



St. Joseph's Parish

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December 5, 2010

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72, Romans 15.4-9, Matthew 3.1-12

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec 6

Isaiah 35.1-10

Psalm 85

Luke 5.17-26

Tuesday, Dec 7

Isaiah 40.1-11

Psalm 96

Matthew 18.12-14

Wednesday, Dec 8

Genesis 3.9-15, 20

Psalm 98

Ephesians 1.3-6, 11-12

Luke 1.26-38

Thursday, Dec 9

Isaiah 41.13-20

Psalm 145

Matthew 11.11-15

Friday, Dec 10

Isaiah 48.17-19

Psalm 1

Matthew 11.16-19

Saturday, Dec 11

Sirach 48.1-4, 9-11

Psalm 80

Matthew 17.10-13

Sunday, Dec 12

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-6, 10

Psalm 146

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

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 Dec 7 to Dec 10

Monday	6:30pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday	6:30pm	Mass <i>Bresser family</i>
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass <i>For all Priests</i>

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception As this feast occurs early in Advent, it is a perfect time to consider Mary and her important role in the celebration of Christmas.

Thursday	11:00am	Mass at the Bulkley Lodge
Friday	9:00am	Mass † <i>Sr. Victoire Murphy, fcj</i>

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Dec 11 and Dec 12

Saturday	7:00 pm	Mass † <i>Laurence Perry</i>
Sunday	9:00 am	Mass † <i>Concetta & Michelangelo Sia</i>


Upcoming Events

Monday Dec. 6,	6:30pm	- Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday Dec. 7,	7:00pm	- Refugee Committee Meeting
Wednesday Dec. 8,	3:15pm	- Children's Catechism
	6:30pm	- Youth Group
	7:00pm	- RCIA

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MONTHLY COLLECTION

<p>Saturday, December 11, 2010</p> <p>Lector 1: Vigil Overstall</p> <p>Lector 2: Patty Spicer</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Spicer Willy Koldyk Johanna Habjan</p> <p>Greeters: David & Marj Hemenway June Philpot</p> <p>Coffee/Juice: Greeters</p> <p>Altar Servers: (CR.) Jordan (M.) Colton</p>	<p>Sunday, December 12, 2010</p> <p>Lector 1: Brian Burrill</p> <p>Lector 2: Linda Rosner</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Stroet Clara Moore Bob Bresser Foziea Loki Al & Tina Bruintjes</p> <p>Greeters: Pete & Mary Stroet Mary VanderMaal</p> <p>Coffee/Juice: Greeters</p> <p>Altar Servers: (M.) Jessica (CR) Bradley (C.) Jack (C) Aiden</p>
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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 <u>84.3%</u> of our goal. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks for your gifts.	

COLLECTION COUNTERS
 Dec 6 - Johanna & Rita

COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

NOVEMBER	6 & 7	13 & 14	20 & 21	27 & 28	TOTAL
ENVELOPE	\$2,721.00	\$1,864.00	\$1,271.20	\$ 1,893.06	\$ 7749.26
LOOSE	\$ 170.73	\$ 161.56	\$ 200.14	\$ 72.43	\$ 604.86
TOTAL ENVELOPE & LOOSE	\$2,891.73	\$2,025.56	\$1,471.34	\$ 1,965.49	\$ 8354.12
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL	\$ 286.00		\$ 45.00		\$ 331.00
NEEDS OF THE CHURCH	\$ 20.00				\$ 20.00
WORLD MISSION	\$ 90.00				\$ 90.00

MORNINGS FOR MOMS AND DADS

Advent is the time of preparation for Christmas. We will meet on **Monday December 13 at 9:15 a.m.** to take some time apart from the busyness of this season and prepare spiritually for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Feel free to invite a friend or relative to join you. I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Sr. Elizabeth, f.c.j.


UPDATE ON BISHOP WIESNER

Bishop Wiesner continues to recover in hospital in Prince George. After a couple of days it became clear that there were some medical effects from his vehicle accident on November 26th and he was admitted to hospital on November 30th. The head pain he was experiencing has been alleviated to a great extent and the doctors continue to monitor his condition. Please, no visitors at this time as it is important for him to get as much rest as possible. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Christmas Mass Times

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





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.

Welcome Msgr. Jesus Romulo Ranada

We welcome Monsignor Jesus Romulo Ranada who is here with us in our parish for a Parish Mission in Advent. Msgr. Romy is from the Diocese of Novaliches, Quezon City, Philippines. When we come to think of it, Msgr. Romy is coming from a very far place. He accepted Fr. Rector's invitation and exerted an effort to be with us. Hence, let us show our good gesture of welcome by coming and participating to this Parish Mission in Advent.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

"After having reached the age of discretion, each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year." - Canon Law 989

Thus, to further help us *'prepare the way of the Lord,'* we will be celebrating our **Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday, December 6, 6:30pm.** Fr. Rector & Msgr. Romy will be available for individual confession after our communal penitential service.

Parish Mission in Advent

The Parish Pastoral Council with Fr. Rector strongly encourages all of us to make an effort to participate, support and be present at this Parish Mission in Advent. As it has been announced previously, Msgr. Romy will be celebrating Mass with us **this 2nd Sunday of Advent and giving a talk on Sunday, December 5, 6:30pm.** 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

Since there is no request that came to Fr. Rector's attention as far as international outreach is concern, he decided that we will welcome again Msgr. Romy's Christmas ornaments. This year we have *"candle ornaments"* from the Philippines made out of shells (*similar to angel ornaments we had last year*). The idea will be the same as last year. These candle ornaments will be offered to parishioners for \$10. For every \$10 dollars that parishioners will contribute it will represent one poor family that parishioners will sponsor for dinner on Christmas Eve. We have received at least 100 pieces of this Christmas ornament. Last year, we sponsored at least 1,368 poor families at Msgr. Romy's parish for their Christmas dinner. Thank you for showing God's love to these families through your constant support. You are all surely making a difference!!!

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!**



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MASS TIME: 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DECORATION

As early as now, we are informing, encouraging and inviting everyone to participate in decorating our Church on **December 19** after our Eucharistic celebration. Thank you all in advance for at considering to help and be involved! See you there.

SUNDAY December 12, 2010

11:30pm

LECTORS: 1. Gottlieb B 2. Raquel T

EMC's : Adrian & Jo M

SERVER: Lucas B (+), Jon K (b), Nicole

GREETER: Bill G Jane W

CHURCH CLEANING

Dec 6 - Dec 10
Claudine, April

COLLECTION COUNTER

December 12 - Eric B

COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

NOVEMBER	7	14	21	28
ENVELOPE	\$ 275.00	\$ 470.00	\$ 590.00	\$ 205.00
LOOSE	\$ 30.00	\$ 37.30	\$ 21.00	\$ 14.00
TOTAL ENVELOPE & LOOSE	\$ 305.00	\$ 507.30	\$ 611.00	\$ 219.00
Needs of the Church, Catholic Reading, Holy Childhood, Change for a Change	\$6 (CRP)	\$4.61(HCA), \$11.25 (CRP), \$10 (M.SUNDAY)	\$ 5 (CRP)	



PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Advent is a time of preparation. The Prophets of the Old Testament and New Testament summon us to a conversion that prepares us for the Lord's coming. A communal gathering that celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one way that we as a community and as individuals can prepare ourselves to welcome and receive Jesus with purified hearts. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday, December 9 at 6pm.**

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!

JESSE TREE

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.

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 donate 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.