



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

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 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 (Rob)

Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer

Thursday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer  
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge

Friday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer

Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00am - Mass



**HERE I AM, LORD**

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 January 18, 2009

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

**Fr. Rector will be away in Vancouver from January 19 - 23.**



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 24, 2009**

**Lector 1:** Asuncion Dumlao

**Lector 2:** Trevor Bruintjes

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Nick Sikkes

Mairead Sikkes

Michael Spicer

**Greeters:** Jim & Margaret G,  
 Monica S

**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters

**Altar Servers:** Cr Patty, M/C Travis

**Sunday, January 25, 2009**

**Lector 1:** Mabel Hicks

**Lector 2:** Kristi Pederson

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Rob Onstein Mary Stroet

Lu Blackburn Bob Bresser

Theo Sikkes Rita Ricketts

**Greeters:** Wayne & Andrea C, Kellie W

**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters

**Altar Servers:** Cr. Dylan M/C Darcy  
 C. Bradley

**JANUARY**

**There will be NO weekday masses from January 20 - 23rd.**

**24th - 25th - People of our Parish**

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

**CONFIRMATION / FIRST EUCHARIST**

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on Tuesday April 21st at 5:00pm with Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI. Preparations for these sacraments will begin shortly. If your child is in Grade 2 (or older), and you would like him/her to celebrate these sacraments this year, please contact the parish office at 847-2012.

**IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING IN THE PARISH CENTRE**

Thursday, February 5th at 7:00pm

**Presence at all our gatherings is required.**



## 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

**Catholic Women's League:**

Johanna Habjan 847-4504

**Refugee Committee:**

Tim Hicks 847- 2881

**St. Joseph's School:**

Susan Forbrigger 847-9414

**Altar Servers:**

Nancy Verbeek 847-1538

**Diocesan Appeal /Social Committee:**

Alex Bussmann 847- 1781

Michael DesHarnais 847 - 6688

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

**CHURCH :**

\$2625.00

**REFUGEE:**

(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00

**DIOCESAN APPEAL:**

Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00

**SCHOOL:**

\$395.00

(pledges received) \$ 43,917.17

**Actual to Date \$ 27,870.00**

**Amount exceeding Goal \$ 2723.00**

### **JUBILEE YEAR IN HONOR OF ST. PAUL**

In June 2007, Pope Benedict XVI announced a special year dedicated to Saint Paul. The Year of Saint Paul will run from June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009. This Jubilee Year will mark the approximate 2000th anniversary of Saint Paul's birth. Pope Benedict XVI also announced that the Pauline Year will be ecumenical in a special way, reflecting Saint Paul's commitment to the unity and harmony of all Christians. In this way, the Church will be reminded of her need to be witnesses to the Gospel message.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul falls on Sunday this year. Because this is the year of St. Paul, to celebrate it on Sunday is permitted.

Fr. Venerando Sabacan, one of the priests of our Diocese of Prince George and is now visiting our parish, will preside over the Masses on this particular weekend and will try to give us some insight about St. Paul. He will invite us also to be a witness to the Gospel message by remembering St. Paul. It will be his attempt to lead us on our own journey of faith by recalling St. Paul's commitment and rich contribution to our faith.



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER.....** The Library Cart will be out in the foyer on the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month.



## **ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

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

**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.

***Certificates will be available to purchase after Mass THIS weekend.***

**Parish Pastoral Council Update:**

- ◆ St. Joseph's School shared half of the proceeds from the Fall Fair Gate with the parish. Thank you!
- ◆ Donations to the Broadway House were very much appreciated.
- ◆ To date - we have exceeded our Diocesan Appeal goal by \$2723.00
- ◆ Sacramental preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist will begin soon.
- ◆ Christmas Caroling and Parish Family Day celebration were a huge success.
- ◆ 2 vacancies on Council—if interested, please contact the parish office.

**Thank you...**

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to thank **Alex Bussmann, Michael DesHarnais, the Social Committee** and the **Filipino Community** for hosting the Parish Family Day Celebration last December 27, 2008 – Feast of the Holy Family. It was a very lively evening with lots of food and fun! Indeed it is a good way to celebrate Christmas as a parish family and to build up our parish community. Our gratitude also to our **many parishioners** who were present for the celebration, thanks for always supporting our parish activities!

**Thank you...**

Once and for all I would like to thank the **Liturgy Committee** of our parish headed by **Carol deGelder** for the many works she and **the rest of the group** contributed in terms of decorating our Church. I am aware of the many hands who came to help in making our Church beautiful and very suited for the Christmas Season. Thanks also for **our parishioners** who donated flowers and poinsettias to decorate the Church. For **all our parishioners** who were involve in the different liturgical and non-liturgical ministries *i.e.* Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Hospitality, to all of you: your constant sharing of time, talent and even your treasure are always greatly appreciated!

**Thank you...**

The other thing that was very important in all our Christmas celebrations was the music. I think we were all witness to the glorious and joyful singing of **our parish choir** and **some other parishioners** during the Advent and Christmas Season. For this, we all thank you for the tremendous amount of time and effort you gave in order to make our time of worship more uplifting and spirit filled. Thank you very much to **Lorie Cachia** and **Mary Spicer** for your constant dedication in enhancing the music ministry of the parish. Your commitment is always noticed and being appreciated!

**Thank you...**

To **all of you** who sent gifts and expressed greetings both on Christmas and New Year, thank you for all your generosity and thoughtfulness! May God bless you and your family more abundantly! May He grant your prayers according to your needs and give you peace and joy... with much thankfulness and appreciation, Fr. Rector.

**BULLETIN REMINDER:**

If anyone would like to "pre-view" the bulletin for that current week, we have it posted on the website by Friday at 3pm. The website is: [www.stjosephsmithers.com](http://www.stjosephsmithers.com)



**PARISH FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION VIDEO**

Reinier Kanis was gracious enough to film the Parish Family Day Celebration and has made copies of the celebration. If you would like to have a personal copy of this cd, please contact Reinier through the parish office.

**Since we did not receive any concerns about posting the photos and video from the Parish Family Day Celebration, it has now been LINKED to our website.**

**CHECK IT OUT - IT'S GREAT!!!!**

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

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**  
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<p><b>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES</b> <b>THURSDAY JANUARY 22</b> No Mass ***** <b>SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2009</b> Mass at 11:30am Intention???</p> <p><b>LECTOR:</b> 1. Barb Jarvis 2. Gottlieb Binner <b>EMCs:</b> Gail and Vic James <b>SERVERS:</b> +Malerie B/C Jonathon C Volunteer? <b>GREETERS:</b> Tammy Hiebert Bill Goold</p>	<p><b>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY JANUARY 11</b></p> <table><tr><td>12 envelopes</td><td>\$180.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$4.10</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$24.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (2 envelopes)</td><td>\$90.00</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 304.00</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p><b>ELEVATOR FUND:</b> We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$90,342.47 including Fund Raising, Grants &amp; Donations.</p>	12 envelopes	\$180.00	Holy Childhood	\$4.10	loose	\$24.00	Elevator Fund (2 envelopes)	\$90.00	Total	\$ 304.00		
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<p><b>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE</b> January 19 to 24 Raquel, Ana, Fernanda</p>	<p><b>COLLECTION COUNTERS</b> January 25 Adrian</p>												

**DATE / TIME CHANGE:** The next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be held on **Thursday January 22, 2009 at 2:30pm**. Council meetings are open to all parishioners - we welcome your input and involvement.

#### ORDINARY TIME

The Feast of the *Baptism of the Lord* which the Church celebrated on January 11, marked the end of the Christmas Season. We are now in the liturgical season called *Ordinary Time*. Ordinary Time is marked by the wearing of green vestments and a semi-continuous reading of a single Gospel. This year we follow the Gospel of Mark, although the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is always taken from the Gospel of John. The phrase *Ordinary Time* actually comes from the term *Ordinal Time* and is a method of counting the Sundays between the Great Seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. NO Sunday can ever be regarded as "ordinary" as Sunday is the day for all Christians to rejoice and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus: it is what we call *The Lord's Day*.

**This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad.**

The beginning of a New Year is an opportune time to review some of our Catholic customs and teachings. Over the next few weeks, until Lent, we will therefore look at some of our practices and precepts.

#### MASS STIPENDS (OFFERINGS) / STOLE FEES

The practice of asking for Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention, goes back to the 4th century. This request was usually accompanied by an offering or "stipend". The original offering would have been food or money gifts both for the poor and for the ordinary support of the priest. These gifts were essential as they were often the only means by which the priest could support himself. In modern times, Mass Stipends (along with Stole Fees connected with Baptism, Wedding and Funerals), have been carefully regulated by Church Law. The Code of Canon Law uses the term Mass Offering rather than Stipend: a change which suggests that the donation is a free-will offering rather than a payment or "buying" of a Mass. In our Diocese, the suggested offering is \$5.00. The Mass offering is given to the priest whereas the Stole Fee becomes part of the parish income. When requesting that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention, we must be careful not to fall into the misunderstanding that we are purchasing something special. The principal beneficiary of the Mass is always the entire Church as the Communion of Saints and that we are simply requesting that those celebrating remember a particular intention while praying. (Canon Law #956)

At St. Anthony's Parish, Mass Intentions can be requested for either the Mass on Sunday or the Mass on Thursday. The intention can be for the deceased or the living. (e.g. for the sick, for a birthday, for an anniversary etc.) Mass cards are available for you to send. Please see Detta if you wish to request a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention.

#### 2009 CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Catholic Calendars were recently included with your bulletin. We ask that you consider making a \$2.00 donation to help cover the cost, shipping etc. of these calendars. Please leave your donation in the labeled box on the ledge in the Entrance Way. There are a few calendars left if you did not receive one or would like another.

**CHANGE FOR A CHANGE** - This monthly collection will take place on Sunday January 25th.

#### CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST 2009

Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI will be with us at St. Anthony's on Wednesday May 6, 2009 to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Preparation for these sacraments will begin soon. If your child is in Grade 2 (or older) and you would like him/her to celebrate the sacraments this year, please register now with Detta so that materials can be ordered. **Any adult who is not yet confirmed is also asked to see Detta.**

#### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is celebrated throughout the world. Christians of all denominations unite in prayer, celebrating the truth that what unites is greater than that which divides. The Houston Ministerial Association will be hosting this Ecumenical Service on Sunday January 25th at 2pm. Please mark this date on your calendars. Watch the bulletin for further information.