



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
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**Administrator:**  
 Fr. Rectorino  
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**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: 9:00am - Liturgy of the Word (Monica)  
 Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 7:00pm - **Remembrance Day Eucharist**  
 Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 9:00am - Eucharist  
 Thursday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge  
 Friday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 9:00am - Eucharist  
 Saturday: 7:00pm - Eucharist  
 Sunday: 9:00am - Eucharist  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 6:00—6:30pm



**Dedication of Saint  
 John Lateran**  
 November 9, 2008



**NOVEMBER**  
 9th - Vinko Strgar, RIP  
 11th - Vinko Strgar, RIP  
 12th - Ed Hudson, RIP  
 14th - Vinko Strgar, RIP  
 15th - Sr. Margaret  
 Crank, fcj RIP

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Saturday, November 15, 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday, November 16, 2008</u></b>
<b>Lector 1:</b> Moira McMillan	<b>Lector 1:</b> Monica Sargent
<b>Lector 2:</b> Patty Spicer	<b>Lector 2:</b> Gemma Gillis
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>
Nathan Verbeek	Mary Stroet Clara Moore
Willy Koldyk	Theo Sikkes Tim Hicks
Barbara MacDougall	Carol deGelder Nicki Pederson
<b>Greeters:</b> Jim & Marie Z, Kellie W	<b>Greeters:</b> Malbeufs, Eileen B
<b>Coffee/Juice:</b> Greeters	<b>Coffee/Juice:</b> Greeters
<b>Altar Servers:</b> Cr Travis, M/C Patty C. Nolan	<b>Altar Servers:</b> Cr. John M/C Samantha C. Amanda

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**YOUTH GROUP:**  
 Nov. 10th at 6:30pm

**FINANCE COUNCIL  
 MTG.**  
 Nov. 13th at 7pm

**SOCIAL JUSTICE  
 MTG.** Nov.12 @ 5pm

**PARISH/SCHOOL  
 BAZAAR:** The annual Bazaar will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**THURSDAY MORNING  
 BIBLE STUDY** will continue each Thursday from 10:00am- 11:30am at the Parish Centre.

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Church - \$ 2436.00</b>	<b>Refugee:</b>
<b>School - \$397.00</b>	(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00
<b>World Mission (to date) - \$642.00</b>	(pledges received) \$ 43,257.17

Please keep Concetta, Franciska, Blanche, Gloria, Cindy and George in your prayers.

**If you would like a name added to the Prayer Line please contact Lu Blackburn @ 250-847-2135**



**PARISH LIFE**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Rob Onstein 847-0134

**Finance Committee:**

Arlene deGelder 846-9890

**Liturgy Committee:**

Carol deGelder 847-2935

**Youth Group:**

Claudia Hayhurst 847-3280

**Social Justice:**

Vigil Overstall 846-5424

Marj Coupe 846-9239

**Diocesan Appeal:** Alex Bussmann (847-1781), Michael DesHarnais (847-6688)

**Catholic Women's League:**

Cecilia Midnight 847-1840

**Refugee Committee:**

Tim Hicks 847-2881

**St. Joseph's School:**

Susan Forbrigger 847-9414

**Altar Servers:**

Nancy Verbeek 847-1538

**Social Committee:**

Alex Bussmann 847-1781



**BECOMING CHURCH**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, *Becoming Church*. Any amount raised over our goal will remain in our parish to help with any expenditures we may have.

**Parish Goal** \$ 25,147.00  
**Actual to Date** \$ 23,690.00  
**Amount To Goal** \$ 1457.00

**New gifts received this week:** 6  
**Amount of new gifts for this week:** \$1440.00  
**Total number of gifts:** 77  
**Percentage of our Goal - 94%**

**PLEASE NOTE:** the "Diocesan Appeal" envelope in your box of envelopes will not be used this year; it should be discarded. It has been replaced by the Appeal mail out – there will not be a second collection in November for the Appeal.

**THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU**

Parish Pastoral Council and Social Committee thank everyone who attended and participated, rendered their service and gave donation for the Parish Pancake Breakfast that was held last week. We were able to raise the amount of \$455.25, but more than that, we were able to visit with one another and build community!

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**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Our school website: [www.stj.homestead.com](http://www.stj.homestead.com)

**FUNDRAISING STUDENT VARIETY SHOW**

On November 18<sup>th</sup> in our gym many past students of St. Joseph's School will perform in a variety show to raise money for "Child Focus Africa". This project is to help build a dormitory for orphaned children in Migwani District, Kenya with physical or mental handicaps. Child Focus Africa has volunteers who can build the dormitory and volunteers to teach the children life skills so that they can look after themselves when they turn 16. The performance will begin at 1:00 and last approximately 1 hour. Admission will be by donation.

**GIFT CERTIFICATE SALES**

A major fundraiser for our school is selling gift certificates for Bulkley Valley Wholesale, Extra Foods and Safeway. You may purchase these certificates at the school office for face value and the school receives a percentage from the retailer. This is a great way to help our school raise money to help with our daily operations.

## **FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING**



You are invited to a fun-filled, relaxing evening where we will learn about Advent and make an Advent Wreath to take home and have during the Advent Season. We will end the evening with a Prayer of Blessing for the Family during Advent. There will also be coffee, juice and treats after. You pick the day! **Friday, November 28 or Sunday, November 30 from 6 to 7pm** in the Church Foyer. The cost is \$10/wreath for materials (to be collected at the door). Please call the parish office to register.

## **PARISH/SCHOOL BAZAAR**

The Bazaar is on **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00** in the school gym. There is a sign up in the foyer of the Church for workers and donations of sandwich ingredients. Volunteers are needed for set up and sandwich making **Friday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** sharp.

Donations for the craft and bake tables can be dropped off Friday night at the school or at the Parish Office during the week between 9:00 and 3:00.

**The Catholic Women's League of St. Joseph's Parish thanks you for your support.**

## **CWL GENERAL MEETING**

The next CWL meeting will take place on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Members are asked to please bring an item for the basket, which will be raffled off as the door prize at the Bazaar.



## **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE.**

St. Joseph's Parish has been asked to look after the Christmas Kettle on Dec. 5 & 6. If you have a couple of hours to spare on these days, and would like to help us out, please sign up at the back of the church or call Al at 847-9836.

## **PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

Our parish memorial book of remembrance is available at the door of the Church. On the lined pages provided, you are invited to write the names of family members and friends who have died, no matter where or when. The book will be brought forward in the procession and placed before the altar this whole month of November, the month of All Souls. The mass intentions for the masses will be for all the faithful departed. Offering a mass intention, reflects the deep and unbroken Catholic conviction that the Eucharistic sacrifice has pre-eminence among the prayers, good works, alms and acts of religion which believers are encouraged to offer on behalf of the dead. This time of the year therefore, will be a special time to remember our deceased loved ones through prayers and masses to be offered for them.



*Our sincere condolences to the Strgar family on the passing of Vinko this week.*

*May he rest in eternal peace.*

## **REFUGEE UPDATE**

Dear Friends

We are saddened by Augustina's failed appeal. In moving ahead, we are thrilled to announce that Pastoral Council has sent the official request to sponsor a large Congolese refugee family in desperate need. They have been through a bad ordeal so our outreach will provide hope of safety and a new start. The family currently has sanctuary in Kampala, Uganda. The processing by Customs and Immigration Canada can take up to two or three years. Thank you for your patience and continued care and prayers for the plight of refugee everywhere. Thank you for your fidelity towards your pledges and this ministry and we are truly grateful as your offerings faithfully continue to come in.

It is you "Spirit" of compassion, generosity, and community that is making this discipleship and ministry possible. Please check the updated bulletin board. Our gratitude to the Selection Committee and Pastoral Council for their time spent in the discernment, dialogue, and authorizing process to officially request this family.

Peace be with you  
Your Refugee Committee

**Pastoral Assistant:**  
**Detta Smith**

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**  
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**Fr. Rectorino**  
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**SCHEDULE of LITURGIES**  
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2008**  
Mass at Noon Intention??  
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**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008**  
Mass at 11:30am Intention???

**LECTOR:** 1. Raquel Timms 2. Gottlieb Binner  
**EMCs:** Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen  
**SERVERS:** +Jonathon B/C Cole C Malerie  
**GREETERS:** Tammy Hiebert **Volunteers?**

**DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2**

17 envelopes \$ 400.00	<b>Holy Childhood</b> \$ 2.00
Loose \$ 55.00	<b>Elevator Fund</b> (0 envelope) \$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 455.00	<b>Elevator Fund</b> (Oct Janitorial) \$ 37.30
<b>EVANGELIZATION of the NATIONS</b> (to date) \$100.00	
<b>DIOCESAN APPEAL</b> (to date) \$6882.00	

**ELEVATOR FUND:** We need to raise \$104,000.00  
To date we have raised **80,471.97** including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Nov. 10 to 15 Claudine

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

November 16 Susan

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: BECOMING CHURCH**



Please see attached information sheet regarding all parishes and missions throughout the Diocese.  
NOTE: Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.  
Receipts will be issued from the Appeal Office early next year.  
The envelopes you have received for the Diocesan Annual Appeal replace the ones in your box of Collection Envelopes dated November 16. Please dispose of these blue envelopes. Thank you!

**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME: November 9, 2008**

The dedication of a church is a solemnity in the place where it is celebrated, as is the anniversary. The dedication or anniversary of the cathedral church is a feast day for the whole diocese. Today we celebrate the universal feast of the anniversary of the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*: the cathedral church of Rome and thus for the whole Church. Although the original basilica was dedicated to our Saviour, *Basilica Salvatoris*, today the Lateran Basilica is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. It's name pays tribute to the Lateranus family who donated the land upon which it sits, one of Rome's seven hills. It was the first Roman Church to be erected after Constantine legalized Christianity in 313 AD. So today, we do not gather to celebrate a building far away. Instead, we gather to celebrate ourselves, to celebrate all Christians who as Church participate in Christ's death and rising.

**HOME RELIGION FAMILIES**

All families involved in the Home Religion Programme are invited to a meeting/celebration following Mass on Thursday November 20. Mass will be at 2:30pm Our focus will be the Season of Advent and we will share and offer activities for the home which can truly celebrate this season of hope and anticipation. We will also distribute the next package of ma-

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM**

Once again, we will be supporting the Salvation Army's Christmas Hamper programme. The Home Religion Families are co-ordinating this event within our parish. Our Church will be responsible for providing items to support 2 local families. Please refer to the list of needs you were given last weekend. And indicate on the poster in the basement what you are able to donate to these hampers. All items are to be left in the box in the basement by December 14th, when they will be taken to the distribution centre.

**BOOK OF LIFE**

Traditionally, November is the Month of the Holy Souls. A book is left near the Sanctuary containing pages on which you can write the names of deceased family and friends who you would like to be remembered during our November Masses. You may update your page from last year or take a new blank page from the back of the book. As a family, write down the names of your deceased loved ones. You can involve younger children in decorating your page. Place the completed page in the book. (The pages are arranged alphabetically).

**CEMETERY DAY**

We respect cemeteries because they are the resting places of the bodies of our loved ones. In life, these bodies were *Temples of the Holy Spirit* and Christ will raise them again into eternal life. In many communities it is the practice for people to gather in the cemetery once or twice a year to pray for the dead (A Book of Blessings CCCB).

**On Sunday November 9th following Mass, you are invited to gather at our local cemetery. Fr. Rector will lead us in a Blessing of the Graves and prayer for all our loved ones who have died.**

It is also customary to request that Mass be celebrated (either Sunday or Thursday) during the month of November for your deceased relatives and friends. Please ask Detta if you wish to do so. Generally a donation ("Stole Fee") of \$5 or \$10 is offered for the celebration of a Mass.

**THURSDAYS AT ST. ANTHONY'S:** Father Rector has many meetings etc. during the coming weeks. Please check the bulletin each week regarding Mass on Thursdays. If you would like to make an appointment to see Fr. Rector, please check with him when he is with us on Sundays.