



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: 7:30am - Morning Prayer at Sister's house (3884 Alfred Ave)
 9:00am - Liturgy of The Word (Nick)

Tuesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 6:30pm - Mass

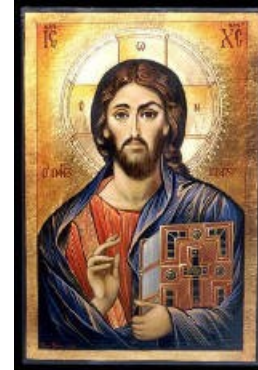
Wednesday: 8:45am - Morning Prayer
 9:00am - Mass

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



Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
 January 25, 2009

Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00—6:30pm



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 31, 2009

Lector 1: Gemma Gillis
Lector 2: Christine Tessier
Eucharistic Ministers:
 David Hemenway
 Jean Moisey
 Willy Koldyk
Greeters: Gary & Mary H
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Patty, M/C Aimee
 C. Nolan

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Lector 1: Melissa Cachia
Lector 2: Arlene deGelder
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Carol deGelder Lu Blackburn
 Rita Rickett Janna Delany
 Nicki Pederson Johanna Habjan
Greeters: Tim & Mabel H, Maria P
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr. Samantha M/C John
 C. Nadine

JANUARY

27th -
 28th -
 29th -
 30th -
 31st -

FEBRUARY

1st -Gordon Adomeit, RIP

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
NET SURPLUS	\$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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
CHURCH : \$1993.00	SCHOOL: \$20.00
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	



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

50TH ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

QUILT: Our school will be celebrating 50 years next school year. As part of our celebrations, we are going to be creating an anniversary quilt that will be raffled off towards the end of the year. The quilt will be made of 50 squares (finished size of 12"). Each week we will display a quilt square until the all 50 squares have been shown. At that time, the quilt will be put together and then put on display again. Each week the squares will be on display in the trophy cabinet. The first two squares are on display now.

If you, or anyone you know, can sew and would like to donate a square please let the office know. The square must be a finished size of 12" and can be any type of square that would be either on a school or anniversary theme. If you'd like ideas for squares you may check at the school office.

Fabrication has a selection of 'school' theme fabrics on display if you would like to look at them for ideas.

MEMORY BOOK: We are also looking for people to write memories about their experiences at St. Joseph's—either as a former student or if you taught in the school. There are forms available at the school or you can just write it on any piece of paper or email your memories to the school. We are also looking for photos you may have of your time here. (If you want your photos returned, please include your name, address, and phone number on the back of each picture).

JUBILEE YEAR IN HONOR OF ST. PAUL

In June 2007, Pope Benedict XVI announced a special year dedicated to Saint Paul. The Year of Saint Paul will run from June 28, 2008, to June 29, 2009. This Jubilee Year will mark the approximate 2000th anniversary of Saint Paul's birth. Pope Benedict XVI also announced that the Pauline Year will be ecumenical in a special way, reflecting Saint Paul's commitment to the unity and harmony of all Christians. In this way, the Church will be reminded of her need to be witnesses to the Gospel message.

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul falls on Sunday this year. Because this is the year of St. Paul, to celebrate it on Sunday is permitted.

Fr. Venerando Sabacan, one of the priests of our Diocese of Prince George and is now visiting our parish, will preside over the Masses on this particular weekend and will try to give us some insight about St. Paul. He will invite us also to be a witness to the Gospel message by remembering St. Paul. It will be his attempt to lead us on our own journey of faith by recalling St. Paul's commitment and rich contribution to our faith.



The 2008 tax receipts are now complete and can be picked up from the shelf at the back of the church. If you have any questions please call me at the office (847-2012). Thanks!

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. When all is said and done with our large Congolese family, it looks very possible that there may be enough in the Refugee Fund to apply for a second family. 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. You, your commitment, and your promises are, and continue, to be making a big difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in this life. You are helping to provide hope and the opportunity for a new start in our great country of safety and opportunity. Thank you!

Peace be with you,
The Refugee Committee

C.W.L. NEWS

REMINDER: CWL Membership of \$25.00 is due.



We will celebrate Eucharist with the sacrament of anointing on Wednesday February 4th 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.**

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**

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<p>SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY JANUARY 29 Mass at 3:30pm Intention???</p> <p>*****</p> <p>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2009 Mass at 11:30am Intention: Rob Onstein</p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Shirley Collins 2. Jane Wardrop EMCs: Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen SERVERS: + Jared B/C Lucas C Alicia GREETERS: Claudine Ketchell</p>	<p>DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY JANUARY 18</p> <table><tr><td>21 envelopes</td><td>\$420.00</td><td>Holy Childhood</td><td>\$11.93</td></tr><tr><td>loose</td><td>\$ 88.00</td><td>Elevator Fund -</td><td>\$1398.50</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$ 508.00</td><td>(Madge Hogarth Foundation)</td><td></td></tr></table> <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	\$11.93	loose	\$ 88.00	Elevator Fund -	\$1398.50	Total	\$ 508.00	(Madge Hogarth Foundation)	
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<p>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE January 26 to 31 Shirley, Jane</p>	<p>COLLECTION COUNTERS February 1 Susan</p>												

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.

SAINTS

The word "saint" simply means "holy ones" and comes from the Latin "sancti" meaning sacred or holy. The early Church called all the faithful, that is all the baptized, "saints". St. Paul begins many of his letters "To the saints.... Called to be saints.... Including the saints...." They were holy simply because they had entered into a relationship with the Risen Jesus by becoming followers of Christ.

As the community of disciples became larger and older, and in many cases less fervent, it became more usual to call only exceptional people saints, and only after they had died, especially if they had died as martyrs. By the late 4th Century others were being remembered at Saints, those whose life-styles were exemplary because of their faithful imitation of Christ. Also, remembered are holy men and women who have left us a wealth of spiritual writings and reflections. Today is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. His life is perhaps the best known in the annals of the saints and his conversion was one of the most earth-shaking events of the early Church. As a strict Pharisee, Saul was the enemy of the early Christian movement. He hunted down these 'heretics'; and is recorded to have stood watching in approval at the stoning of Stephen.

It was while heading to Damascus where many Christians had fled that his conversion took place. Following his conversion, his name was changed to Paul, illustrating the fact that his life had changed so dramatically. From this point onward, Paul lived with the zeal he had known as a Pharisee, but now it was used to fuel his missionary work in spreading the news of Jesus everywhere.

Pope Benedict has named June 2008 to June 2009 as the Year of St. Paul. Perhaps taking time to read his letters recorded in the New Testament might be one way to learn about Paul, his spirituality, his vision and perspective. Perhaps he can help us in our struggles to live out our response as 'saints', trying to become the holy men and women God that calls us to be.

PPC and FINANCE COUNCIL JOINT MEETING

This meeting will take place on Thursday January 29, 2009 following Mass at 3:30pm.

DOMANO RENEWAL CENTRE (CRC)

This is our diocesan retreat centre located in Prince George.

The Directors of the DRC offer and co-ordinate retreats, Spiritual Direction, workshops, lectures, conferences etc. which provide opportunities for personal growth, faith education and spiritual enrichment. January to June 2009 schedules are on the bulletin board.

SAVE YOUR STAMPS

The stamps on the right hand corner of your mail can be very useful! Philatelists who are also members of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) will sell them to other stamp collectors. The proceeds fund development projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The CWL Council here at St. Anthony's asks you to collect your used postage stamps and place them in an envelope you can find on their bulletin board. Cut the stamps from your envelopes leaving 1/4 inch border around the stamp. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC - Please help yourself to the latest newsletter posted on the board.

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.**

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.