



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



CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE



Monday, Dec. 22nd	9:00am Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 23rd	6:30pm Mass
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)
Friday, Dec. 26th	9:00am Mass
Saturday, Dec. 27th	5:00pm Mass (Family Day Celebration to follow)
Sunday, Dec. 28th	9:00am Mass
Thursday, Jan. 1st (New Year's Day)	9:00am Mass 12:00pm Mass (Houston)

4th Sunday of
Advent
December 21, 2008



DECEMBER

22nd -
23rd -
24th -
25th -
26th -
27th - People of the Parish
28th -
If you wish to have a Mass offered for a Special Intention, please call the Parish Office.

SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 21ST - Beginning at 12 noon, we will decorate the church for Christmas.

JANUARY 11TH - Beginning at 12 noon, we will be taking down the decorations.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

For more information please call Carol at 250-847-2935

Please mark these dates on your calendar. If you can spare a plate of goodies for these dates, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday Collection

Church - \$ 1853.00

School - \$20.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00

Actual to Date \$ 26,770.00

Amount exceeding Goal \$ 1623.00

Refugee:

(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00

(pledges received) \$ 44,247.17

Music Ministry

In preparation for Christmas, there will be **CHOIR PRACTICE** on
Dec. 22nd at 7pm.

EVERYONE is invited to attend.



2009 Envelopes

The 2009 Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up from the tables in entrance way. If you are not presently using envelopes and would like to do so, please contact Linda at the Parish Office (847-2012). By using envelopes, we are better able to estimate our receipted donations - and you have a receipt by which you can use your contribution to the Church as a taxable deduction.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th, 2008 - 7:00pm

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Lector 1: Children reading

Lector 2: Children reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Willy Koldyk, Carol deGelder, Nathan Verbeek,
Clara Moore, Bob Bresser, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: Children

Altar Servers: M. Travis C. Bradley



Wednesday, December 24th, 2008 11:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Lector 1: Gemma Gillis

Lector 2: Asuncion Dumlao

Eucharistic Ministers: David Hemenway, Tina Gemmell, Theo Sikkes, Tim Kicks,
Nicki Pederson, Bob Bresser, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: Cleveland family, Theo & Corry Sikkes

Altar Servers: M. Aimee CR. Samantha C. John C. Aimee

Thursday, December 25th, 2008 - 9:00am

Lector 1: Mary Goodacre

Lector 2: Monica Sargent

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol deGelder, Al & Tina Bruintjes, Mary Stroet, Lu Blackburn, Rob Onstein

Greeters: Casey & Alice DenBoer

Altar Servers: M. Patty CR. Jacob

Saturday, December 27th, 2008 - 5:00pm

Lector 1: Monica Sargent

Lector 2: Vigil Overstall

Eucharistic Ministers: Willy Koldyk, Jean Moisey, Nathan Verbeek

Greeters: Jim & Margaret G, David Hemenway

Altar Servers: M. Travis CR. Patty

Sunday, December 28th, 2008 - 9:00am

Lector 1: Trevor Bruintjes

Lector 2: Mabel Hicks

Eucharistic Ministers: Lu Blackburn, Bob Bresser, Rob Onstein, Carol deGelder, Johanna Habjan,
Theo Sikkes

Greeters: The Bolens, Maria P

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

Thursday, January 1, 2009 - 9:00am

Lector 1: David Hemenway

Lector 2: Arlene deGelder

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Hicks, Jean Moisey, Carol deGelder, Johanna Habjan,
Willy Koldyk, Al Bruintjes

Greeters: Eileen Bouvier, Pete & Mary Stroet

Altar Servers: M. Patty CR. Jacob



PARISH FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

(CHRISTMAS PARTY)

6:00P.M., DECEMBER 27TH, 2008 @

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GYM

REACHING UP, REACHING OUT....THAT ALL MAY BE ONE

We the Filipino Community, along with St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council Social Committee, will be hosting a PARISH FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION (CHRISTMAS PARTY), on December 27th at the school gym.

Not only is it for a great cause, which is celebrating the birth of Christ with our fellow parishioners and bringing our community closer together, but also for a chance to share the Filipino heritage amongst all of us here at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

MASS will be held at 5pm on December 27th with the celebration to follow.

Please COME and let us CELEBRATE as one Parish Family!.

FAITH FORMATION

MORNING PRAYER AT SISTER'S - We will resume again on Monday January 5th, 2009.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - We will resume again in the New Year.

MORNING PRAYER AT THE CHURCH - Will resume on Tuesday, January 6th, 2009.

THANK YOU

Staff and clients of Broadway House Place would like to thank everyone for their kind donations to the Broadway House. Your kindness and generosity made a difference to many.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear Friends

Our efforts to sponsor Augustina have come to an end. Letters to the previous and current Ministers of Immigration have been answered but the result is still the same. Our efforts to lobby the press, radio, and politicians are, sadly, terminated.

Now for the good news. In September 08 Pastoral Council applied to sponsor a large Congolese family of 15, eleven of whom should arrive initially, with four additional family members who may follow. This family has escaped the civil strife in Congo, and is waiting in Kampala Uganda for processing by Canadian Officials. The screening usually takes two to three years. We have not received any new updates or information on their family. In the meantime, we are sure that they are grateful for your prayers and we are grateful for your patience, compassion, generosity and outreach. It is now the second anniversary of our Refugee Project. All second year pledges are now due as we are entering our third year of this ministry.

Thank you for your fidelity to your promise. We recognize that current economic concerns and other fund raising can create difficulties. This makes your sacrifice and gift all the more precious.

We wish you a peaceful, joyful, and hopeful Christmas experience. Thank you for the hope that you are giving to refugees and neighbours alike as you are the hands, feet and voice in building God's kingdom.

The Refugee Committee

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SCHEDULE of LITURGIES
CHRISTMAS DAY
Mass at Noon Intention: to all parishioners
LECTOR: 1. Gail James 2. Vic James
EMCs: Garry & JoAnne Beaudette
SERVERS: +Nate B Lucas C Alicia C Nicole
GREETERS: Claudine Ketchell

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2008
Mass at 11:30am Intention:??
LECTOR: 1. Raquel Timms 2. Gottlieb Binner
EMCs: Gail & Vic James
SERVERS: +Alicia B/C Nicole C Lucas
GREETERS: Shirley Collins Jane Wardrop

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Mass at Noon Intention:??
LECTOR: 1. Liz Gerei 2. Shirley Collins
EMCs: Gail & Vic James
SERVERS: +Jonathon B Malerie C Cole C Nicole
GREETERS: Bill Goold Jane Wardrop

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY DECEMBER 14
13 envelopes \$ 255.00 Holy Childhood \$ 8.33
Loose \$ 14.00 Elevator Fund (\$ envelope) \$ 170.00
TOTAL \$ 269.00
Elevator Fund (Madge Hogarth Foundation) \$5951.50
Community Dinner \$125.36
ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00
To date we have raised **88,581.47** including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.

COLLECTION COUNTERS
December 25 Detta
December 28 Robert
January 4 Carm

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE
December 22 to 27 Amy, Desi
December 30 to January 3 Shirley, Jane

CHRISTMAS MASS READINGS

The directives for Christmas Mass indicate that any of the readings for Christmas may be used interchangeably. This year at St. Anthony's, we shall use the readings for *Mass during the Day*. In the Reading from Isaiah, we share in the prophet's excitement that God is providing salvation for the world. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that the whole history of God's dealings with God's people in the past was a preparation for the coming of the Son at a particular moment in history. The Gospel reading from John is a great hymn to the Word of God, the Source of Life, whose coming among us makes us Children of God. This Word made flesh was proclaimed by the prophets, worshiped by the angels and heralded by John the Baptist. We unite our voices with people of all time and all places in praise of this wondrous event as we sing with the Psalmist: "All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God."

FREE FREE FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER FREE FREE FREE

The sentiment that no one should have to eat alone has resulted in the 4th Annual Christmas Dinner to be held on Thursday December 25, 2008 at 6pm in the Legion Loft. SEE POSTER ON BULLETIN BOARD.

ALL ARE WELCOME: not just single people!! Transportation is available: 845-3466 (A dinner can also be delivered!)

2009 CALENDARS

Included with your bulletin is a 2009 Catholic Calendar. If you would like to contribute toward these calendars, there is a labeled container on the ledge in the entrance way. We suggest \$2.00 per calendar to help defray the cost, shipping etc.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy Days of Obligation are days, other than Sundays, which the Church marks for us to observe by attending Mass and, if possible, to rest from work.

In Canada there are two Days of Obligation:

December 25th Christmas Day

January 1st The Solemnity of Mary and World Day of Prayer for Peace.

NO AFS UNTIL THE NEW YEAR: We will next meet for AFS on Thursday January 10 from 10 to 11:30am.

2009 ENVELOPES

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ALTAR SERVERS

In appreciation for your generous dedication in serving at Mass each Sunday, you are invited for pizza/games/movie at Detta's on Saturday December 27th from 5 to 8pm. This is just a small sign of our gratitude for your faithfulness and dedication to your ministry.

