigil (March 22nd) - 8pm** *
 * **Easter Sunday (March 23rd) - 9am** *
 * *This year, once again, we are asking for donations* *
 * *of flowers ("mums"). 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 MARCH 17-19TH or phone Carol* *
 * *@ 847-2935 to make other arrangements.* *

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 see what we have so far, go to www.stjosephsmithers.com



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.
Monica & Joan

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



UPCOMING NOTES

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

SPRING KID'S CLOTHING SALE

The Spring Kid's Clothing Sale will be held in our gym on Saturday, April 19th. To book a table or for more information please call Shannon Malbeuf at 847-1857.

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.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE funded the *Pan Asia Farmers' Conference and Training Workshop*, held in Cambodia for people from 11 countries, that enabled participants to learn from one another about sustainable agriculture.

Thank you for giving.

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 Bitter Time*.



CHRISM MASS - YOU ARE INVITED!!

Please see back of bulletin for more information

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sleep is beautiful when it comes at the right time, but embarrassing otherwise. Some people sleep through class. They sleep at meetings. They sleep during concerts. They mean well, but they miss out on important moments of life. Other people sleep through life in other ways. They are unaware of political issues, unconcerned for the needs of the poor, ignorant of manners, aloof from people seeking their attention. Some people sleep through life, through relationships, and through faith. Around the world, many people are unaware of Christ as if they are asleep. They live in a darkness outside the light of the good news. They may have some inner sense and goodness, given as a gift from God, but they may not yet have heard the gospel or had the opportunity to live it in faith. Through baptism we have been awakened from our sleep. Christ is our light. The letter to the Ephesians says, "Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Baptism has changed our status. We no longer belong to the night. We shine with the light of day. As a consequence we must "live as children of light." Having moved from darkness to light, we now have responsibilities. Let us shake off the sleep that threatens to keep us from being faithful to Christ. Throughout this Lent, let us rise from sleep and live in light.

