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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

Tuesday: 6:30pm - Mass
Wednesday: 9:00am - Kindergarten/School Mass
Thursday: 11am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
6:30pm - Mass
Friday: 9:00am - Mass
Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass
Sunday: 9:00am - Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00 - 6:30pm



**Fourth Sunday of
Easter**
May 3, 2009



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
CHURCH : \$1838.12	SCHOOL: \$0.00
Change for a Change: \$85.48	
REFUGEE: (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00	(to date) : \$1403.00
(pledges received) \$ 44,607.17	
DIOCESAN APPEAL:	
Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00	Actual to Date \$ 27,970.00
Amount exceeding Goal \$ 2823.00	
Amount received back in parish (to date) \$1573.00	

- MAY**
- 2nd - +Cecilia Garcia, RIP
+Rollie Borhaven, RIP
 - 3rd - +Cecilia Garcia, RIP
- Joan Longridge
 - 5th - +Jean Colli, RIP
 - 6th - +Sr. Rosa Hawkins, fcj RIP
 - 7th - +Mr. & Mrs. Roy Han, RIP
 - 8th - +Cecilia Garcia, RIP
 - 9th - +Vincenzo Napoli, RIP
 - 10th - People of the parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9, 2009	Sunday, May 10, 2009
Lector 1: Moira McMillan	Lector 1: Mabel Hicks
Lector 2: Gemma Gillis	Lector 2: Arlene deGelder
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathan Verbeek David Hemenway Willy Koldyk	Eucharistic Ministers: Theo Sikkes Nicki Pederson Bob Bresser Rob Onstein Clara Moore Tim Hicks
Greeters: Jim & Margaret G, Liesel	Greeters: Tim & Mabel H, Maria P
Coffee/Juice: Greeters	Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Cr Patty M/C. Aimee C. Nolan	Altar Servers: Cr. John M/C Samantha C. Bradley
	Children's Liturgy: Kristi, Kate

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

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came out to our Ministry Appreciation Night. Your time and dedication spent in and around our parish is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to all who came out for our Annual Spring Church Cleaning. Our church now "sparkles" because of your efforts.



PARISH LIFE

Parish Pastoral Council:

Rob Onstein 847-0134

Finance Committee:

Arlene deGelder 846-9890

Liturgy Committee:

Gemma Gillis 847-4074

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



Congratulations to EMILY ASHLYN DENNIS, daughter of Raymond & Joyce, who was baptized into our faith community last week.

Congratulations to HAILEY-MAE FAITH GARCIA, daughter of Rodney & Candice, who is being baptized into our faith community this weekend.

LIBRARY CART

If you are interested in helping out at the Library Cart on the first and third weekend of each month, please contact the parish office. New ideas or suggestions are always welcome!



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We are holding registration for next year's Kindergarten for members of our parish, school families and now open to the public. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2009 or know someone who is interested in attending, please call the school office at 250-847-9414 to set up an appointment with Miss Forbrigger.

PRE K REGISTRATION

This will be held on Friday, May 15th at 8:30 am. There will be a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday class for \$75.00 and a Tuesday and Thursday class for \$55.00. There will be a \$10.00 library book fee and a \$10.00 supply fee for the year. This is a first come, first serve basis. Please bring in your child's care card for registration.

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 EVERY Mass beginning the weekend of May 2/3.

GARAGE SALE

Don't forget us during your Spring cleaning. Grade 7 will be having a Garage Sale in May, items can be dropped off at the school at any time.

First Nations representatives meet with Pope Benedict XVI

A private meeting between Pope Benedict XVI and a delegation of Canadian First Nations and Church leaders took place in Rome following the morning General Audience on April 29, 2009. At the meeting, the Pope expressed sorrow over the abuse and deplorable treatment that aboriginal students suffered at residential schools run by the Church. He also acknowledged the suffering of those who are still living with the consequences of their experiences at the schools. The Pope's words were well received by Assembly of First Nations National Chief, Phil Fontaine and grand chief of the First Nations Summit in BC, Edward John, both members of the Canadian delegation. Mr. Fontaine told CBC News following the meeting that he hoped the Pope's "expression of regret would close the book on the issue of apologies for residential school survivors". The Diocese of Prince George has actively sought reconciliation with the First Nations communities through a number of initiatives including the Returning to Spirit workshops. The first series of workshops completed last fall and the second series begins in Prince George with a workshop for First Nations May 18-22 followed by one for non-aboriginals on July 6-10. Go to www.pgdiocese.bc.ca or contact Stacy at 250-964-4424 for more information about these workshops. A statement on the recent meeting in Rome can be found at www.cccb.ca/news.

RETURNING TO SPIRIT

Residential School Healing and Reconciliation - Workshops

This program is focused strictly on facilitating a process for individuals to move ahead in life, creating a future based in empowerment rather than creating a future based on creating more of the past. If you are interested in taking these workshops, there is more information on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

PRO LIFE NEWS

- ◆ **Annual Mother's Day Vigil** is on Sunday May 10th from 1:30pm - 2:00pm on the lawn of the Smithers District Hospital. Join us for a few songs, words, and prayers as we remember the babies who were aborted and their families.
- ◆ Smithers Pro-Life **Annual Spring Dinner and Dessert Auction** to be held at the Canadian Reformed Church banquet room on Friday May 15. Mr. Paul Chamberlain will be speaking on "Final Wishes: another look at euthanasia & assisted suicide". Doors open at 6pm - dinner served at 6:30pm. Come for the best desserts in the valley!!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

(Adopted from the ORDO)

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations.

The whole Christian community shares the responsibilities for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations.



Various materials providing information regarding vocations are available in the church foyer.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

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<p align="center">SCHEDULE of LITURGIES WEDNESDAY MAY 6 Mass at 6:00pm Intention: Isabelle, Madalyn, Laura, and families LECTOR: 1. Gail James 2. Vic James PETITIONS: Raquel Timms EMCs: Barb Jarvis Fr. Rector SERVERS: + Jared B/C Malerie C Alicia</p> <p align="center">***** THURSDAY MAY 7 NO MASS *****</p> <p align="center">SUNDAY MAY 10, 2009 Mass at 11:30am Intention: ?? LECTOR: 1. Shirley Collins 2. Barb Jarvis EMCs: Vic & Gail James SERVERS: + Jonathon B/C Malerie C Cole GREETERS: Claudine Ketchell</p>	<p align="center">DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY April 26</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>15 envelopes</td> <td>\$335.00</td> <td>Holy Childhood</td> <td>\$2.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>loose</td> <td>\$ 26.00</td> <td>Elevator Fund (1 envelope)</td> <td>\$20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$ 361.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$93,787.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p>	15 envelopes	\$335.00	Holy Childhood	\$2.00	loose	\$ 26.00	Elevator Fund (1 envelope)	\$20.00	Total	\$ 361.00		
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SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST
HANDING ON THE GOSPEL

On Wednesday May 6th Bishop Gerry will confer at the Sacrament of Confirmation and celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time with ISABELLE GRELSON and MADALYN SLANEY. This is a great blessing for our parish and all are encouraged to celebrate and pray with our bishop, these candidates and their families. LAURA HAMELIN from St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers, will join us for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We welcome Laura and her family to our parish community.

PRO-LIFE

Houston Pro-Life is sponsoring a Dessert Evening with speaker PAUL CHAMBERLAIN Ph.D. who will inform us on the Euthanasia issue that is currently facing our nation. Please join us for an evening of informative discussion on Saturday May 16 at 6pm at the Christian Reform Church. (Admission is free but a free-will offering will be taken at the end of the evening.)

CAMP MORICE

This camp which is sponsored by the Diocese is located on Stewart Lake, near Fort St. James. During the months of July and August, week-long camps are offered for Children (6-12 yrs), Teens having completed Grade 8 (13-18yrs.) and for families. Please see the poster on the bulletin board. Brochures/registration forms will be available soon or you can register on-line at www.campmorice.com. Questions can be directed to the Camp Managers (250) 996 7881

GARDEN PARTY 2009: It was decided at the last PPC meeting that the Annual Parish Garden Party will be held on June 14, 2009. Watch the bulletin for ways you can offer to help this important community event. Call Tammy (845-2086) for more information.

First Nations representatives meet with Pope Benedict XVI: See inside bulletin for more information.

RITE OF RECEPTION

Today at Mass, Isabelle Grelson made a Profession of Faith into the Roman Catholic Church. As an infant, Isabelle was baptised into the Lutheran Faith and now with her parents, her sponsor let us support her as she is asking to be fully received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We continue to pray for Isabelle and her family as they continue their journey with us to the Father.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC (CHABC)

NEWSLETTER: Copies of the latest newsletter are available from the bulletin board. Help yourself!!

ORGAN DONATION: The Catholic Church accepts and promotes organ and tissue donations from those who have died as well as from the living. These types of donations do not go against any of the Church's teachings on the value and dignity of our bodies or our belief in the Resurrection of the Dead. **The legalization and regulations which are in place in British Columbia and Yukon are fully in accord with Catholic teachings and principles.** It is now necessary to register to become an organ/tissue donor. You can register online at www.transplant.bc.ca or pick up an information/registration brochure from the bulletin board.

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