



St. Joseph's Parish

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November 28, 2010

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.37-44

"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."

Daily Readings

Monday, Nov 29

Isaiah 4.2-6

Psalm 122

Matthew 8.5-11, 13

Tuesday, Nov 30

Romans 10.9-18

Psalm 19

Matthew 4.18-22

Wednesday, Dec 1

Isaiah 25.6-10

Psalm 23

Matthew 15.29-37

Thursday, Dec 2

Isaiah 26.1-6

Psalm 118

Matthew 7.21, 24-27

Friday, Dec 3

Isaiah 29.17-24

Psalm 27

Matthew 9.27-31

Saturday, Dec 4

Isaiah 30.19-21, 23-26

Psalm 147

Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5, 6-8

Sunday, Dec 5

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalm 72

Romans 15.4-9

Matthew 3.1-12

Sacraments

BAPTISM:

Baptismal preparation sessions are held each month at the Church. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please call the parish office to register.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION:

In the Diocese of Prince George, Confirmation and First Communion are celebrated together in Grade 2. Our sacramental preparation begins in January. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please make an appointment with the pastor, at least 6 months before the intended marriage date.

PARISH CARE FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

For a pastoral visit, please call the parish office.

FUNERALS:

Parishioners should make funeral arrangements directly with the pastor prior to any public notice.

PARISH 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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Nov 30 to Dec 3

Tuesday	6:30pm	Mass	Leslie Bresser
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass	† Fenelina & Ignacio Gil
Thursday	11:00am	Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge	
Friday	9:00am	Mass followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
			† Francisca Valarao

PLEASE NOTE: There will be Morning/Evening Prayer during Advent Season. (30 minutes before Mass starts)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Dec 4 and Dec 5

Saturday	7:00 pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00 am	Mass	† Laurence Perry

Upcoming Events

Monday, Nov. 29, 7pm Music Practice @ Church

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 7pm PPC Meeting @ Parish Centre

Friday, Dec. 3, 7:30am Fr. Rector's Breakfast with Men of the Parish @ Aspen Restaurant

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Lector 1: Jim Schwab
Lector 2: Michael DesHarnais
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Bob Bresser
 Jean Moisey
 Nick Sikkes
Greeters: Marilyn Richey,
 Gary & Mary H
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: (CR.) Amanda
 (M.) Melissa

Sunday, December 5, 2010

Lector 1: Arlene deGelder
Lector 2: Mark Diehl
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Carol deGelder Lu Blackburn
 Janna Delany Johanna Habjan
 Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: Jake & Donna M,
 Jean Miller
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: (M.) Nadine
 (C.) Tara (C) Sam

NOVEMBER 20 & 21

CHURCH: \$ 1471.34
SCHOOL: \$ 45.00

*Thank you for your
 generosity!!!*

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Nov. 29 - Carol d &
 Johanna H

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE:

Monday, November 29th
 7:00pm

EVERYONE is welcome to COME JOIN US!!

3rd Diocesan Annual Appeal Becoming Church

Parish Goal: \$ 21,953.00
 Amount to Goal: \$ 3453.00
 Number of Gifts: 64
 Amount Pledged: \$ 18,500.00



Actual received to Date: \$ 16,650.00
 We have raised 84.3% of our goal.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks for your gifts.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY November 28 following Mass.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED are invited to gather in the school at 8am to set up and run this pancake breakfast. **Admission is by donation.**



**PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST**

Proceeds of the breakfast will be going to the Parish Christmas Outreach Program. **Everyone welcome!**

PARISH BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS:

1st prize: \$150.00 B.V. Wholesale Gift Certificate - Brenda Schroeder, Burns Lake
2nd prize: Painting by Mairead Sikkes - Elma Hemming
3rd prize: Sweet Dreams \$100 Gift certificate - Agnes Derksen
4th prize: \$50 Gift Certificate to Steakhouse on Main - Theo Sikkes
Child Door Prize: Amelia D'andra **Adult Door Prize:** Carmen Rasmussen

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the bazaar in every way. Our expected net take is \$4500.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES CRAFT FAIR

Ten Thousand Villages is having it's annual sale of **all fair trade items** here in Smithers at the Smithers Secondary School in the round room on **Friday Dec.3** from 7PM to 9 PM and **Saturday Dec. 4** from 9:30 AM to 4 PM. Take an opportunity to support an organization which supports those in need locally by donating a percentage of the sales, while ensuring workers making the crafts receive a living wage.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Safeway, BV Wholesale and Extra Foods gift certificates will be available after Mass each week in the church foyer. Certificates are also available from any teacher.

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for people who could come and listen to children in the K/1 class read. We welcome grandparents and anyone else who would like to come in for 30 – 45 minute blocks or whatever time you have to spare. You do not even need to know a child in the room. If you would like to help we would love to have you! Please contact the office first regarding volunteer requirements. Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times & Concerns

As early as now, we would like to inform you of our Mass Schedule for Christmas:



Christmas Eve, December 24th

6:30 pm Children's Mass, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers

8:30 pm Christmas Mass, St. Anthony's Parish, Houston

11:00 pm Midnight Mass, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 am Mass During the Day, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers

NOTE: Fr. Rector is in need of some assistance as regards driving on Christmas Eve. For Houston parishioners, someone to pick him up to take him to Houston on Christmas Eve after Children's Mass at St. Joseph's Parish. For Smithers parishioners, someone to go with him to Houston and take him back to Smithers in time for midnight Mass. PLEASE let Fr. Rector know ahead of time if you are available to assist him. We are also in need of a musician for Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in helping out, please see Fr. Rector. Thank you!

Parish Mission in Advent

Next Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent, we will all have an opportunity to come, gather, listen and participate to an Advent Parish Mission. As it has been announced in the past weeks, Msgr. Jesus Romulo Ranada of the Diocese of Novaliches, Quezon City, Philippines will be with us to preside and preach at Masses but also give an **Advent Talk in the evening of Sunday, December 5, 6:30pm.**

Parish Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday, December 6, 6:30pm

Please come and let's make this a part of our preparation for this coming Christmas! See you there...

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAMS 2010



As of now, we would like to inform you of things that we want to do in the area of charity in preparation for Christmas. We ask your constant support and generosity.

LOCAL OUTREACH: Youth Group Christmas Tree & Gift Tags

Parishioners are invited to take a gift tag home and bring it back attached to a gift for a child and place it under the tree. It will give them three weeks to collect gifts coming from different parishioners. This will be in relation to the Christmas Hamper program here in the Town of Smithers. **They would like to have the gifts by December 13.** Youth Group Christmas tree is now set up in the church foyer.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

As of now, there has been no request of any kind except from Msgr. Romy who is planning to bring similar Christmas ornaments (*angels made of shells*) that we got from him last year. But this arrangement has not yet been finalized because Fr. Rector and PPC are still open for any ideas, suggestions coming from parishioners. If you know of any and how we can best reach out to people outside our country, please feel free to contact Fr. Rector and discuss your proposal with him.

PARISH GROUPS

CWL NEWS

On **Tuesday December 14th at 7pm**, in place of our regular monthly meeting, CWL ladies will celebrate their **CHRISTMAS PARTY** at the Parish Centre. All ladies of the parish are invited to come and join our Christmas sing along. Don't forget to bring a gift to exchange to each other, an item for the passage house, plus 1% of your personal spending for Development & Peace.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Broadway Place (Smithers Homeless Shelter)

Thank you for keeping Broadway Place in mind. With winter arriving they are in need of warm socks, gloves, long johns and winter jackets. Items can be placed in the wooden boxes in the foyer. All donations are appreciated and you are making a difference.

YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Party (with games, snacks and gift exchange), will take place on **Wednesday December 8th at 6:30pm**. Please bring a wrapped gift under \$5.00

BIBLE SHARING: We meet regularly every Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Parish Centre. **Everyone welcome!**



St. Anthony's Parish

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MASS TIME: 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY November 21, 2010

Envelopes	\$ 590.00	CRP	\$5.00
loose	\$ 21.00		
Total	\$ 611.00		

Thank you for your generosity!! .

SUNDAY December 5, 2010

11:30pm

LECTORS: 1. Shirley C 2. Jane W

EMC's: Barb J Gail J

SERVER: Alicia B (+), Cole R (b),

Nicole H (C)

GREETER: Liz & Frank G

CHURCH CLEANING

Nov 29 - Dec 3
Raquel, Ana, Fernanda

COLLECTION COUNTER

Decemeber 5 - Carm B

JESSE TREE

This Sunday, we begin the season of Advent. One of the things that we will have this Advent is the Jesse Tree which celebrates the genealogy or ancestry of Jesus. Just as we wait and prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the World, the Jesse Tree helps us remember the many people of the Old Testament who also waited for Jesus' coming.

Each Sunday of Advent, the children in the parish are asked to bring symbols they have at home which represent some people of the Old and New Testament who prepared for the coming of Jesus. Following the closing prayer, the children will be invited to hang their symbols on the Jesse Tree.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to **Tammy Hiebert and Mr. & Mrs. Brian Rennie** for providing our parish and the Home Religion Families with Advent Wreath materials. Thanks also to **Dawn Bishop, Barb Jarvis, other parents, and all children** who participated in making the Advent Wreath at our church. As always, we appreciate your participation and contribution to our parish church.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM

The next gathering for Home Religion Program will be on Thursday, December 2 at 2:30pm. All children of the parish are welcome to join and learn more about Advent and the Mystery of the Incarnation. See you there!!!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM

In the past year, Home Religion Families have coordinated the **CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM**. This year once again, we would like to challenge all parishioners to prayerfully consider reaching out to those who are less fortunate than us, especially this time of the year as we prepare for Christmas. Let's fill up with abundance of food the **FOOD BANK BASKET** every week until Christmas. Also, in relation to the **CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM**, let's pick a name from the **ANGEL TREE** displayed yearly in the mall. Thank you all in advance for your support towards the Food Bank & Christmas Hamper Program. As you respond to this, you are painting a smile on a child's face. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sherry Kelly 250-845-3410.

MUSIC PRACTICE

In preparation for this coming Advent and Christmas, there will be music practices which will start on November 23 and continue on 25, 26 & 27 at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome and encourage to come and join. See you there!

CWL MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

The CWL will be hosting a membership drive after our Eucharistic celebration on **December 5**. Everyone is invited to stay and socialize for a cake and refreshment. Please come and join us, **BE A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE OF CANADA.**

