



St. Joseph's Parish

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December 12, 2010

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-6, 10, Psalm 146, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11

"Lord, come and save us."

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec 13
Numbers 24.2-7, 15-17
Psalm 25
Matthew 21.23-27

Tuesday, Dec 14
Zephaniah 3.1-2, 9-13
Psalm 34
Matthew 21.28-32

Wednesday, Dec 15
Isaiah 45.6-8, 18, 21-25
Psalm 85
Luke 7.19-23

Thursday, Dec 16
Isaiah 54.1-10
Psalm 30
Luke 7.24-30

Friday, Dec 17
Genesis 49.2, 8-10
Psalm 72
Matthew 1.1-17

Saturday, Dec 18
Jeremiah 23.5-8
Psalm 72
Matthew 1.18-24

Sunday, Dec 19
4th Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 7.10-14
Psalm 24
Romans 1.1-7
Matthew 1.18-24

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 14 to Dec 17

Tuesday 6:30pm Mass † Sr. Stephanie Earl, fcj
Wednesday 9:00am Mass † Sr. Yvonne McKinnon, fcj
Thursday 11:00am Mass at the Bulkley Lodge
† Patricia Binchy, fcj
Friday 9:00am Mass † Eithne Brigid Hogan

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Dec 18 and Dec 19

Saturday 7:00 pm Mass Ziegler family
Sunday 9:00 am Mass † Laurence Perry

Upcoming Events

Monday, Dec 13th - 9:15am Mornings for Moms and Dads
7:00pm **CHOIR PRACTICE**
Tuesday, Dec 14th - 7:00pm CWL Christmas Party!
Wednesday, Dec 15th - 7:00pm Baptism Preparation
Thursday, Dec 16th - School Christmas concert
Friday, Dec 17th - 9:00am - School Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 18, 2010

Lector 1: C.W.L.
Lector 2: C.W.L.
Eucharistic Ministers:
C.W.L.
Greeters: C.W.L.
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: (CR.) Darcy
(M.) Dylan

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Lector 1: C.W.L.
Lector 2: C.W.L.
Eucharistic Ministers:
C.W.L.
Greeters: C.W.L.
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: (M.) Jessica
(CR) Fraser (C.) Emily M
(C) Olivia

SUNDAY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 4 & 5

CHURCH : \$ 2285.77
SCHOOL: \$ 396.00
CHRISTMAS: \$30.00
Thank you for your generosity!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS
Dec 12 - Monica & Gina

3rd Diocesan Annual Appeal Becoming Church

Parish Goal:	\$ 21,953.00
Amount to Goal:	\$ 2453.00
Number of Gifts:	64
Amount Pledged:	\$ 19,500.00

Actual received to Date: \$ 18,500.00

We have raised **88.8%** of our goal.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks for your gifts.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE:

Monday, December 13
7:00pm

EVERYONE is welcome to COME JOIN US!!



FUNDRAISING CHAIRPERSON

The Finance Committee is seeking a Fundraising Chairperson, to plan and organize fundraising events for our parish. If you are interested in getting involved, or have any great fundraising ideas, please see Laura Bolster or Fr. Rector.

Rite of Acceptance

This is the liturgical rite marking the catechumenate proper, as the candidates express and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. We will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance within the Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, December 12, 9am**. This is our way to get to know the five children and two adults journeying towards full initiation to the Catholic Church.

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.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - December 16th

Our Christmas concert will have two shows, one in the morning at 10:30am, and the other in the evening at 6:30pm. We encourage you come to the morning show if possible because the evening is very full. **IT WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH, NOT THE GYM.**

ADVENT SCHOOL MASS

On Friday, December 17, the grade 4 class will lead us in an Advent Mass at 9:00am. All are welcome to join us.

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.



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

This year, once again, we are asking for donations of poinsettia plants. If you wish to donate a plant "In Memory" of a loved one, feel free to do so - there will be cards available. If you just want to donate a plant that is fine too. The more plants we get the nicer our church looks. We ask that the plants be in 6" pots, please bring them to the church, during office hours, from Dec. 15th to 17th.

DECEMBER 19TH - Beginning at 12 noon, we will decorate the church for Christmas.

JANUARY 9th - Beginning at 12 noon, we will be taking down the decorations.

"Many Hands Make Light Work"

For more information please call Gemma at 847-4074.

Thank you!!!

We THANK the following for their constant support & generosity of time, talent and treasure:

All children of our Parish:

to date we raised \$857.33 for Holy Childhood Association;

CWL and those of you who supported the Parish Bazaar:

the parish received \$ 1,110.39 from the proceeds;

Parishioners who participated, Social Committee, and men of our parish:

with the Pancake Breakfast we had on the First Sunday of Advent, we collected \$464.55, money will be used for an outreach of the Youth & Parish;

All parishioners:

For your participation to the recently held Parish Mission in Advent.



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.

REMINDER: Members are asked to please return your nomination forms. They may be brought to the Christmas party, dropped off at the office or put in the collection basket on the weekend.

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

Will meet again in the New Year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 5, 2010

Envelopes	\$ 563.00	CRP	\$7.00
loose	\$ 13.00		
Total	\$ 576.00		

Thank you for your generosity!!

SUNDAY December 19, 2010

11:30pm

LECTORS: 1. Gail J 2. Vic J

EMC's: Barb J Jo M

SERVER: Alicia B (+), Malerie K

(b), Nicole H

GREETER: Tammy H W

CHURCH CLEANING

Dec 13 - Dec 17
Susan & family

COLLECTION COUNTER

December 19 - Jane W



CHRISTMAS MASS TIME

Please take note of the Mass time on Christmas Eve here at St. Anthony's Parish. It will be on Friday, December 24th, 8:30pm. We ask that you inform your family, relatives and friends to come and join us that night to celebrate the Eucharist as our way of thanksgiving and rejoicing to God's gift to us - His Son, our Lord Jesus.



THANKS!

We thank *Msgr. Romy Ranada* from the Philippines for celebrating the Eucharist with us last Sunday. Also, we thank everyone for supporting his mission. We still have a few "candle ornaments" left located at the church foyer, we ask for your continued support to this project. Please read inside page for more details with regards to this project.

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 considering to help and getting involved! See you there.

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.