



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 (Nick)
 Tuesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
 Wednesday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
 9:00am - Eucharist
 Thursday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
 8:00pm - Eucharist of the Lord's Supper (Adoration till midnight)
 Friday: 8:30am - Morning Prayer
 3:00pm—Good Friday Ceremony (Veneration of the Cross till 10pm)
 Saturday: 8:00pm - Easter Vigil
 Sunday: 9:00am - Easter Sunday



Passion Sunday

March 16, 2008



MARCH:
15th - +Joe Nouch
19th - +Carol Tonnesen
21st - +Sr. Noella, fcj

There will be NO Reconciliation on Easter Vigil (March 22nd)

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

Passion Sunday

On Passion Sunday we experience the greatness and the poverty of the human spirit. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds acclaimed him as the Son of David. But as he stood trial before Pilate, the same crowds called for his crucifixion.

On Passion Sunday, near the end of Lent, we come in touch with the greatness and the poverty of our own lives. Throughout this season we have reflected on our sin, but we have also experienced God's grace in communion, community, and scripture.

On Passion Sunday, we also hear about the greatness and poverty of Jesus. Jesus was in the form of God, but he took on human form. He had all greatness as God, but he did not cling to it. "Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave," Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians says. Jesus humbled himself to become like us and to experience what we experience—even death. "Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name."

Sometimes in a single day we experience unfettered joy and inconsolable grief. A child is born, but someone dies. We receive mercy from a stranger, but we fail to love our neighbor. The extremes of human life are vast. But Christ came to us embracing both extremes and all that is in the middle. All, all of human life he redeems and makes his own.

Upcoming events:

- **Mar. 20th— 7pm**
Holy Thursday
- **Mar. 21st— 3pm**
Good Friday
- **Mar. 22nd— 8pm**
Easter Vigil
- **Mar. 23rd— 9am**
Easter Sunday



Please keep Jean & Eileen 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

TRIDUUM CHOIR PRACTICE: Monday, March 17th at 7:00pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!



HOLY THURSDAY (MARCH 20TH) - 8PM

(Adoration till Midnight)

Tonight we begin to tell a story so profound that it will take three days to proclaim it. It begins with a special meal among friends ("I do not call you servants any longer..... but I have called you friends"). To "remember" Jesus tonight in the Eucharist is to renew our identity as disciples and renew our attempts to put into practice the gospel values we professed when we were "bathed" in baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. We await with great expectation the catechumens who will soon join us. The Eucharist, as its heart, is meant to form us into a way of life whose essence lies in serving and dying for others "to the end." And so with wash basins and towels in tow, we gather as community to renew our collective memory and enter into the most sacred mysteries of our faith.

Lector/Commentator: 1. Arlene deGelder

2: Kristi Pederson

Eucharistic Ministers: Rob Onstein David Hemenway Tim Hicks
Willy Koldyk Clara Moore

Greeters: Liesel Cleveland, Malu Rudkavich, Mary Stroet, Marie Ziegler

Altar Servers: M. Travis CR. Patty C. Tommy **Thurifer:** Nathan V

GOOD FRIDAY (MARCH 21ST) - 3PM

(Veneration of the Cross till 10:00pm)

Today the church opts for a low-key celebration. It is really a celebration of the Lord's passion. The three readings, of which the passion narrative occupies the largest part, make us reflect upon the mystery of Jesus' suffering. During the last moments of his life Jesus hoped and prayed for the unity between people. Thereupon follows the veneration of the cross. One after the other we come forward to kiss a cross. My kiss expresses my gratitude to Christ who died for me, but it also says that I kiss the cross in my life.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The collection today will go to support the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. St. Paul took the first collection in favour of the poor churches. Our Good Friday donations stems from this tradition.

Lector: 1. St. James

2. St. James

Passion Reader (Narrator): Clara Moore

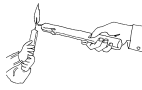
Passion Reader S1 & S3: St. James

Greeters: Monica Sargent, Jim & Margaret Goodacre

Altar Server: Travis Verbeek



EASTER VIGIL (MARCH 22ND) - 8PM



Good Friday is in the sign of the cross and of death; the liturgy is therefore sober. Not so the Easter Vigil: fire, candles, water, lights, bells, flowers, white vestments, song - especially the "Exsultet," the great Easter Proclamation: everything possible is used to celebrate life and joy. "Allelu-jah" = Praise the Lord, is repeated over and over again. An important part of the celebration is the liturgy of the baptism. Some catechumens may be baptised during the celebration, but we all renew our baptismal promises and reaffirm our sincere commitment to renounce and die to sin so we can live with Christ. The liturgy of the eucharist, like every other eucharistic celebration, is the proclamation of Jesus' death and resurrection; today this may touch us more deeply.

Lector: 1. Mabel Hicks 2. Arlene deGelder 3. Monica Sargent 4. David Hemenway
5. Gemma Gillis 6. Mabel Hicks 7. Brian Burrill 8. Monica Sargent

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Hicks, Joan Joseph, Tina Gemmell, Al Bruintjes, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: David & Marge Hemenway, Gary & Mary Heinbecker, Johanna Habjan

EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 23RD - 9AM)

Easter Sunday looks forward to the rest of our lives. The liturgical tradition sees it primarily as a beginning. Like its precedent in Passover, at the new moon in the "first month of the year," Easter Sunday is the beginning of the Octave of Easter, and more importantly, the beginning of the Great Fifty Days, the "Great Sunday" that marks our Christian identity year-round. The liturgical year is thus structured in such a way as to emphasize that our paschal journey, the complete transformation of our lives, is not about the past, but about new opportunities for the future.

Lector/Commentator: Vigil Overstall **Lector:** Kristi Pederson

Eucharistic Ministers: Nicki Pederson, Theo Sikkes, Mary Stroet, Lu Blackburn,
Cathy Higginson, Bob Bresser, Carol deGelder

Greeters: Monica Sargent Johanna Habjan June Philpot

Altar Servers: M. Dylan CR. Darcy C. C.



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.



Thank you to all of you who donated to Share Lent; over **\$3907.00** was donated. Development and Peace would not be able to continue their programs without your support. (**SHARE LENT envelopes are available on the shelf at the back of the Church**)

ADULT FAITH SHARING—Wednesday, March 19th @ 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. The video of interest is for anyone dealing with grief of any kind—especially with children. "Rainbows for all God's children".

Sr. Margaret Quinn, sm Diocese of Prince George.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear Friends;

Thank you for your continued generosity compassion, prayers and support for refugees and for Augustina. Your letters and calls to Nathan Cullen are appreciated as Augustina's appeal is still under review. In our quest for a second refugee family it is taking time to gather new applications because the majority of our available files were of refugees from Sudan, whom our country is currently rejecting. Please be patient with us as we strive on your behalf in this ministry, and continue your hope, prayers, and outreach to those sisters and brothers who have suffered much, and need our help for a second chance and a new life. Happy Easter!



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. **THANK YOU!!**

**SUNDAY
EUCCHARIST**

11:30am

RECONCILIATION:

1st Sunday of each
month, after Eucharist

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

Pastoral Assistant:
Detta Smith

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MARCH 23

LECTORS: 1. Garry Beaudette 2. Gottlieb Binner
EMCs: Barb Jarvis Corrie Goold
ALTAR SERVERS: + Malerie B/C Nicole C Jonathon
GREETERS: Bill Goold Claudine Ketchell

CHURCH CLEANING CREW Mar 16 to 22: Tammy, Cole, Keisha

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY MARCH 9

20 envelopes	\$ 411.00	Holy Childhood	\$ 6.25
loose	<u>\$ 31.00</u>	Elevator Fund (3 envelopes)	\$ 80.00
TOTAL	\$442.00	Share Lent (Dev. And Peace)	\$345.85
		(This includes the Rice Lunch)	

ELEVATOR FUND:

We need to raise \$80,000.00 To date we have raised **\$67,786.48** including Fund Raising & Donations & Grants.

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.

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is both a day of glory and a day of impending tragedy. We recall Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey while people welcomed him by waving palm branches, acclaiming his as King, as Son of David. Yet, within a few days, their cheering and celebration turned to jeering, anger and eventual death. The palms that are blessed today are to be taken home as a reminder that we too are often fickle in our relationship with Jesus. They remind us that we are also on a journey, and help us understand that we too must accept suffering in order to share Christ's glory.

FINANCE COUNCIL NEWS

1. St. Anthony's Parish Finance Council has decided that the tables in the basement will no longer be lent out.
2. We are planning Garage Sale for the Spring. If anyone has items to donate, please call Eric (845-3335) or Detta. We will be able to store your donations.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Thank you to Raquel who co-ordinate last Sunday's Rice/Hunger Lunch during which \$120.85 for the work of Development and Peace was donated. Thank you to all who stayed after Mass for the lunch and the DVD "After the Tsunami". Anyone who was unable to stay to view the movie can borrow it from Detta.

FLOWERS and PLANTS

Anyone wishing to donate Easter Lilies or other plants (white mums) or flowers to be used to decorate our Church during the Easter Season is asked to contact either Barb Jarvis (845-2639) or Liz Gerei (845-2435). Donations of money will also be accepted with which we will refresh and renew the plants/flowers during the 7 weeks of Easter.

2008 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 25, 26, 27, 2008

Grades 8 to 12

Theme: "The Way"

Parish Pastoral Council Mtg

Tuesday, Mar. 18 at 6:30pm



Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent

March 21: Detta