



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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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: 9:00am—Liturgy of the Word (Nick)
 Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 6:30pm - Mass
 Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 9:00am - **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 6:30pm - **Ash Wednesday Mass**
 Thursday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 11:00am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
 6:30pm - Mass
 7:00pm - **Stations of the Cross**
 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, and
 after Mass on
 Wednesday &
 Friday.



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 22, 2009



FEBRUARY

24th -
 25th -
 26th -
 27th -
 28th -+Manuel Garcia,RIP

MARCH

1st -Blanche Sketchley, RIP

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Lector 1: Vigil Overstall
Lector 2: Christine Tessier
Eucharistic Ministers:
 David Hemenway
 Nick Sikkes
 Mairead Sikkes
Greeters: Gary & Mary H, Liesel C
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Patty M/C. Aimee
 C. Nolan

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Lector 1: Linda Rosner
Lector 2: Monica Sargent
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Lu Blackburn Theo Sikkes
 Johanna Habjan Carol deGelder
 Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: Eileen B, Wayne & Andrea C
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr. Megan M/C Seb
 C. Bradley

Children's Liturgy: Kaillyn, Ashley

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.



There will be a make-up session for the first celebration on February 24th at 7:15pm in the Church. This is the only make-up session for the celebrations as most people had set plans when the schedule first came out. You are required to attend all the sessions in order for your child to be prepared for both sacraments this year.



Congratulations to NICOLE PERRY, CASSIDY PERRY and BRANDON PATRICK, who are being baptized into our faith community this weekend.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

CHURCH : \$1955.00	SCHOOL: \$46.00
REFUGEE: (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00 (pledges received) \$ 44,122.17	CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA (to date) : \$325.00
DIOCESAN APPEAL: Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00	Actual to Date \$ 27,970.00
Amount exceeding Goal \$ 2823.00	

Stations of the Cross

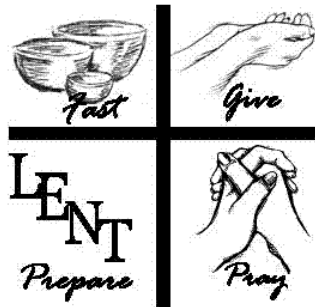
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 1:	Thursday,	February 26
Station 2:	Friday,	February 27
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

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

Kindergarten registration for members of St. Joseph's Parish will take place February 16th -18th. If you are interested in sending your child to St. Joseph's School for kindergarten please call the school office at 250-847-9414 to make an appointment to meet with Miss Forbrigger.



COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

LENT is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During this season the liturgy prepares catechumens to celebrate the paschal mystery by the various stage of Christian initiation. Lent also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year.

Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery.

Reminder #2: PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE DURING LENT

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

In the Roman Rite, including Canada, **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. It is in the best interests of the Church that these days be proclaimed and practiced in the parish community as days of true penance. We invite and encourage you to do special penance on these two days.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

Abstinence from meat - 14 years old and older

Fasting - 18 years old - 59 years old

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 congratulate Bishop Gerry as he celebrates his 16th Anniversary of being a Bishop. On February 22, 1993, Bishop Gerry was ordained Bishop for the Diocese of Prince George. We continue to pray for the success of his ministry.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You have probably noticed that the community of Terrace is one of the top five in the running for Kraft Hockeyville 2009. I think it would be a very kind gesture on the part of everyone if we helped the community of Terrace in this pursuit. We can do this by casting our ballot at every opportunity we have in an effort to help our neighbors achieve this goal. Instructions on how to vote will be posted on www.cbc.ca/sports/hockey/hockeyville after the last finalist is chosen on February 21st. The grand prize includes hosting an NHL Pre-Season Game with CBC Hockey Night in Canada broadcasting plus \$100,000 in arena upgrades from Kraft. Please give this your personal attention, and thank you for doing so.

Gerald Wiesner, O.M.I.
Bishop

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Please find enclosed today the 2009 Lifestyle Awareness Calendar. This calendar gives us the chance to reflect on the wealth of our own lifestyles, to give thanks for our blessings and to share with those working for a more just future.

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<p>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25 Mass at 3:30pm Intention???</p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Liz Gerei 2. Raquel Timms EMCs: Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen SERVERS: + Jared B/C Lucas C Alicia GREETERS: ??? Volunteers????</p> <p>*****</p> <p>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2009 NO MASS *****</p> <p>SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2009 Mass at 11:30am Intention: ????</p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Shirley Collins 2. Barb Jarvis EMCs: Garry and JoAnn Beaudette SERVERS: + ??? B/C ??? C ?????? GREETERS: Claudine Ketchell</p>	<p>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15</p> <table><tr><td>15 envelopes</td><td>\$1227.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$3.00</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$ 10.00</td><td>Holy Childhood (Bake Sale)</td><td>\$81.11</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 1237.00</td><td>Elevator Fund (3 envelope)</td><td>\$80.00</td></tr></table> <p>Special Collection: CMIC \$150.00 (to date 9 envs)</p> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$92,147.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p> <p>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE February 23 to 28 Tammy, Keisha, Cole</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS March I Jane</p> <p>7pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7PM</p>	15 envelopes	\$1227.00	Holy Childhood	\$3.00	loose	\$ 10.00	Holy Childhood (Bake Sale)	\$81.11	Total	\$ 1237.00	Elevator Fund (3 envelope)	\$80.00
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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: February 25th
Fr. Rector will be with us to celebrate Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 3:30pm.
(Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday February 26)



HOME RELIGION FAMILIES
The families involved in the Home Religion programme are asked to come to Church on Monday February 23 at 3:30pm. We will be burning the Palms and preparing the Ashes for Ash Wednesday. **PLEASE DRESS WARMLY!!!**

PANCAKE SUPPER
Once again, the Home Religion Families are hosting a Parish Pancake Supper. This will take place on Shrove Tuesday (February 24th) at 5pm. Cost by donation. Any profits realized will go toward purchasing supplies etc, with a tithe (10%) going to the Holy Childhood Association. Please support the parish gathering.



SEASON OF LENT
Lent begins on Wednesday February 25th Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm
Please see the coloured attachment for further information explaining some Lenten practices in our parish. The booklet included with your bulletin, A SACRED JOURNEY is one way to help our daily prayer focus during this important time in the Church Year. 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. This week, find a Lifestyle Awareness Calendar which offers an opportunity to express our solidarity with communities in Africa, Latin America and Asia that are demanding that mining companies act responsibly.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
each Friday of Lent at 7pm
This prayer focuses on the journey of Jesus to Calvary. It is encouraged that as part of our Catholic Tradition, we make this meditation part of our Lenten journey to Easter. You are encouraged to make this devotion part of your family prayer time: a good way for children to learn is by doing and participating!!! *If you or your family is interested in leading the Stations of the Cross one Friday, please contact Raquel Timms (845-3644). There are a variety of formats available for you to use.*

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
The Home Religion Families thank all who supported their Bake Sale last weekend. \$81.11 was realized which will be sent to the Holy Childhood Association(HCA). Please take time to check the HCA bulletin board for the countries that are being supported this year.

CWL LETTER WRITING
11:30AM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26TH
CWL invites all interested parishioners to a letter writing session addressing topics which include Preventing Human Trafficking at the 2010 Olympics, Triclosan Use, Toxic Substances in Household Products, Accurate Food Labelling, and Revision of the Youth Criminal Justice Act. Bring your own lunch and make your views known to our government. Paper,