



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**  
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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

Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 6:30pm - Mass  
 7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 9:00am - Mass

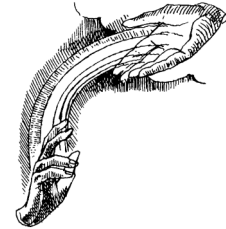
Thursday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge  
 6:30pm - Mass

Friday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 9:00am - Mass (followed by Holy Hour)  
 7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00am - Mass

**During Lent, the Rosary will be prayed before Mass Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday, (6pm) and after Mass on Wednesday & Friday. (5min after Mass)**



**1st Sunday of Lent**  
 March 1, 2009



### MARCH

3rd -  
 4th - Living and deceased members of the Strgar & Neff family  
 5th -  
 6th -  
 7th - +Maria Corria, RIP  
 8th - People of the Parish

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

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 7, 2009

**Lector 1:** Moira McMillan  
**Lector 2:** Gemma Gillis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Nathan Verbeek  
 Michael Spicer  
 Willy Koldyk  
**Greeters:** Jim & Margaret G, Liesel C  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** Cr Patty

### Sunday, March 8, 2009

**Lector 1:** Mabel Hicks  
**Lector 2:** Arlene deGelder  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Theo Sikkes  
 Bob Bresser      Rob Onstein  
 Clara Moore      Tim Hicks  
**Greeters:** Johanna H, Tim & Mabel H  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** Cr. Dylan M/C Darcy  
 C. Nadine

### Fr. Rector's COFFEE or TEA with those Single Again

On Wednesday March 4, after the 9 o'clock Mass, I am inviting parishioners that are **Single Again (widows, divorced, separated)** to come and have coffee or tea with me in the church foyer. If any of you knows of anybody who belongs to this category please extend my invitation to them. See you there!

Essential to the ministry of the Church is to minister to the widows and those that are Single Again. On this period of Lent, I would like to devote a significant time calling members of our parish community that are Single Again. It is my hope that I will be able to provide ministry with them in terms of social, spiritual gatherings and personal visits.

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTIONS</b>	
<b>CHURCH :</b> \$1756.20	<b>SCHOOL:</b> \$4.80
<b>REFUGEE:</b> (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00 (pledges received) \$ 46,330.05	<b>CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA</b> (to date) : \$350.00 <b>LAST BASH BEFORE THE ASH: \$760.58</b>
<b>DIOCESAN APPEAL:</b> <b>Parish Goal</b> \$ 25,147.00	<b>Actual to Date</b> \$ 27,970.00 <b>Amount exceeding Goal</b> \$ 2823.00

# Stations of the Cross

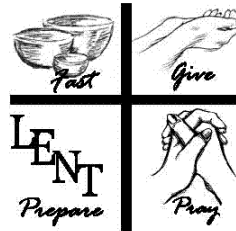
## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year we are doing something new for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent.

We would like to invite parishioners to “host” an evening of one Station, thereby giving us more time for prayer and reflection of each station. We will start at **7:00 pm in the church**. Person, Group or Family who would volunteer to lead will be willingly assisted by Fr. Rector and the Liturgy Committee in terms of preparing the prayers and reflection. The hope is that we will gather as one community, pray and reflect more deeply about the fifteen stations of Jesus’ Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

### The Schedules are as follows:

Station 3:	Tuesday,	March 3
Station 4:	Friday,	March 6
Station 5:	Tuesday,	March 10
Station 6:	Friday,	March 13
Station 7:	Tuesday,	March 17
Station 8:	Friday,	March 20
Station 9:	Tuesday,	March 24
Station 10:	Friday,	March 27
Station 11:	Tuesday,	March 31
Station 12:	Friday,	April 3
Station 13:	Holy Monday,	April 6
Station 14:	Holy Tuesday,	April 7
Station 15:	Holy Wednesday,	April 8



A sign up sheet is available at the back of the church for those of us who would like to volunteer and lead the prayer and reflection.

**LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00pm**



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

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

## BLANKETS

Migwani is looking for 50 blankets to send on a pallet to Africa. If anyone has any new or used blankets in good condition that they would like to donate please send them into the office.

## TAX RECEIPTS

Receipts for tuition, Pre K fees and the After School Program fees were sent home. If you did not receive your receipt or have any questions about it please call the school office.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are holding registration for next year’s Kindergarten for members of our parish, school families and now open to the public. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 please call the school office at 250-847-9414 to set up an appointment with Miss Forbrigger.



# NOTES ABOUT LENT

(Adopted from the ORDO)

During Lent, it is especially important to teach the social consequences of sin as well as the fact that **the heart of virtue of penance is hatred of sin as an offence against God.** The Church has a role in promoting penitential practices. People should be encouraged to pray and do penance for sinners.

During Lent, God's people **do not sing "alleluia"** until believing community has undergone conversion and is ready to sing this chant with renewed meaning during Easter vigil. **"Glory to God" is omitted, and flowers are not used** in decoration.

For those of you who will be interested to read Pope Benedict's Lenten Message please visit this internet link: [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/lent/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20081211\\_lent-2009\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/lent/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20081211_lent-2009_en.html) OR you may want to phone the parish office and we will provide copy for you!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The **World Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Friday in March.** It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. Each year it recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community.

This day can be an opportunity for moving toward a more important role of prayer in the life of our Christian community. It is fitting to have such a day of prayer in Lent, when we are called to more fervent prayer for others.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2009** will be celebrated on **Friday, March 6th at 7pm** at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Telkwa. This year we are praying for "Papua New Guinea". We encourage all women of the parish to come out.



Everyone is welcome to attend.

## CONFIRMATION / FIRST EUCHARIST

**CELEBRATION #2 - Sunday March 8, 2009 (10:15am - 11:00am.)**

The theme of our gathering will be "Sealed with the Holy Spirit!".

Please complete pages 16 - 24 in the Family Books **before the Celebration.**



## RITE OF ELECTION

Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI will be here in our parish on **Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm** to celebrate with our catechumens and candidates the Rite of Election. Catechumens and Candidates (*those that are journeying through RCIA and RCIC process*) will be gathered with their parents, godparents, sponsors, family members, catechists and members of our community to celebrate this rite. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend!

**We continue to pray for our (RCIC): James Follows, Brendan Alexander Gamble, Chloe Gamble, Cassidy Perry, Nicole Perry and (RCIA) Dan Ford, Rachel Lecker, Carol Meeuwissen, Opal Thompson, Karin Koppitz, Erica West as they approach their final preparation for their full initiation into the church.**

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<p><b>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES</b> <b>THURSDAY March 5</b> NO MASS Intention??? ***** <b>SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2009</b> Mass at 11:30am Intention: Bob Vagg RIP</p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> 1. Jane Wardrop 2. Raquel Timms <b>EMCs:</b> Gail &amp; Vic James <b>SERVERS:</b> + Nick B/C Nate C Alicia <b>GREETERS:</b> Liz &amp; Frank Gerei</p>	<p><b>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22</b></p> <table><tr><td>19 envelopes</td><td>\$402.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$2.00</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$ 8.00</td><td>Holy Childhood (Pancake Supper tithe)</td><td>\$81.11</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 410.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (1 envelope)</td><td>\$50.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Special Collection: CMIC</td><td>\$160.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>(to date 10 envs)</td><td></td></tr></table> <p><i>In order to meet our projected expenses, we need to realize a monthly Sunday Collection of \$3000.00.</i></p> <p><i>Last month (February: 4 weeks) we donated \$2765.00</i></p> <p><b>ELEVATOR FUND:</b> We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$92,197.97 including Fund Raising, Grants &amp; Donations.</p>	19 envelopes	\$402.00	Holy Childhood	\$2.00	loose	\$ 8.00	Holy Childhood (Pancake Supper tithe)	\$81.11	Total	\$ 410.00	Elevator Fund (1 envelope)	\$50.00			Special Collection: CMIC	\$160.00			(to date 10 envs)	
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<p><b>7pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7PM</b> March 6 Home Religion Families</p>	<p><b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b> March 8 Adrian</p>																				
<p><b>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE</b> March 2 to 7 Raquel, Ana, Fernanda</p>																					
<p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b></p> <p>Attached to your bulletin is a copy of Pope Benedict XVI's Lenten message.</p> <p>Each week during Lent there will be an attachment and/or insert with your bulletin containing information from Development and Peace. The focus on this year's D and P campaign is the impact that mining in certain 3rd World Countries is having on those who live there. This week's insert is the official magazine produced by Development and Peace. This popular publication includes valuable information about the work of D and P and tells how Share Lent donations have helped to improve the lives of others. In this issue, you can learn how this Catholic organization is committed in its' support of programmes which are contributing toward creating a more just world.</p>																					
<p><b>PRAYING THE PSALMS</b></p> <p><b>LENTEN RETREAT DAY: March 28th</b></p> <p>The Parish Pastoral Council has invited Sr. Donna Dolan rscj from the Domano Renewal Centre in Prince George to lead us in a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday March 28th from 10am to 3pm. The retreat day will include some input on the Psalms as well as listening to, praying and personally reflecting on different kinds of Psalms. The day will include time for sharing and even a bit of humour. A regular practice of encountering God in the Psalms can help revitalize, sustain and nourish our prayer-life through the different seasons of our lives. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for those who participate in the retreat day. You may make a donation if you wish to help defray the expenses incurred.</p> <p><b>This Day of Reflection is open to all parishioners, both at St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's. You are encouraged to make it part of your Lenten journey.</b></p>																					
<p><b>KENYAN ORPHANAGE SUPPORT</b></p> <p>There will be a lunch following Mass on Sunday March 8. Cost: by donation. The proceeds of this lunch will go towards supporting the <i>Joyce Saretsky Orphanage</i> in Kenya. To date, 15 school aged children live at the orphanage. The Saretsky family have committed to raising \$4,500.00 per year which covers the cost of rent on the dormitory and school fees for the children. Our Parish Refugee Fund supplied the beds, mattresses, blankets and sheets. Mosquito nets were also purchased. Please come out to support this important cause. Bring a few extra loonies for a fun activity, with prizes to be won.</p>																					
<p><b>DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE (DYC)</b> <b>May 1,2,3, 2009</b></p> <p>DYC is our annual event for youth. The theme for this year's conference is <i>Lord of Our Dance</i>. Brad Henning of Life Resources is returning as keynote speaker. Brad talks about good relationships and is very much in demand across Western US and Canada. Youth from across Northern BC and other parts of Western Canada come to DYC to pray, think about important things in life, meet other people, renew friendships and have other good experiences. DYC is for youth Grades 8 to 12. Registration forms will be available in early March. Be sure to reserve May 1-3 for DYC 2009. For more information about DYC and Brad Henning refer to your Advent-Christmas Youth Newsletter.</p>																					
<p><b>CWL: The next regular meeting will be on Thursday March 12th at noon. Bring a bag lunch.</b></p>																					
<p><b>HOME RELIGION FAMILIES</b></p> <p>The next scheduled gathering on March 12 has been cancelled. Please check the table in the basement for your next package of materials.</p>																					
<p><b>THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU</b></p> <p>The Home Religion Families thank all who supported the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. After expenses, we realized \$103.95, with a tithe of \$10.39 going to the Holy Childhood.</p>																					