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Pastoral
Assistant:
Carol deGelder

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)
Tuesday: 6:30pm - Mass
Wednesday: 9:00am - Mass
Thursday: 11am - Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
6:30pm - Mass
Friday: 6:00pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm - Mass followed by "Ministry Appreciation Night"
Saturday: 7:00pm - Mass
Sunday: 9:00am - Mass



**Third Sunday of
Easter**
April 26, 2009

Reconciliation: Saturday 6:00 - 6:30pm



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	
CHURCH : \$2229.50	SCHOOL: \$75.00
	HOLY LAND: (to date) \$591.00
REFUGEE: (total pledged) \$ 58,740.00 (pledges received) \$ 44,607.17	(to date): \$1403.00
DIOCESAN APPEAL: Parish Goal \$ 25,147.00	Actual to Date \$ 27,970.00
Amount exceeding Goal \$ 2823.00	

APRIL
28th - May 3rd -
+Cecilia Garcia, RIP
29th - +Cecilia Garcia,
RIP
- +Nick Dewit, RIP

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 2, 2009	Sunday, May 3, 2009
Lector 1: Vigil Overstall	Lector 1: Linda Rosner
Lector 2: Christine Tessier	Lector 2: Mabel Hicks
Eucharistic Ministers: David H Bob B Michael S	Eucharistic Ministers: Lu Blackburn Rob Onstein Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: Gary & Mary H, Liesel C	Carol deGelder Theo Sikkes
Coffee/Juice: Greeters	Greeters: Eileen B, Wayne & Andrea
Altar Servers: Cr Patty M/C. Travis	Coffee/Juice: Greeters Altar Servers: Cr. Lindsey M/C Seb C. Jessica
	Children's Liturgy: Kaillyn, Megan, Lisa



**CHURCH SPRING
CLEANING -
SATURDAY
MAY 2 @ 10AM**

**SPRING HAS
ARRIVED!!**

On Saturday, May 2 at 10am, we invite parishioners to join us at the church (with buckets & rags) to give our church a good spring cleaning! Sign up sheet is available at the back of the church. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

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

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION / FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all those who will be completing their Initiation Sacraments on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 with Bishop Gerry Wiesner, OMI.

The Sacraments of Confirmation & First Eucharist were celebrated by:

Abby Andersen

Elliot Bruintjes

Emily Buenten

Brooklynn Burrill

Cherilyn Dennis

Anaise Labonte

Jean René Lecourt

Atraio Martin

Amanda McLaren

Kiara Nicholas

Taneshia Nicholas

Cassidy Perry

Nicole Perry

Samuel Pollard

Alan Rudkavich

Trevor Schibli

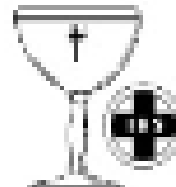
Ethan Watson

Katelyn Watson

Ashley Wilson

Brendan Wilson

Deandre Williams



Thank you to all who helped prepare these children in receiving the sacraments.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone involved in last weekends Pancake Breakfast . What a great turnout! The total amount collected (after expenses) was \$380.88!!



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stj.homestead.com

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.

"HALL OF FAME"

As part of the St. Joseph's School 50th Anniversary celebration this year, we would like to have an Alumni "hall of Fame". We are asking for suggestions of names for this purpose so that we can send out biographical questionnaires and request photos. If you know of anyone who attended our school and "did St. Joseph's proud" please provide us with their name and contact information so that we can contact them. Information can be dropped off at either the Parish or School office.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH'S - May 1

Ministry Appreciation Night

The Parish Pastoral Council together with Fr. Rectorino has decided to choose May 1st, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker as our Parish Feast Day being that our patron saint is St. Joseph. This year we would like to celebrate it by having Eucharistic Celebration at 6:30pm followed by community socialization.

As far as community socialization is concern we will have "Wine and Cheese" for the night. This night is intended to be a "MINISTRY APPRECIATION NIGHT." It is our way of recognizing and thanking every parishioner especially those who are involve in the different ministries of the parish. Please plan to come and celebrate with us on this very special day in the life of our parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The second Diocesan Annual Appeal will begin the weekend of September 20, 2009
- ◆ **May 1 - Feast of St. Joseph The Worker:** Mass at 6:30pm followed by Ministry Appreciation Night.
- ◆ May 2 - Church cleaning to begin at 10am.
- ◆ Welcome to Gemma Gillis, our new Liturgy Chairperson. Carol deGelder is now assuming the responsibility of temporary Pastoral Assistant.

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.

ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS: Please see bulletin board for more information.

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE (DYC)

May 1,2,3, 2009

DYC is our annual event for youth. The theme for this year's conference is *Lord of Our Dance*. Youth from across Northern BC and other parts of Western Canada come to DYC to pray, think about important things in life, meet other people, renew friendships and have other good experiences. DYC is for youth Grades 8 to 12. If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Support for Bill C-300 on Corporate Accountability for the Activities of Mining, Oil or Gas in Developing Countries

Disappointed by the Canadian government's recent refusal to firmly address the corporate social responsibility of Canadian mining companies operating abroad, Development and Peace asks Canadians to urge their Members of Parliament to support Bill C-300. There is clear evidence that several Canadian companies are severely harming the environment and the health of the people living in the communities in which they operate. While the current Canadian government proposes voluntary actions only and displaces the blame for irresponsible behavior from mining companies to developing countries, Bill C-300 will ensure Canadian mining companies respect Canada's commitment to international human rights standards. After second reading Bill C-300 will be submitted to a committee for review and will return to the House for voting.

Our Member of Parliament is Nathan Cullen, he can be reached at P.O. Box 4914, Smithers, B.C., V0J 2N0 or by sending an e-mail to info@nathancullen.ca Subject Bill C-300. For further info please contact Vigil Overstall 847-4930.

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Detta Smith

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<p align="center">SCHEDULE of LITURGIES THURSDAY APRIL 30 Mass at 2:30pm Intention: Tom Smith, RIP</p> <p align="center">SUNDAY MAY 3, 2009 <i>Mass at 11:30am Intention: ??</i></p> <p>LECTOR: 1. Jane Wardrop 2. Gottlieb Binner</p> <p>EMCs: Garry and JoAnn Beaudette</p> <p>SERVERS: + Nick B/C Nicole C Nate</p> <p>GREETERS: Liz & Frank Gerei</p>	<p align="center">DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY April 19</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>16 envelopes</td> <td>\$300.00</td> <td>Holy Childhood</td> <td>\$17.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>loose</td> <td>\$ 34.00</td> <td>Elevator Fund (3 envelope)</td> <td>\$280.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$ 334.00</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>ELEVATOR FUND: We need to raise \$104,000.00 To date we have raised \$93,767.97 including Fund Raising, Grants & Donations.</p>	16 envelopes	\$300.00	Holy Childhood	\$17.24	loose	\$ 34.00	Elevator Fund (3 envelope)	\$280.00	Total	\$ 334.00		
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<p>CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE April 27 to May 2 Claudine</p>													

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SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST
HANDING ON THE GOSPEL

In preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, MADALYN SLANEY and ISABELLE GRELSON have been learning about the Mass. As God's family, we respond to God who calls us to COME, to LISTEN, to DO and to GO. Today at Mass, ISABELLE and MADALYN received a scroll containing today's Gospel. Let us pray for them, their families and for ourselves that we will always appreciate the richness of the Scriptures. May we welcome the biblical stories of men and women of faith, stories of greatness, stories of human failure, of sin and redemption. Through them, we remember who we are and to whom we belong.

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.

MASS WILL BE AT 5pm, followed by a Pot-Luck Supper.

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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.)

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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

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HOUSEBOUND/SICK

If you know of anyone who is unable to come to Mass and would appreciate a home visit please let Detta know.

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ADULT FAITH SHARING

Every Thursday (from 10 to 11:30am) we offer an opportunity for prayer, study and learning more about our Church, our faith and God's unique gift of love for each of us, as revealed in our Sunday Scripture Readings. Interested parishioners are invited to come and spend this time discovering and deepening their faith.

SUPER-VALU TAPES

There is an envelope on the large bulletin board for your Till Tapes. These are used to help purchase coffee/juice supplies for the church.

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