



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
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**Administrator:**  
 Fr. Rectorino  
 Tolentino, Jr.

**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 (Grade 2 School Mass)

Thursday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer  
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge  
**7:00pm—Eucharist (Feast of St. Joseph The Worker)**

Friday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer  
 9:00am - Eucharist

Saturday: 7:00pm - Eucharist

Sunday: 9:00am - Eucharist

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 6:00—6:30pm

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, May 3, 2008**

**Lector 1:** Moira McMillan  
**Lector 2:** Mikayla Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Falyne Johnson  
 Joan Joseph  
 Bob Bresser  
**Greeters:** The Verbeeks  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** M. Rebecca  
 CR. Travis C. Patty C.

#### **Sunday, May 4, 2008**

**Lector 1:** Gemma Gillis  
**Lector 2:** Brian Burrill  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Lu Blackburn Theo Sikkes  
 Johanna Habjan Tim Hicks  
 Al & Tina Bruintjes  
**Greeters:** Eileen B, The DenBoers  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** M. Megan L  
 CR. Lindsey C. Seb C. Tommy  
**Children's Liturgy:** Brittaney H,  
 Madeline L

### Sunday Collection

Church - \$ 1975.00	<b>Refugee:</b>
School - \$ 30.00	((total pledged) \$ 58,740.00
	(pledges received) \$ 38,306.15

**Our sincere condolences to the Derksen family on the passing of  
 ANGIE FARRIS (Thelma Derksen) this past week.  
 "May she rest in eternal peace."**



**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 27, 2008



#### **APRIL:**

30th – George Sikkes, RIP

#### **MAY:**

1st - St. Joseph's School  
 2nd - The Bresser family  
 3rd - Rudy Lumanlan, RIP  
 4th - Pro Populo

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

#### **Upcoming events:**

#### **May:**

1st - Eucharist 7pm  
 (Feast of St. Joseph The Worker.)



*Please keep James, David, Jean, Cindy & Richard in your prayers.*

*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



In honour of St. Joseph The Worker's Feast Day, we will celebrate Eucharist on **THURSDAY, MAY 1ST** at 7:00pm

### CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE NEWS

League members drive for **Meals on Wheels** in the month of May. We need a driver for Thursdays and a spare. Please phone Eileen at 847-3478 if you can drive. Thank you.

### LIBRARY CART

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Library Cart. Please check the dates on the books and DVD's that you borrowed, and return ALL overdue items. Thank You!

Monica & Joan



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Preparations for the sacrament of Reconciliation will begin shortly. If you would like your child to receive this sacrament, please call Erin at the school office (847-9414), or Linda at the parish office (847-2012) by April 30th. (In order to receive this sacrament, your child must have already received the sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion.)

**First Reconciliation for students in Grade 3 (or older who have not received this sacrament) will take place on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2008 – 2009

Registration for next year's Pre K class will be on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

This is on a first come, first served basis.

Next year we will have two 3-day per week classes. One class will be on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and Friday morning. The other class will be on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

The cost will be \$75.00 per month and a one time \$10 supply fee and \$10 library book deposit.





**MISSION IN INDIA:** Thank you to all parishioners who came out to share in this event. Our sincerest gratitude to Shanualea and Susan, her technical power point support, for an insightful presentation on a recent mission in India. This moving presentation touched our souls and showed us just how much we are all the same, all sisters and brothers, in this gift of life. The following is an excerpt from the presentation:

*“On the streets of Kolkata I witnessed hunger, destitution and the greatest poverty loneliness in great numbers. I say to you the streets of Kolkata lead to each and everyone of your front doors. It’s easy to feel compassion for those suffering in far off lands. It is much harder sometimes to have compassion for those who live right beside us. Can we love those we dislike, look down upon, unfairly and unknowingly judge, disagree with, and yes even sometimes live with? This is where it must begin. If you want to do something with your life there is a person right now who needs you. We can love one person at a time, we can serve one person at a time, today is the day, this is your chance. You can not lead people if you do not love people. You can not save people if you do not serve people. As mother Teresa said “we can not all do great things but we can do small things with great love.” If we can’t feed 100 people lets just feed one. We need to be fund raisers; raising funds of love, of understanding, of peace, and if we do, the rest will be given. Be kind to the poor wherever they may be, especially those at home. Again in Mother Teresa’s words: “make us worthy to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger with dignity and respect. Give them through our hands their daily bread and by our understanding love give peace and joy.” And last a challenge: Put your fingers on your wrist and feel your pulse. Once you have it remember that with every beat someone dies in absolute poverty and without ever hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ even once.”*

**Throughout the next couple of weeks, Fr. Rector will be contacting each Committee chairperson to set up a meeting with you, and get a better idea of each committee in our parish.**

**GOT GARAGE SALE STUFF???????????????**

Not sure where to drop off your garage sale wares? Drop them here!!! (St. Joseph’s School).

The HUGE Grade 7 Garage Sale is on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**Smithers Pro-Life wants to thank your congregation for their support at the recent Spring Dinner and Dessert Auction that raised \$2684.10. Thank you to all of our great DESSERT makers.**



**49<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA  
June 15 to 22, 2008  
The Eucharist, gift of God  
for the life of the world.**

April 27, 2008 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

“Jesus sends us the Spirit” - God does not abandon us.

“Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.” (Psalm 66)

*Have you considered how Jesus calls you to be united with him in love?*

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Suffering is easier to accept if it serves some purpose. Some suffering seems totally senseless—the loss of an innocent life, the abandonment of a good dream, or devastation by forces of nature. But if suffering can bring about some perceivable good, it is easier to endure.

Perhaps this is what gave Jesus strength to endure the suffering at the end of his life. To unbelievers, his death must have seemed to be a complete waste, but in the eyes of God it was a perfect sacrifice offering redemption to the world. The first letter of Peter says, Christ suffered for sins once, “that he might lead you to God.” His suffering had a purpose.

Through the suffering of Christ we come closer to God. Through faith in God we can more easily accept our suffering for the sake of others, especially if it leads them also to Christ. Sometimes, paradoxically, it is our faith that brings on suffering. We have hope when the world prefers despair. We act gently when others prefer to fight. We build up others when they prefer to defame. The tension between doing good and doing evil tempts the Christian to sin. But when we are strong in faith, we live peacefully in the Spirit.

The journey of faith may be marred by suffering, but it leads to a good reward. It unites us with the suffering of our Savior, and it leads others to Christ.

**SUNDAY  
EUCCHARIST**

11:30am

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**

Box 819

Houston, B.C. V0J 1Z0

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Residence: (250) 845-2877

**Administrator:**

**Fr. Rectorino**

**Tolentino, Jr.**

**RECONCILIATION:**


1st Sunday of each  
month, after Eucharist

**Pastoral Assistant:**

**Detta Smith**

**SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MAY 4**

**LECTORS:** 1. Shirley Collins 2. Jane Wardrop  
**EMCs:** Gail & Vic James  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** + Nick B/C Nate C Jonathon  
**GREETERS:** Tammy Hiebert

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass Intentions</i></p> <p><b>April 27</b> Erleen Goodreau, RIP <b>May 04</b> Oscar Maceda, RIP <b>May 11</b> Lucia Tinimbang, RIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHURCH CLEANING CREW</b></p> <p>April 27 to May 3: Jane Shirley</p> 
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**TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING**

We are planning a Parish Garage Sale to be held here at St. Anthony's on **Saturday May 10 from 9 to noon.** Anyone who has items to donate is asked to call Eric (845-3335) or Detta. We will be able to store your donations.

**DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY APRIL 20**

<b>14 envelopes</b>	\$ 280.00	<b>Holy Childhood</b>	\$ 6.32
<b>loose</b>	\$ 62.00	<b>Elevator Fund (3 envelopes)</b>	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$342.00	<b>Adopt A Minefield (to date)</b>	\$ 20.00

**ELEVATOR FUND:**

We need to raise \$80,000.00

To date we have raised **\$68,829.48** including Fund Raising & Donations & Grants.

**ALLELUIA ALLELUIA ALLELUIA ALLELUIA ALLELUIA ALLELUIA**

**PARISH APPRECIATION**

Continuing our parish focus of developing a deeper ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE, we recognize and celebrate **MOTHERS of the PARISH.** The men (dads and others) will provide lunch for all on Sunday May 11, following Mass. Come out and acknowledge the Mothers of our parish who are so central to the faith in the home and the faith in our parish family. Interested in helping?? Call Eric Bishop (845-3335).

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**GARDEN PARTY 2008**

It was decided at the last PPC meeting that the Annual Parish Garden Party will be held in June (date to be finalized). Watch the bulletin for ways you can offer to help this important community event. Call Tammy (845-2086) for

**LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS**

The Salvation Army is sponsoring a fund-raiser on Sunday May 4 at the Christian Reform Church, beginning at 7pm. John Watson from *Word to Life Theatre Arts* recites entire books of the Bible while in character. God has blessed him with a real gift to inspire us. He truly brings the Word to life through theatre. In this one-man performance, he weaves the full text of Paul's letter around the story of Marcus, a first century believer, who has to deal with the consequences of living a Christ-centred life in a Caesar-controlled society. See poster on bulletin board for further details. Admission is free. An offering will be taken after the performance.

**Please take time to read the THANK YOU card on the bulletin board from Fr. Frank.**

**CAMP MORICE**

This camp which is sponsored by the Diocese is located on Stewart Lake, near Fort St. James. During the months of July and August, week-long camps are offered for Children (6-12 yrs). Teens having completed Grade 8 (13-18 yrs) and for families. Brochures/registration forms are available from the bulletin board or you can register on-line.

Check out the website at [www.campmorice.com](http://www.campmorice.com).

Questions can be directed to the Camp Managers (250) 996-7881