



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

Monday: 9:00am - Mass - Presentation of the Lord
 Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 6:30pm - Mass
 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
 6:30pm - Mass followed by Holy Hour
 Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass
 Sunday: 9:00am - Mass



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 1, 2009



Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00—6:30pm

FEBRUARY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Lector 1: Vigil Overstall
Lector 2: David Hemenway
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Michael Spicer
 Mairead Sikkes
 Nathan Verbeek
Greeters: Jim & Margaret G, June P
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Travis, M/C. C.

Sunday, February 8, 2009

Lector 1: Linda Rosner
Lector 2: Brian Burrill
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Mary Stroet Clara Moore
 Al & Tina Bruintjes
 Bob Bresser Nicki Pederson
Greeters: Pete & Mary S, Malu R
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr. Dylan M/C Darcy
 C. Bradley

2nd - Living & Deceased members of the Bresser family
3rd -
4th -
5th -
6th -
7th - Sr. Agnes Morgan,fcj RIP
8th - People of the 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.



INCOME STATEMENT: For the Period July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
<u>REVENUE:</u>			
Donations/Collections	\$60,793	\$67,000	-\$6,207
Third Party Collections	\$9,886	\$23,500	-\$13,614
Operating Revenues	\$3,226	\$7,575	-\$4,349
Sale of Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfer from Reserves	\$0	\$2,378	-\$2,378
Total Revenue	\$73,905	\$100,453	-\$26,548
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Payout Third Party Col- lections	\$9,886	\$23,500	-\$13,614
Charitable Works	\$8,683	\$250	\$8,433
Operating Costs	\$50,697	\$76,453	-\$25,756
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$250	-\$250
Transfer to Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$69,266	\$100,453	-\$31,187
BALANCE FORWARD	\$4,639	\$0	\$4,639

Congratulations to us all for working together to build a healthier parish both spiritually and financially.

PLEASE NOTE however, that donations are falling behind our needs for the year so any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

<u>SUNDAY COLLECTIONS</u>	
CHURCH :	SCHOOL:
\$1540.50	\$20.00
REFUGEE:	
(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00	(pledges received) \$ 44,122.17
DIOCESAN APPEAL:	
Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00	Actual to Date \$ 27,870.00
Amount <u>exceeding</u> Goal \$ 2723.00	

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

COOKIE DOUGH

Make your Valentines some homemade cookies or spend some time with your Valentines making heart shaped cookies from the Grade 7 Cookie Dough. Choose from Sugar Cookies, Ginger Snaps and Chocolate Chip.



Butter is an option for an extra \$3.00. **Please find the Cookie Dough order form on the school's bulletin board at the back of the church.** Orders must be in by Wednesday, Feb. 4th for pick-up Feb. 10th. All proceeds go towards the Grade 7 trip.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Mass will be offered on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Monday, February 2 at 9 o'clock in the morning. Traditionally, on this feast candles are blessed at the beginning of the Mass. If you want candles blessed, please bring them when you attend the Mass.

February 2 is also a **World Day for Consecrated Life**. "The purpose of the day is to 'help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels' as well as 'to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.'" – [John Paul II, 1997 message] St. Joseph's Parish has been blessed to be served by many religious brothers and sisters for several years. Today we will particularly remember those religious in our prayer. At present, we still have one religious sister in the parish community by the name of Sr. Mary Shea, FCJ.

BACK TO CHRISTMAS!

Early this month, we provided you with the highlights of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. We were informed that the Parish Community Carolling was well received by many parishioners and we thank you for its outcome. But we neglect to publish, the total amount that was collected. For our information, the Filipino Community **collected \$ 920** from the generous people they visited and the same amount was submitted to the parish. They also collected food that will be given to the food bank and most of all they meet several of our parishioners. Again, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**. May you continue to support our parish in ways that you can.

C.W.L. NEWS

REMINDER: CWL Membership of \$25.00 is due.



We will celebrate Eucharist with the sacrament of anointing on Wednesday **February 11th at 9:00am**. Anyone who wishes to receive this sacrament is welcome to attend. If you know of any friends or shut-in's who would like to attend but have no transportation, please call the parish office. CWL will host a luncheon after the service. **Anyone who is ill in mind, body or spirit can receive this sacrament.**

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our first installment rebate of \$943.00 was received from the Diocesan Annual Appeal Office. As promised, quarterly payments will continue until final numbers are totaled on August 31, 2009. Thank you to everyone in making the inaugural year of our Diocesan Annual Appeal such a great success.

REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear Friends

Our Refugee Project is very much alive. As of September 2008, a family of 15 from Congo has been offered refuge by our Parish Community. The family consists of parents, eight children, one orphaned grandchild, and two married adult children with spouses who must apply separately. The Canadian Government now has up to three years to screen and process the applications. Our Refugee Fund is now at **\$43,917.17**. Thank you for your discipleship and generosity to this ministry and your fidelity to your pledges.

Every donation is very important. So please stick to your pledges - even in these troubled economic times, for the situation for the refugee families is dire also, and they need hope. We are now in the final year of our three year pledge process, but some second year commitments have not yet come in. Please do not lose heart and enthusiasm for this project due to the long time span. Thank you!

Peace be with you,

The Refugee Committee

Please keep Johanna Hendriksen, Cindy, Bina & a personal intention in your prayers.

If you would like a name added to the Prayer Line please contact

Lu Blackburn @ 250-847-2135



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<p>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5 Mass at 2:30pm Intention???</p> <p>*****</p> <p>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2009 Mass at 11:30am Intention: Barbara Siegrist</p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Raquel Timms 2. Barb Jarvis</p> <p>EMCs: Gail & Vic James</p> <p>SERVERS: + Jonathon B/C Malerie C Nick or Nate</p> <p>GREETERS: Liz & Frank Gerei</p>	<p>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY JANUARY 25</p> <table><tr><td>21 envelopes</td><td>\$420.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$14.63</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$ 88.00</td><td>Change for a Change</td><td>\$47.27</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 508.00</td><td></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. Last month (January: 4 weeks) we donated \$1832.00</i></p> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$91,740.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p>	21 envelopes	\$420.00	Holy Childhood	\$14.63	loose	\$ 88.00	Change for a Change	\$47.27	Total	\$ 508.00		
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CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE
February 2 to 7 Sherry and Carm

COLLECTION COUNTERS
February 8 Robert

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.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Believing and assembling go together. It was natural therefore, that from the beginning, and still today, Christians joined one another in a group ritual. Christians felt a need to meet with God as a group on a regular basis or according to some kind of calendar.

Followers of Jesus took it for granted that all the baptized would participate in the Sunday Eucharist assembly. In an early Christian writing, it says: "On the Lord's Day come together and break bread and give thanks, after confessing your sins that your sacrifice may be pure". (Didache, c,100)

For the first 3 centuries, no particular church discipline enforced participation in the Sunday assembly, or Mass. Enthusiastic weekly assembly was motivated by deep devotion to Christ's resurrection and expectation that this Christ would soon return.

As the centuries passed, presence at Sunday Mass was always considered a serious matter. At one time, persons were to be excommunicated for a short time if they lived in the area and yet neglected Mass for three Sundays!

By the 13th century, it had become a common law of the church that all Catholics seven years of age older, must attend Mass on Sunday, unless dispensed or excused for a serious reason.

The present law of the Church regarding Mass attendance reads: **On Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are to abstain from those labours and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body.** (Canon 1247).

There is a big difference in this present law from those that preceded it. In the old law, the faithful were bound only to be physically present at Mass. The present law, in using the words "to participate in the Mass", encourages active presence.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: February 15, 2009

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

The proceeds of this Special Collection will go to CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA (previously known as "Church Extension"). Many dioceses and small parishes depend on this organization to help them with their financial responsibilities. Our own diocese receives annual help from CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA without which many parishes (including our own) would not be able to survive. A specially marked envelope is included in your box of donation envelopes. For those parishioners not presently using these donation envelopes, we ask that you place your donation in a plain envelope marked CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA. Add your name to the envelope if you would like to receive a tax receipt. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.**

Cupcake/cookie decorating

HOME RELIGION FAMILIES

Cupcake/cookie decorating

We will gather on Thursday February 12, following Mass at 2:30pm. Don't forget to bring a dozen plain cupcakes and/or cookies for decorating. Frosting and other decorations will be provided.

PARISHIONERS: The children will be selling these "Valentine Delights" after Mass on Sunday February 15. The proceeds of this sale will go to the Holy Childhood Association.

Please come prepared to buy!!



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.**