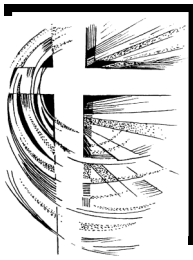

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MISSION STATEMENT

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)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday:	7:30am - Morning Prayer at Sister's house (3884 Alfred Ave)
	9:00am - Liturgy of the Word (Johanna)
Tuesday:	8:30am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday:	8:30am - Morning Prayer
	9:00am - Liturgy of the Word
Thursday:	8:30am - Morning Prayer
	11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
Friday:	8:30am - Morning Prayer
	9:00am - Liturgy of the Word
Saturday:	7:00pm - Eucharist
Sunday:	9:00am - Eucharist

Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00—6:30pm

Triumph of the Cross
September 14, 2008

SEPTEMBER
(No weekday Mass this week)

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Lector 1: Monica Sargent
Lector 2: Patty Spicer
Eucharistic Ministers:
Jean Moisey
Joan Joseph
David Hemenway
Greeters: The Heinbeckers
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

Sunday, September 21, 2008

Lector 1: Linda Rosner
Lector 2: Melissa Cachia
Eucharistic Ministers:
Theo Sikkes Nick Sikkes
Carol deGelder Tim Hicks
Janna Delany Johanna Habjan
Greeters: Maria Pacheco,The Bolens
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

MEETING

SEPTEMBER

15TH - Bishop's Regional Reception in Houston 7pm
20TH - Ministry Workshop 10am
25TH - Finance Council Meeting 7pm

Sunday Collection

Church - $ 1739.00
School - $2310.00

Refugee:
(total pledged) $ 58,740.00
(pledges received) $ *42,302.17*

NEW IN THE PARISH!!

We now have all the past years bulletins in binders and available to our parishioners! (1972—2005). If you would like to view some of these bulletins, please see Linda in the office to sign them out.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Men's Club for their generous donation towards this project.

PARISH LIFE

Parish Pastoral Council:
Rob Onstein 847-0134
Finance Committee:
Arlene deGelder 846-9890
St. Joseph's School:
Susan Forbrigger 847-9414
Youth Group:
Claudia Hayhurst 847-3280
Social Justice:
Vigil Overstall 846-5424
Marj Coupe 846-9239

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

MINISTRY WORKSHOP

St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral, Liturgy Committee, would like to extend an invitation to EVERYONE currently involved in ministry, and those who may be interested in joining, to come to a workshop on:

Saturday September 20th 2008, 10:00 am At St. Joseph's Church

If you have any questions, you may contact Carol deGelder at 847-2935. **Hope to see you there!**

MORNING PRAYER

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START YOUR DAY!!!!

We gather in the Parish Centre at 8:30am from Tuesday - Friday., to pray and reflect on Scripture and other church's readings. Please plan on joining us!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is a program designed for 4-6 year old children. It is designed to teach them stories and values of the bible at their level. Fall sessions focus on stories of the Old Testment, while Christmas through to June follow the weekly Gospel reading.

Children attending Children's Liturgy are called up by the presider after the Opening Prayer. The congregation sings a song of blessing and then Youth Group members accompany them to the adjoining Parish Center, where they facilitate the 15 minute session. The program is coordinated by adult volunteers in the parish. Our deepest gratitude to the coordinators of Children's Liturgy who work so tirelessly in bringing the gospel to our children.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH / SCHOOL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sept 28th 7pm

The date for the AGM has been set for **Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m**. in the church foyer. Everyone is invited to come out and hear what has gone on in the parish and school this past year. This AGM is a great time for us to see how the community has grown and what is planned for the future.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

KID'S CLOTHING SALE

The Fall clothing sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th. To book a table or for more information call Shannon Malbeuf at 847-1857 or Lorina Groot at 847-3389.

NEW INFORMATION

If you have moved, changed jobs, would like your child(ren) to ride the bus please let the office know so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

St. Joseph's Parish will soon be participating in the inaugural Diocesan Annual Appeal with all parishes in the Diocese of Prince George. As part of this new diocesan-wide initiative, Bishop Gerald Wiesner extends an invitation for all ***St. Joseph parishioners*** *to attend a reception at either* ***Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace,*** *on* ***Sunday, September 14th at 7:00pm,*** *or* ***St. Anthony's Parish, Houston****, on* ***Monday, September 15th beginning at 7:00pm,*** *for an opportunity to hear and learn about the goals of this new appeal.*

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!!!!

REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear friends:

We have been informed by Heddie, our Sponsorship Agreement Holder, that Augustina's appeal was unsuccessful. Your pastoral council is in the process of requesting a different family. We regret this turn of events both for Augustina's continuing hardship, and your disappointment in your unfulfilled outreach to Augustina. Please keep hope, and continue to pray for this parish ministry.

Refugee Committee

IMPORTANT RCIA NEWS

We would like to begin our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process in our community. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this important process in our Church, please approach and encourage them to let Fr. Rector know as soon as possible.

THANK YOU FROM DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

As its emergency campaign for the victims of Cyclone Nargis in Burma concludes, Development and Peace wrote thanking Bishop Wiesner and the people of the Diocese of Prince George for the contribution made to this humanitarian effort. More than $1.9 million was raised nationally and distributed through the Caritas Internationalis network to victims in Catholic parishes in Burma. Archbishop Charles Bo of Yangon, Burma, visited many isolated villages in the devastated southern delta region and reported for the first two weeks following the cyclone, the only aid received in these communities was from the Catholic Church. "To date we have been able to supply food, clean water, tarpaulins for shelter, cooking utensils, and medical supplies to approximately 20,000 people. That demonstrates how important it is for the Catholic Church to continue our work to ensure that we support communities as best we can."

Development and Peace – Emergency Relief for Haiti

On September 7th Hurricane Ike was the latest of four major tropical storms to have a catastrophic impact on the small country of Haiti. Other storms are expected later this week. The current death toll is estimated at 630 and there are approximately 650,000 Haitians left in precarious living conditions. According to staff in the field, the storms have wiped out much of the east of the country leaving people without food, water or shelter should more storms hit. Development and Peace is asking the Canadian public to respond by contributing funds for emergency relief and reconstruction in the country. Development and Peace has already committed $50,000 to Caritas Haiti. These funds will provide access to fresh water and sanitation for at least 4,000 people, construct shelter camps and rebuild homes. To donate call toll free 1-888-664-3387, visit the Development and Peace website: www.devp.org or mail your donations to Development and Peace, 1425 René Lévesque Blvd.

Triumph of the Cross

Sometimes it seems there is no end to the sadness and trouble that surrounds us. We may have friends, neighbors or even family members, who are seriously ill, struggling with relationships, out of work, in prison, or victims of other people's sinfulness. How is it that we don't fall into a pit of despair from which we cannot escape? The answer is in the meaning of today's Gospel. Because God loves us and gave us his only Son so that we might return to God, we do not lose hope. Not because we earned or deserve God's love, but because God loves us so much, we will share God's eternal life.

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SCHEDULE of LITURGIES
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2008
Mass at 11;30 Intention: ??

LECTOR: 1. Garry Beaudette 2. Liz Gerei
EMCs: Gail & Vic James
SERVERS: +Lucas B/C Cole C Alicia
GREETERS: Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
Mass at 3:30pm **Intention: ??**

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

17 envelopes	$ 410. 00	**Holy Childhood**	$ 4.00
Loose	$ 39.00	**Elevator Fund** (1 envelope)	$ 40.00
TOTAL	$ 449.00	**Elevator Fund** (Duck race)	$ 1880.00

ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise $80,000.00
To date we have raised **$79,502.97** including Fund Raising & Donations.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE
September 15 - 20 Sherry, Carm

COLLECTION COUNTERS
September 21 Jane

DUCK RACE 2008

THANK YOU to all who supported the Duck Race last weekend: those who sold tickets, bought tickets, 'released' theducks and those who 'netted' them at the end of the race.
SPECIAL THANKS goes to Kelly, Tammy, Dawn and Eric.
We realized a profit of $1880.00 which will go toward our Elevator Fund.
FIRST PRIZE: Scott Stapleton **SECOND PRIZE:** Les Hutton **THIRD PRIZE:** Shayne Deglow

HOME RELIGION FAMILIES

Our first gathering, planning, and distribution of materials will take place on Thursday September 25th. Mass will be celebrated at 2:15pm, followed by a snack and our first meeting of the year.

ADULT FAITH SHARING: Thursdays from 10 to 11:30am

Parishioners are invited to prepare for the upcoming Sunday Liturgy by gathering for a time of sharing, discussion and prayer based on the Sunday readings. If you are not already participating, maybe now is a good time to consider joining us.

PARISH MEETING WITH BISHOP GERRY

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The Diocesan Appeal will affect and involve each of us.
ALL parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend.
Bishop Gerry needs to know the number of those attending. Please let Detta know.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

St. Anthony's Parish AGM will be held on Sunday September 28 following Mass. All parishioners are invited to stay to hear a summary of our past year and to anticipate plans for the future of our faith community.

MASS ON THURSDAYS

Father Rector returns from vacation this week and will continue to offer Mass on Thursdays. Please check the bulletin each week for the time. If you would like to meet with Fr. Rector on one of his Thursday visits, please let Detta know or speak with him after Mass on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Each Sunday, during Mass, **children aged 3 to 7 years** are given an opportunity to celebrate our scripture Readings at their own level and within their own experiences. Following the Opening Prayer, the Presider invited the children with their Catechist to gather in the Sanctuary where they receive a blessing from the rest of the Assembly. They then go to the basement where the Gospel of the Day is proclaimed and broken (explained). The children are encouraged to participate and respond to the Gospel in prayers, songs etc. They return to the Church following the Prayers of Intercession. Sometimes they take home a picture or activity which is meant to assist parents with continued teaching on the Gospel.

CATECHISTS NEEDED: At the moment, we have no one to offer this valuable programme in our parish. If you are interested in working with these children, please see Detta. Preparation and materials are available.