



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

**Secretary:**  
 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 (Johanna)

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  
 9:00am - Mass

Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass

Sunday: 9:00am - Mass

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



**Baptism of The Lord**  
 January 11, 2009



### JANUARY

**13th** - Sr. Pauline Farrell,  
 fci RIP

**14th** - Living and  
 deceased members of the  
 Bresser family

**15th** -

**16th** -

**17th** -

**18th** -

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

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, January 17, 2009

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

#### Sunday, January 18, 2009

**Lector 1:** Brian Burrill  
**Lector 2:** Melissa Cachia  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Al & Tina Bruintjes  
 Carol deGelder Tim Hicks  
 Janna Delany Johanna Habjan  
**Greeters:** Maria P, The Bolens  
**Coffee/Juice:** Greeters  
**Altar Servers:** Cr. Samantha  
 M/C John C. Amanda

### 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.



**If you are interested in being part of the preparation team, please leave your name with Fr. Rector or at the parish office.**

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

We would like to invite all the parents who are planning to have their children baptized, to our next Baptismal Preparation session on **Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00pm.**

## 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 :

Dec.22 - \$2025

Dec.25 - \$4919.00

Dec.29 - \$1395.50

Jan.1 - \$285.00

Jan.5 - \$1984.00

### SCHOOL:

Dec.22 - \$10.00

Dec.25 - \$15.00

Dec.29 - \$10.00

Jan.1 - \$15.00

Jan.5 - \$265.00

### REFUGEE:

(total pledged) \$ 58,740.00

(pledges received) \$ 43,917.17

### DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00

Actual to Date \$ 27,870.00

Amount exceeding Goal \$ 2723.00

### CWL NEWS:

The next CWL meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, following the 6:30pm Mass.

Guest Speaker: Fr. Rector.

Just a reminder that membership dues of \$25.00 are due this month. They may be left in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office.

**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)

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the school library. This meeting will be to plan events and activities for the school's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**ALL PARENTS AND IDEAS ARE WELCOME.**

### 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 next weekend, January 17/18, in the church foyer.***

**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 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.

**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 Reiner through the parish office.



**We are hoping to LINK the video to our website. If you were at the Parish Family Day Celebration, and do NOT want your picture on the site, please contact the parish office by Friday, January 16 2009. Thank you**

**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**

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

**ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH**

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**SCHEDULE of LITURGIES**  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 15**  
Mass at 2:30pm Intention??  
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**SUNDAY JANUARY 18**  
Mass at 11:30am Intention???

**LECTOR:** 1. Raquel Timms 2. Liz Gerei  
**EMCs:** Garry and JoAnn Beaudette  
**SERVERS:** +Nick B/C Nate C Lucas  
**GREETERS:** Shirley Collins Jane Wardrop

**CHRISTMAS SEASON DONATIONS**

December 21	\$322.00	Holy Childhood	\$17.00
Christmas	\$454.00	Elevator Fund (envelopes)	\$1465.00
December 28	\$578.00	Elevator Fund (Dec. Janitorial)	\$216.50
January 4	\$561.00	Change For A Change	\$21.50

*In order to meet our projected expenses, we need to average a monthly Sunday Collection of \$3000.00. Last month, (December) we donated \$2318.25. (This includes the Christmas Collection)*

**ELEVATOR FUND:** We need to raise \$104,000.00  
To date we have raised \$90,252.47 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**  
January 12 to 17 Claudine

**2009 CALENDARS**  
Included with your bulletin is a 2009 Catholic Calendar. If you would like to contribute toward these calendars, there is a labeled container on the ledge in the entrance way. We suggest \$2.00 per calendar to help defray the cost, shipping etc.

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**  
January 18 Jane

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
Today's feast concludes the Christmas Season and begins the season we call Ordinary Time. The Baptism of Jesus began his Public Ministry. Just as he was fully immersed in the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was fully immersed in doing the will of his Father. United with Jesus through Baptism, we are also called to do the Father's will. Today's feast is a powerful reminder of the vocation to which each of us is called. Like Christ, we have been chosen for a mission in the world of our times. The beginning of the New Year is a perfect opportunity for each of us to review our commitment to Christ and to reflect on our calling as a member of God's family.

**HOME RELIGION FAMILIES**  
The next gathering for parents and children will be on Thursday January 15, following Mass at 2:30pm. We will distribute the next package of materials and will also focus on the Holy Childhood Association.

The next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will be held on Sunday January 18, 2009 after Mass. Council meetings are open to all parishioners - we welcome your input and involvement.

**ADULT FAITH SHARING** - meet each Thursday morning from 10 to 11:30am. Everyone is welcome!!

**DONATION ENVELOPES**  
A few boxes still remain to be picked up. If you are not presently using envelopes and would like to do so, please see Detta. By using envelopes, we are better able to estimate our receipted donations and you receive a receipt at the end of the year by which you can claim your contribution to the Church as a taxable deduction.  
*2008 receipts will be ready by the end of the month.*  
**ALTHOUGH YOU MAY HAVE SOME ENVELOPES LEFT FROM 2008, WE ASK THAT YOU NOT USE THEM AS THAT NUMBER MAY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER PARISHIONER.**

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.

**EUCHARIST FAST**  
The ancient custom of fasting before receiving Holy Communion has been the practice of the Church since the 3rd Century. The Church considers fasting a means of spiritual preparation for the Eucharist and a way of showing reverence for the sacrament. The present Church Law regarding the fast is:  
*One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.*  
*Those who are advanced in age or who suffer from any infirmity, as well as those who take care of them, can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have taken something during the previous hour.* (Canon Law#919)

**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.