



St. Joseph's Parish

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December 19, 2010

4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-14, Psalm 24, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-24

"God is with us."

Daily Readings

Monday, Dec 20

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10

Psalm 24

Luke 1.26-38

Tuesday, Dec 21

Zephaniah 3.14-18

Psalm 33

Luke 1.39-45

Wednesday, Dec 22

1 Samuel 1.24-28

Responsorial Canticle

1 Samuel 2

Luke 1.46-56

Thursday, Dec 23

Malachi 3.1-4; 4.5-6

Psalm 25

Luke 1.57-66

Friday, Dec 24

2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8-12, 16

Psalm 89

Luke 1.67-79

Saturday, Dec 25

Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2.11-14

Luke 2.1-16

Sunday, Dec 26

Holy Family

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128

Colossians 3.12-21

Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

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 21 to Dec 24

Tuesday	6:30pm Mass	Bresser family
Wednesday	9:00am Mass	Joanne Ross
Thursday	11:00am Mass	at the Bulkley Lodge Sr. Yvonne McKinnon, fcj
Friday	Christmas Eve	
	6:30pm Children's Mass	People of the Parish
	11:00pm Midnight Mass	People of the Parish

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Dec 25 and Dec 26

Saturday	CHRISTMAS DAY - <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
	9:00am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>
	9:00 am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec 22nd - 3:15pm	Children's Catechism
	7:00pm RCIA
Friday, Dec 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE	
	6:30pm Children's Mass
	11:00pm Midnight Mass
Saturday, Dec 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY	
	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
	9:00am Mass
Sunday, December 26th - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9:00am Mass



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

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"

SUNDAY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 11 & 12

CHURCH : \$ 1907.86

SCHOOL: \$ 145.00

CHRISTMAS: \$20.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Dec 19 - Monica & Gina

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 Fr. Rector or Laura Bolster.

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.



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH



This year we have "candle ornaments" from the Philippines made out of shells (similar to angel ornaments we had 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. The ornaments are going fast!!



Congratulations to Sean & Jennifer Mitchell on the baptism of their girls **GWENYTH REED MITCHELL & CARWYN AVERY MITCHELL**, who are being baptized into our faith community this weekend.

Congratulations to Gary & Sinead Cunningham on the baptism of their son **EAMON MICHAEL JAMES CUNNINGHAM**, who will be baptized into our faith community on Thursday December 23rd.

Parish Christmas Gathering and Family Day

Join us for a
Pot Luck Dinner

Fr. Rector, together with the Parish Pastoral Council, is organizing a potluck dinner on **Sunday, January 9th 5pm Feast of the Baptism of the Lord** and last day of Christmas. We hope that you will mark your calendar as early as now and plan to come and join us in celebrating Christmas as a parish family. More details will be shared in the New Year!

PRAYER FOR THOSE THAT ARE CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



God, our Father,
bless those who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month of November.

We thank you for their long and happy marriage,
for the children they have brought into the world,
and for all the good they have done.

As you blessed the love of their youth, continue to bless their life together
with gifts of peace and joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

2011 Envelopes

The 2011 Donation Envelopes are ready to be picked up from the tables in entrance way. If you are not presently using envelopes and would like to do so, please contact Linda at the Parish Office (847-2012). PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS. By using envelopes, we are better able to estimate our receipted donations - and you have a receipt by which you can use your contribution to the Church as a taxable deduction.

Christmas Ministry Schedule

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24TH, 2010 6:30 PM

Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Lector 1: Children reading **Lector 2:** Children reading

Eucharistic Ministers: Willy Koldyk, Jean Moisey, Carol deGelder, Bob Bresser, Clara Moore, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: Sheila Cole Eileen Bouvier

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24TH, 2010 11:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass

Lector 1: Moira McMillan

Lector 2: Christine Tessier

Eucharistic Ministers: Al & Tina Bruintjes, David Hemenway, Theo Sikkes, Tina Gemmell, Foziea Loki,

Nick Sikkes

Greeters: Dave & Marg Hemenway

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25TH, 2010 - 9:00AM

CHRISTMAS DAY - *The Nativity of the Lord*

Lector 1: Linda Rosner

Lector 2: Vigil Overstall

Eucharistic Ministers: Willy Koldyk, Lu Blackburn, Foziea Loki, Carol deGelder, Theo Sikkes, Johanna Habjan

Greeters: Theo & Corry Sikkes

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26TH, 2010 - 9:00 AM

Lector 1: Gemma Gillis

Lector 2: Sr. Elizabeth

Eucharistic Ministers: David Hemenway, Carol deGelder, Mary Stroet, Clara Moore, Bob Bresser, Al Bruintjes

Greeters: Pete & Mary Stroet

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

SATURDAY JANUARY 1ST, 2011 - 10:30AM

Lector 1: Jim Schwab

Lector 2:

Eucharistic Ministers: David Hemenway, Carol deGelder, Willy Koldyk, Al & Tina Bruintjes, Nick Sikkes

Greeters: Eileen Bouvier June Philpot

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

SUNDAY JANUARY 2ND, 2011 - 9:00AM

Lector 1: Trevor Bruintjes

Lector 2: Gemma Gillis

Eucharistic Ministers: Please check in the sacristy

Greeters: Gary & Mary Heinbecker

Altar Servers: Please check in the Sacristy

ATTENTION CHILDREN—CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Any children who would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Mass (6:30pm Dec.24), are asked to phone the parish office and leave their name.

There will be 2 practices: after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday Dec.19 and on Wednesday Dec. 22 at 3:15pm in the church.



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MASS TIME: 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE



December 24, 2010 (CHRISTMAS EVE MASS)

8:30PM

LECTORS: 1. Shirley C 2. Gotlieb B
EMC's : Gail & Vic J
SERVER: Jared B (Incense), Alicia (+), Malerie K (b),
Nic O (c)
GREETER: Claudine K



SUNDAY December 26, 2010

11:30pm

LECTORS: 1. Raquel T 2. Liz G
EMC's : Garry & Joanne B
SERVER: Luca B (+), Cole R (b),
Nate O (c)
GREETER: Claudine K

CHURCH CLEANING

Dec 20 - Dec 24
Sherry & family

COLLECTION COUNTER

December 24 - Adrian M
December 26 - Robert P

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 12, 2010

Envelopes	\$ 535.00	CRP	\$5.00
loose	\$ 22.25		
Total	\$ 557.25		

Thank you for your generosity!!

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AND FAMILY DAY

Our Christmas Party and Family Day will be on **Sunday, January 2, 2011 Feast of the Epiphany** after our Eucharistic celebration. It will be a potluck dinner, so please bring food to share. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the spirit of *Christmas - love, joy and peace with our parish community of St. Anthony's!* Fr. Rector encourages and invites children with their families to come up with any **singing, dancing, and/or playing instrument** for this gathering. See you there!!!

FLOWERS DONATION

We would like to invite everyone who wish to donate flowers (*Poinsettia*) for our Church this Christmas season. Please bring them at your own convenience from today, Sunday December 19th - Tuesday December 22nd. Your kindness and generosity will be highly appreciated. Thank you in advance and Merry Christmas to all!

2011 Envelopes // Charitable Giving – A great tax deduction

Please pick up your 2011 Envelopes located at the Church's Entrance way.

The following message is an adoption from Sacred Heart Cathedral's Bulletin:

We all know donating to the Parish and our Diocese is a good thing. Did you know qualified donations are one of the best tax deductions going? Well they are technically a tax credit, but if you pay federal and provincial tax, the offsetting credit is significant.

In BC the federal and provincial credit is: On the first \$200 donation—20%; Over \$200—43.7%; Limited to 75% of net income. What does this mean? If you make a donation to the Parish or Diocese Appeal and you have already made over \$200 in other donations, the net cost of your donation is 56 cents on the dollar. Ex. \$1000 Donation to Registered Charitable Organization: Refund \$437; Net Cost \$563. Assumptions: a) First \$200 donation already made; b) Provincial and Federal taxes owing before tax credit is at least \$437.

There are even more benefits if you donate registered securities or capital property. If you are considering these types of giving you should consult a tax professional. Remember to donate through your envelope or by cheque so the Parish can issue a Charitable receipt at the end of the calendar year.

(Matt Brown, BComm, CA, DMC Chartered Accountants)