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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: 8:45am - 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
 7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass
 Sunday: 9:00am - Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00—6:30pm

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



2nd Sunday of Lent
 March 8, 2009



MARCH

- 10th -
- 11th -
- 12th -
- 13th -
- 14th - +Marion Corria, RIP
- 15th - People of the Parish

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

Our sincere condolences to the families of MARIA CONCETTA SIA, who passed away last week.
 "May she rest in eternal peace."

Rest in Peace

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Lector 1: Patty Spicer
Lector 2: David Hemenway
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Bob Bresser
 Jean Moisey
 Willy Koldyk
Greeters: Heinbeckers, Sheila C
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Patty M/C Aimee
 C. Nolan

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Lector 1: Asun Dumlaog
Lector 2: Brian Burrill
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Al & Tina Bruintjes
 Carol deGelder Tim Hicks
 Janna Delany Johanna Habjan
Greeters: Maria P, Bolens
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr. Lindsey M/C Seb
 C. Jessica
Children's Liturgy: Trent, Ty

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CONCLUDED

We express our gratitude to Mr. & Mrs. Gerry and Mary Spicer, Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI who assisted Fr. Rectorino in his effort to prepare our parishioners who are intending to get married in the Catholic Church. Last Monday, March 2, the Marriage Preparation in our parish was concluded. For our information, this was the first time ever that this preparation was offered in our parish.

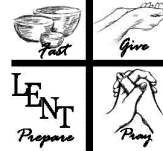


Let us pray for the following engaged couple (EC) and civilly married couple (CM) who finished their preparation and are intending to get married in the near future: (EC) Marshall Madam & Michelle Alex; Jessea Grice & Stephanie Hickman; Tyson Gamble & Opal Thompson; (CM) Dan Ford & Yarah Jainar.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
CHURCH : \$2002.00	SCHOOL: \$196.00
REFUGEE: (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00 (pledges received) \$ 46,330.05	CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA (to date) : \$405.00
DIOCESAN APPEAL: Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00	Actual to Date \$ 27,970.00 Amount <u>exceeding</u> Goal \$ 2823.00

Stations of the Cross

Station 5: Tuesday, March 10 - School Council
Station 6: Friday, March 13 -



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.

For those who would like to pray the complete Stations of the Cross in 1 night, you are invited to come join the RCIA group on March 30th at 7pm. If you would like to pray the Stations of the Cross on your own time, you are welcome to come to the church anytime during the week.

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

PARISH DONATION BOX

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to Theo Sikkes for constructing our beautiful Donation Boxes in the church foyer! They look amazing! The Donation Box is divided into three parts . One part is for donations of non-perishable food items, another is for donations to the Broadway House, and the third one is for any miscellaneous donation items that we are collecting for any particular month. (eg. Blankets for Lejac). Each section is labeled for your donated items.

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for coffee / tea on Wednesday. Thank you also to the CWL for preparing the goodies for this social event. Our next "Singles Again" coffee/tea break with Fr. Rector has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

50TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

"HALL OF FAME"

As part of the St. Joseph's School 50th Anniversary celebration this year, we would like to have an Alumni "Hall of Fame". We are asking for suggestions of names for this purpose so that we can send out biographical questionnaires and request photos. If you know of anyone who attended our school and "did St. Joseph's proud" please provide us with their name and contact information so that we can contact them. Information can be dropped off at either the Parish or 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 31st, 2009 please call the school office at 250-847-9414 to set up an appointment with Miss Forbrigger.



NOTES ABOUT LENT

Traditional Lenten Disciplines

(Adapted from 2009 Catholic Lenten Calendar)

Prayer & Worship: Lent is an ideal time to spend more time with God in prayer and worship. Traditional practices include attending Mass more often, praying the Rosary, preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, reading the Bible and praying the Stations of the Cross.

Fasting & Abstinence: All Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast - eat no more than one full meal per day - on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Almsgiving: Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved through their sacrifices. During Lent, all are encouraged to practice charity and perform Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.



Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Monday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Cathedral**, followed by a reception. A pamphlet prepared by Fr. John Garden on the meaning of the Chrism Mass is available from the parish office. In this celebration we gather from around the diocese as one family. We recall our baptismal anointing as priest, prophet and king; we give thanks for the gift of the ordained priesthood and we receive the sacred oils that will be used during the year for baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick and ordination.

It is a most joyful event of our Diocesan Family - plan to take part!

RITE OF ELECTION

On March 7, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon the following catechumens were received by Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI – James Follows, Brendan Alexander Gamble, Chloe Gamble, Dan Ford, Rachel Lecker, Carol Meeuwissen, Opal Thompson. As they give their “pledge of fidelity” to the church, their names are now inscribed in the Book of Enrolment. Through the Rite of Election, the church now declares its approval or acceptance of candidates for full initiation. They are now called elect and they will join us at the Lord’s Table this Easter vigil.



The following candidates (those that were already baptized but also seeking full initiation in the church through Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) Cassidy Perry, Nicole Perry, Karin Koppits, and Erica West together with their sponsors were also present and acknowledge during the celebration of the Rite of Election.

As the Elect and Candidates in our parish approach their final preparation for their full initiation into the Church, let us continue to pray and show support to them!

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.**



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<p>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY March 12 Mass at 12:00 Intention???</p> <p>*****</p> <p>SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2009 Mass at 11:30am Intention: ???</p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Barb Jarvis 2. Shirley Collins EMCs: Garry and JoAnn Beaudette SERVERS: + Jared B/C Jonathon C VOLUNTEER GREETERS: Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen</p> <p>7pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7PM March 13 CWL</p>	<p>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY MARCH 1</p> <table><tr><td>22 envelopes</td><td>\$720.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$1.45</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$ 35.50</td><td>Holy Childhood (Pancake Supper tithe)</td><td>\$10.39</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 755.50</td><td>Elevator Fund (2 envelope)</td><td>\$120.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Elevator Fund (Feb. Janitorial)</td><td>\$156.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Change for a Change</td><td>\$ 30.10</td></tr></table> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$92,473.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS March 8 Adrian</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE March 9 to 14 Shirley, Jane</p>	22 envelopes	\$720.00	Holy Childhood	\$1.45	loose	\$ 35.50	Holy Childhood (Pancake Supper tithe)	\$10.39	Total	\$ 755.50	Elevator Fund (2 envelope)	\$120.00			Elevator Fund (Feb. Janitorial)	\$156.00			Change for a Change	\$ 30.10
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PRAYING THE PSALMS
LENTEN RETREAT DAY: March 28th

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.

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.

CWL: The next regular meeting will be on Thursday March 12th following Mass. Bring a bag lunch.

HOME RELIGION FAMILIES

The next scheduled gathering on March 12 has been cancelled.
Please check the table in the basement for your next package of materials.

'BAKE-LESS' BAKE SALE

Next Sunday (March 8), the CWL will invite you to participate in a 'Bake-Less' Bake Sale. You will receive an envelope in which you are asked to donate the amount you might spend at a Bake Sale. Proceeds of this fundraiser will help support CWL commitments and obligations e.g. annual donation to support a 'foster-child' in Peru.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is observed annually in Lent. It is an Invitation for all 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 of Prayer is celebrated in approximately 165 countries. **Check bulletin next week for Date/Time/Location.**

ADULT FAITH SHARING

There will be no AFS meeting on Thursday March 12.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE: Each week during Lent there will be an attachment and/or insert with your bulletin containing information from Development and Peace. The focus of this year's D and P campaign is the impact that mining in certain 3rd World Countries is having on those who live there. Included with your bulletin is a newsletter entitled "Partners in Action" which explains the work of Development and Peace and tells how your Share Lent donations are used to help improve the lives of others.

CHRISM MASS. The Mass of Chrism is celebrated annually by the bishop and priests of the diocese. It is a sign of the unity and communion of the priests with the bishop. During Mass, the bishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens (*used in the Sacrament of Baptism*), and the Oil of the Sick (*used in the Sacrament of Anointing*). The Oil of Chrism (*used in the Sacraments of Infant Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders*) is also consecrated at this Mass. Parishioners from across the diocese (Prince Rupert to Prince George to Fort St. John) are invited and encouraged to gather at the Cathedral Church to share in this diocesan celebration. It is appropriate for parishioners to receive the Oils from the bishop and to bring them back to their respective parishes. (Detta will be able to take 2 or 3 people with her. Accommodation will be taken care of.)

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday March 30 at 7:00pm.