



**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 (Monica)  
 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 - Eucharist  
 Saturday: 7:00pm - Eucharist  
 Sunday: 9:00am - Eucharist



### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2008



### MARCH:

**Stations of the Cross - Friday at 7pm.** March 14th - Fr. Frank & Carol  
*There will be NO Reconciliation on Passion Sunday weekend (March 15th) and Easter Vigil (March 22nd)*

7th - +Wilma & John Stroet

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

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 15, 2008

*Passion Sunday*

**Lector/Commentator:** Monica Sargent  
**Lector 2:** Michael Spicer  
**Narrator:** Mabel Hicks  
**S1 & S3:** Vigil Overstall  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Jean Moisey  
 Katie Williams  
 Barbara MacDougall  
**Greeters:** David H, The Heinbeckers  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** M. Aimee  
 CR. Meghan V.A. C. Tinka C.

#### Sunday, March 16, 2008

*Passion Sunday*

**Lector/Commentator:** Brian Burrill  
**Lector 2:** Melissa Cachia  
**Narrator:** Colin Bruintjes  
**S1 & S3:** David Hemenway  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Cathy Higginson Nicki Pederson  
 Carol deGelder Tim Hicks  
 Janna Delany Johanna Habjan  
**Greeters:** Maria P, The Bolens  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** M. Dylan CR. Lindsey  
 C. Darcy C. Michael  
**Children's Liturgy:** Trent S, Ty B

#### Upcoming events:

- **Mar. 9th** (part of Eucharist) Celebration#3
- **Mar. 12th** (7pm) Adult Faith Sharing
- **Mar. 10th** (7pm) School Council Mtg.
- **Mar. 13th** (7pm) Finance Council Mtg.



*Please keep Michael & Ann in your prayers.*

### Sunday Collection

Church - \$ 2354.00  
 School - \$ 346.00

**Refugee:**  
 ((total pledged) \$ 58,740.00  
 (pledges received) \$ 37,411.15

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

## 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

## CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

**CELEBRATION #3 - TODAY, 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.*

### **ADULT FAITH SHARING—Wednesday, March 12th @ 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome to join us for a video and discussion on the often contemplated question "Do I Really Need A Community?" with Fr. Michael Himes. For more information please call Mabel Hicks at 847-2881.

### REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear Friends;

We have nothing new to report except that Augustina's appeal is ongoing. We wish to thank you for your care, support, and prayers for refugees everywhere. A DVD about the lost children of Sudan is available to from the Parish Library cart. It will give you good insight into what some of these refugees have been through. You are encouraged to view it.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

- New WEBSITE (stjosephparish@telus.com)
- As in the past, members of the PPC will wash feet on Holy Thursday as a sign of service and commitment to the community.
- Parish Directory is being updated.

## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



### **SPRING KID'S CLOTHING SALE**

The Spring Kid's Clothing Sale will be held in our gym on **Saturday, April 5th.** To book a table or for more information please call Shannon Malbeuf at 847-1857.

### **UPCOMING NOTES**

Spring Break – dismiss on March 14<sup>th</sup> and return on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Confirmation & First Eucharist – Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

## HOLY TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday - Eucharist of The Lord's Supper (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 - till 10:00pm)**  
**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.***



*"There were many delays before we were able to put our soya processing unit into place for small rural women's collectives. Thanks to DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE'S continuing support for our work, women in our area now earn more money for their crop and that helps them and their families improve their lives." (SHARE LENT envelopes are available on the shelf at the back of the Church)*

Adele, from the Women's Collective Council, Rwanda

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

**MEETING:** The next CWL meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30pm. Special guest: Presentation from Development & Peace. All ladies of the parish are invited 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.

### Parish Directory

**The Diocese is requesting an updated parish list from each parish in the Diocese. To help us with this task, we have attached a PARISH LIST form to your bulletin for every person ( family) to please fill out. This information will be used to update our parish list. The completed form can either be dropped off at the parish office or put in the collection basket next weekend. THANK YOU!!**

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

As Lent nears its end, we become more mindful of our sins. We have promised to renew our hearts throughout this season. We have accepted a spirit of penitence. At this stage of Lent, we may be even more aware of our sin. Perhaps we have not been completely faithful to our Lenten resolutions. Perhaps we feel more strongly the difficult challenge to overcome bad habits that have been taken years to form. Lent offers promise, but it sometimes causes discouragement. Sin is no stranger to the human condition. But sin is not our natural condition. Through baptism, we are children of God. Saint Paul tells the Romans not to feel disappointed by their experience of sin, because the Spirit of God is much more powerful. "If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness." God's Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. The same Spirit dwells within us. The same Spirit gives life to our bodies prone to death. If Lent has made us more aware of our sin, it should also make us more aware of God's love. God's Spirit reaches us, holds us, and lifts us high—in spite of our sin.

**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 16**

**LECTORS:** 1. Gail James 2. Vic James  
**EMCs:** Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** + Lucas B/C Malerie C Jonathon  
**GREETERS:** Shirley Collins Liz Gerei

**CHURCH CLEANING CREW** Mar 9 to 15: Raquel, Ana Maria, Fernanda

**DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY MARCH 2**

16 envelopes	\$ 435.00	Holy Childhood	\$ 4.51
loose	\$ 34.00	Elevator Fund (4 envelopes)	\$ 140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$469.00</b>	Elevator Fund (Feb. Janitorial)	\$ 156.00

**ELEVATOR FUND:**

We need to raise \$80,000.00 To date we have raised **\$67,706.48** including Fund Raising & Donations & Grants.

**PRAYER COMPANIONS**

**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.

**TRIDUUM**

In order that Triduum be celebrated well requires the participation of many. Unfortunately, this year, we are aware that many parishioners will not be in Houston for this time. This sadly, has lead to the decision that Triduum will not be celebrated at St. Anthony's this year.

*This draws attention to the need for many more parishioners to become involved in the various liturgical ministries.*  
Liturgy Committee

**We are encouraged to join with the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers in celebrating Triduum this year.**

**HOLY THURSDAY** March 20 at 8pm (followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight)

**GOOD FRIDAY** March 21 at 3pm (followed by Veneration of the Cross until 10pm)

**EASTER VIGIL** March 22 at 8pm

**There is a sign-up form on the bulletin board for those who can offer a ride to Smithers and for those who may be in need of a ride.**

**DEVELOPMENT and PEACE**

Today is Solidarity Sunday. Today we stand with our brothers and sisters in Asia, Africa and Latin America whose lives have been damaged by resource extraction practices.

**Creator God, in your hands**

**You hold the depth of the earth**

**And the heights of the mountains.**

**For all Creation belongs to you.**

**Grant us the grace to cherish your world**

**And the wisdom to nurture its resources.**

**Save us from the desire to control what is not ours**

**And the impulse to possess what is there to share.**

*Annabel Shilson-Thomas CAFOD*

*The envelope attached to your bulletin is for those parishioners NOT currently using donation envelopes. The envelope offers you an opportunity to financially support Development and Peace and its works to improve the lives and living conditions of those living in 3rd World Countries. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Anthony's Parish."*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to JONATHON KELLY, KELTON YARISH and SHANEA YARISH who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at our Parish Lenten Reconciliation evening. *May God bless you as you continue*

**Parish Pastoral Council Mtg**

Tuesday, Mar. 18 at 6:30pm

**Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday of Lent

March 15: CWL

**Finance Council Meeting**

Wednesday, Mar. 12 at 11am