



# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Pastor: Fr. Rectorino Tolentino, jr • Pastoral Assistant: Ronnie Cruz • Secretary: Linda Potter

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

## 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

<b>Tuesday:</b>	6:00pm - Evening Prayer 6:30pm - Mass	
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:30am - Morning Prayer 9:00am - Mass	
<b>Thursday:</b>	<i>Vigil of Christmas</i> 7:00pm - Children's Mass 10:30pm - Midnight Mass	
<b>Friday:</b>	<i>Nativity of the Lord</i> 9:00am - Mass	
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am - Mass	

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

<b>DECEMBER 12/13</b>	
<b>CHURCH :</b> \$ 2602.00	<b>SCHOOL:</b> \$ 80.00
<b>DIOCESAN APPEAL:</b> Parish Goal: \$23,400.00 Total Pledged: \$23,865.00 \$ exceeding goal: \$465.00	
<b>REFUGEE:</b> (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00 (pledges received) \$ 50,709.09	

## 2010 Envelopes

The 2010 Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up from the tables in entrance way. If you are not presently using envelopes and would like to do so, please contact Linda at the Parish Office (847-2012). **PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS.** By using envelopes, we are better able to estimate our receipted donations - and you have a receipt by which you can use your contribution to the Church as a taxable deduction.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**DECEMBER**  
22nd - John Kanis, RIP  
23rd - Louis Schibli's 90th birthday  
24th - 7:00pm - People of the Parish  
10:30pm - People of the Parish  
25th - People of the Parish  
27th - David & Marj Hemenway Anniversary Blessings  
If you wish to have a Mass offered for a Special Intention, please call the Parish Office.



Our condolences to Reinier Kanis, on the passing of his brother John this past week. May he rest in eternal peace.

## Prayer For Advent

SPIRIT OF GOD, you stir our hearts in the Advent season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums. You urge us to be alert to the coming of the Lord, whether now or at the end of time. You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end. Enlighten our hearts with your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find you, especially in the needs of the poor. Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more than the world can ever give. Amen.



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Vigil of Christmas) 7:00pm Children's Christmas Mass  
10:30pm Midnight Mass (Smithers)  
Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> (Nativity of the Lord) 9:00am Mass (Smithers)  
12:00pm Mass (Houston)  
Friday, January 1st 9:00am Mass (Smithers)  
12:00pm Mass (Houston)

### SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 20TH - Beginning at 12 noon, we will decorate the church for Christmas.

JANUARY 10th - Beginning at 12 noon, we will be taking down the decorations.

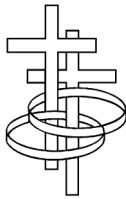
*"Many Hands Make Light Work"*

For more information please call Carol at 250-847-2935



Our final CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE will be held on Monday Dec 21st @ 7pm in the church. EVERYONE is invited to attend.

### PRAYER FOR THOSE THAT ARE CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Blessed are you, Lord, loving God of all creation:  
You have made us your beloved and have showered gifts upon us.

We thank you for the life of those celebrating an Anniversary,  
and for their years together.

Continue to fill their hearts with love for you and for each other.

Bless them and their children and all their relatives and friends.

Lead us all through this life to eternal happiness with you.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### CONFIRMATION / FIRST EUCHARIST



The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on **Wednesday May 19, 2010 at 5:00pm** with Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI. Preparations for these sacraments will begin in January. 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.

### REFUGEE UPDATE

Dear friends:

In our countdown to receive our Congolese Refugee family, we have approximately 36 months to go—if the family passes the Immigration Canada screening process. Thank you for your patience. This December, we approach the end of our three year refugee pledge project. As I was reviewing the status and balances of the pledges, I was overwhelmed once again by your generosity, your fidelity, and our outreach as a community to our sisters and brothers in need. For those wishing to verify the status of their pledge, the information is available in the parish office. During this season of Emmanuel—God is with us, we send our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you for demonstrating the power of love within us and in our community, when we sacrifice ourselves in the spirit of Jesus, for our neighbor. Thank you.

Tim Hicks & the Refugee Committee

# Christmas Ministry Schedule



**THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH, 2009 7:00PM**

## Children's Christmas Eve Mass

**Lector 1:** Children reading    **Lector 2:** Children reading

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol deGelder, Clara Moore, Willy Koldyk, Bob Bresser, Janna Delany, Johanna Habjan

**Greeters:** Johanna Habjan

**Altar Servers:** Please check in the Sacristy

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 24TH, 2009 10:30PM**

## Christmas Eve Mass

**Lector 1:** Brian Burrill

**Lector 2:** Mabel Hicks

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tina Gemmell, Rob Onstein, Tim Hicks, David Hemenway, Theo Sikkes, Nick & Mairead Sikkes

**Greeters:** Liesel Cleveland, Bina Tucker

**Altar Servers:** Please check in the Sacristy

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH, 2009 - 9:00AM**

**Lector 1:**

**Lector 2:** Monica Sargent

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Willy Koldyk, Carol deGelder, Lu Blackburn, Bob Bresser, Al Bruintjes, Johanna Habjan

**Greeters:** Rob & Mary Boyce

**Altar Servers:** Please check in the Sacristy

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 26TH, 2009**

**NO MASS**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27TH, 2009 - 9:00AM**

**Lector 1:** Kristi Pederson

**Lector 2:** Brian Burrill

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lu Blackburn, Mary Stroet, Johanna Habjan, Janna Delany, Al & Tina Bruintjes

**Greeters:** Theo & Corry Sikkes, Maria Pacheco

**Altar Servers:** Please check in the Sacristy

**FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST, 2009 - 9:00AM**

**Lector 1:** Johanna Habjan

**Lector 2:** David Hemenway

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lu Blackburn, Mary Stroet, David Hemenway, Theo Sikkes, Bob Bresser, Johanna Habjan

**Greeters:** ??

**Altar Servers:** Please check in the Sacristy

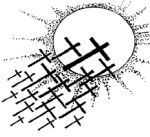
*A "HUGE Thank You" from Broadway Place for your continued support and generosity to the shelter. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.*

*Merry Christmas to all!*



## Parish Christmas Party & Family Day 2009

On **Sunday December 27**, Feast of the Holy Family, we will once again gather as one family of the parish community of St. Joseph's Parish. This will be our Parish Christmas Party and Family Day Celebrations. As early as now, we invite and encourage individual, couples, group of people in the parish who would like to render a performance for that evening. This will be a potluck dinner to be hosted by the different cultural groups in our parish and being headed by our Social Committee. **Sign Up sheets are located on the bulletin board at the back of the church.**



# ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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## SCHEDULE of LITURGIES

### CHRISTMAS DAY - 12:00pm

**LECTOR:** Jane W

**EMCs:** Vic & Gail James

**SERVERS:** Lucas & Alicia

**GREETERS:** Bill Goold

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### SUNDAY DECEMBER 27, 2009

Mass at 11:30am

**LECTOR:** 1. Shirley C                      2. Gotlieb B

**EMCs:** Adrian M                              Vic J

**SERVERS:** Lucas B                          Alicia B

**GREETERS:** Jane W.                      Jo M.

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY - 12:00pm

**LECTOR:** Raquel Timms

**EMCs:** Corrie Goold

**SERVERS:** Malerie & Jon

**GREETERS:** Frank & Liz Gerei

## DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 2009

Envelopes                      \$ 425.00      Christmas Offering                      \$ 20.00

loose                              \$ 106.50      Elevator Fund                              \$ 20.00

Total                              \$ 531.50

## SECOND ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

**Goal:** \$5320.00      **To date:** \$3309.00

**ELEVATOR FUND:** We need to raise \$104,000.00

To date we have raised \$99,408.35 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.

## CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day - 12 noon      New Year's Day - 12 noon

### COLLECTION COUNTERS ;

Dec. 25 - Adrian

Dec. 27 - Susan

### CHURCH CLEANING

Dec. 21 - 27: ????



The last **MUSIC PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS** will be held on Dec. 21st at 3:30pm. **EVERYONE** is invited to attend.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION:** As we remember the Birth our Saviour Jesus Christ, we would like to show our deepest loved for Him. As a Roman Catholic and His disciples, it is our tradition to keep Him in our hearts forever. Hence, to show up our sincere loved for Him, we are inviting you to come and participate in **preparing and decorating our Church on December 20** after our Eucharistic celebration. Your participation would be very highly appreciated. Thank you in advance!

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FAMILY DAY

Our Parish Christmas Party and Family Day will be on **Sunday January 3, 2010 at 5pm**. This will be a potluck dinner, please bring food to be shared with everybody. Sign up sheet can be found downstairs to help us facilitate proper distribution of food. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas—love, joy and peace! See you there!! Fr. Rector also encourages and invites children and their families to come up with any singing, dancing, and/or playing an instrument for this gathering. Please let us know if you are interested to participate to the program being prepared for that day.

## CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST 2010

Bishop Gerald Wiesner OMI will be with us at St. Anthony's Parish on Thursday May 20, 2010 to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Preparation for these Sacraments will begin in the New Year. If your child is in Grade 2 (or older) and you would like him/her to celebrate the Sacraments next year, please register now with Fr. Rector and /or Ronnie so that material can be ordered. Any adult who is not yet confirmed is also asked to see Fr. Rector and/or Ronnie.

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## CWL NEWS

The CWL would like to thank all the parishioners who supported their Bake Sale. They realized \$202.80 because of your generosity. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Tachie/Pinche. May the good Lord bless us all!