



St. Joseph's Parish

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November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63.16-17; 64.1, 3-8 Psalm 80, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Matthew 13.33-37

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."

Daily Readings

Monday, Nov 28

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalm 122

Matthew 8.5-11, 13

Tuesday, Nov 29

Isaiah 11.1-10

Psalm 72

Luke 10.21-24

Wednesday, Nov 30

Romans 10.9-18

Psalm 19

Matthew 4.18-22

Thursday, Dec 1

Isaiah 26.1-6

Psalm 118

Matthew 7.21, 24-27

Friday, Dec 2

Isaiah 29.17-24

Psalm 27

Matthew 9.27-31

Saturday, Dec 3

Isaiah 30, 19-21, 23-26

Psalm 147

Matthew 9.35-10.1, 5, 6-8

Sunday, Dec 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85

2 Peter 3.8-14

Mark 1.1-8



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 29 to Dec 2

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| Tuesday | 6:30pm | MASS | † Victorino Pacheco |
| Wednesday | 9:00am | MASS | † Victorino Pacheco † Deceased members of the O'Rielly & Habjan families |
| Thursday | 11:00 am | MASS at the Bulkley Lodge | † Victorino Pacheco |
| Friday | 6:30pm | MASS followed by the Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. | † Victorino Pacheco |

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Dec 3 and Dec 4

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| Saturday | 7:00pm | Mass | † Emilio Mellace † Souls in Purgatory † Victorino Pacheco |
| Sunday | 9:00am | Mass | † Victorino Pacheco |

Upcoming Events



Monday, Nov. 28 @ 7pm

PARISH ADVENT MISSION

Wednesday, Nov. 30
12:05pm OR 3:15pm
Altar Servers' Training

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Lector 1: Jim Schwab
Lector 2: Dylan Delany
Eucharistic Ministers: Jean M, Nick & Mairead S
Greeters: Gary & Mary H, Eileen B
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: CR. Junior M. Emily B
C. Liliana C. Josh

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Lector 1: Mark Diehl
Lector 2: Anaise Labonte
Eucharistic Ministers: , Al & Tina B, Carol d
Greeters: Pete & Mary S, Jean M
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: CR. Sam M. Fraser
C. Arnee C. Anthony

Solemnity, Christ The King

CHURCH: \$ 1690.95

SCHOOL: \$ 35.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Parish Goal: \$ 19,580.00

Amount to Goal: \$ 4050.00

Actual to Date: \$ 15,530.00

Number of Gifts: 55



Rest in Peace Our sincere condolences to the Mellace family on the passing of **EMILIO MELLACE** this week. Funeral Service for Emilio will be held on **Tuesday, November 29 @ 1pm.**

PRAYER LINE

Please pray for **Margretta.**



If you would like a name added to the Prayer Line please contact **Tina Bruintjes @ 847-9836, Marie Ziegler @ 847-2574** or the Parish Office @ 250-847-2012.

Parish Advent Mission with Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI

Our Bishop, Most. Rev. Gerald Wiesner, OMI has generously offered to go around the Diocese to give a Parish Advent Mission. It will only be an hour of our Advent journey. Fr. Rector and the Parish Pastoral Council encourage all parishioners to make an effort to attend. The following schedule will be observed for both parishes of St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, 7pm

(There will be a potluck supper at 5:00pm before the Advent Mission. Parishioners are invited to bring food to share.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, 7pm

(There will be little socials after. Parishioners are invited to bring some goodies.)

Thank you & see you all there!!!



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. 2** from 6PM to 9 PM and **Saturday Dec. 3** from 10:00 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.

CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY!

On **Tuesday December 13th 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, and an item for the passage house (CARE KIT).

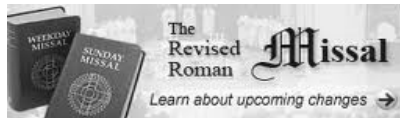


ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

HOMEBASED BUSINESS - SENTSY

On Tuesday, November 29, at 7pm, the school will be hosting a night for parents to come to the school kitchen and look at Sentsy products. Sentsy is a home based business of warmers, scents and sentsy buddies. The Scentsy warmer is simple! The warmers use a low-watt bulb to slowly melt specially formulated wax. With no flame, smoke, or soot, the Scentsy wickless candle system is a safe way to enjoy Scentsy fragrances. They will make great Christmas gifts while supporting the school. An order sheet was sent home today and fall catalogues are at the school and posted on the front page of our website. We have on display in the office, one warmer. Come in and check it out.



Revised Roman Missal

Why the Changes to the Penitential Act?

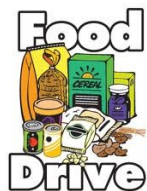
There are several different options for this part of the Mass: we will look at the *Confiteor* (I Confess) this week. When we admit in public together that we have sinned, it emphasizes that we gather as a community where each person has need of God's mercy. This version is closer to the Latin original text and has strong connections to scripture: King David admitted to the Lord that he had greatly sinned (1 Chronicles 21:8); and the repetition that we have sinned through "my fault" three times and the striking of our breast with our fist recalls the tax collector who stood at the back of the temple who humbled himself before God (Luke 18:13). By striking our breast with a closed hand we show we want to crush the sin that lies in our heart and humble ourselves before God to receive His mercy. In the Prayer of Absolution the priest asks or petitions God to be merciful to us: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life". But this is not the absolution we receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The emphasis in the whole Penitential Act is something very positive and hope-filled because it highlights our need and desire for God's loving, abundant, mercy.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAMS 2011

In preparation for Christmas, we ask for your generous support to our Christmas Outreach Programs:

LOCAL OUTREACH: Youth Group Food Drive & Gift Tags

Youth Group had put up a Christmas Tree with **gift tags** (approx 40 with the age and gender of a child written on the back of each tag). The idea is that parishioners will take a gift tag home, buy a gift for that child indicated on a gift tag, and bring the tag with the gift for a child and place it under the tree. **Your gifts need to be brought in on or before Friday, December 9th.**



Youth Group will also conduct a **food drive on Wednesday, December 7**. We will be knocking at your door that evening between 7-8pm for donations of non-perishable food. These activities are in support to the Christmas Hamper Program here in the Town of Smithers.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: Christmas (bell) ornaments for a Cause

For our international outreach, Fr. Rector and the Parish Pastoral Council once again decided to support the giving away of Christmas ornament, this year, in a bell shape from the Philippines made out of shell (similar to angel and candle ornaments we have in the previous years). The idea will be the same as previous years. These Christmas (bell) ornaments will be offered to parishioners in exchange of \$10; and for every \$10 dollars that parishioners will contribute, it is representing one poor family that parishioner's will sponsor for dinner on Christmas Eve at the parish being served by Msgr. Jesus Romulo Ranada, Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, Quezon City, Philippines. Once again, thank you for showing God's love to these families through your constant support. You are all surely making a difference!!!



PARISH GROUPS

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Broadway Place (Smithers Homeless Shelter)

Thank you for keeping Broadway Place in mind. With the cooler temperatures now here, they are in need of socks, gloves & blankets. Items can be placed in the wooden boxes in the foyer. Bottles may be dropped off at the bottle depot (designated Broadway Place). All donations are appreciated.

BIBLE SHARING

We meet regularly every Tuesday at 10:15 am in the Parish Centre.

Everyone welcome!

YOUTH GROUP

The next gathering will take place on **Wednesday, December 7** at 6:30pm in the school. All Youth, grades 7 and up, are welcome to attend this great evening.



St. Anthony's Parish

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MASS TIME: 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2011

LECTORS: Shirley Collins Raquel Timms

EMCs: Garry & Joanne Beaudette

SERVERS: (+) Alicia B (b) Nicole H (c) Cole R

GREETER: Claudine Ketchell Bill Goold

MASS INTENTION

November 27, December 4 and 11

Helen Hak

† Luciano Dotto

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

November 28 - December 2: Sherry & family

COLLECTION COUNTER

December 4 - Carm B

SUNDAY COLLECTION

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY November 20, 2011

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| Envelopes | \$ 266.00 | HCA | \$171.50 |
| loose | \$ 11.00 | | |
| Total | \$ 277.00 | | |

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL BECOMING CHURCH

PARISH GOAL: \$4976.00 ACTUAL TO DATE: \$ 4270.00
AMOUNT TO GOAL: \$ 706.00 NUMBER OF GIFTS: 17



Thank you for your generosity!!

Parish Advent Mission with Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27th ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, 7pm

Please see inside bulletin for more information.

SEASON OF ADVENT

(From the ORDO)

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortation and instructions on different themes of this season.

May we all have a meaningful Advent journey.

CWL UPDATES

The envelope of **Phantom Tea** of the CWL will be distributed early December. Any proceeds from the Phantom Tea will be used to support their foster child in Peru.

Christmas meeting plus luncheon will take place on **Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 11:30am at Pleasant Valley Restaurant**. All women of the parish are welcome to come. Please see the sign-up sheet at the foyer or let **Corrie** know for reservation. In lieu of gift exchange, we will be given the opportunity to make cash donations to either Salvation Army or Houston Soup Kitchen

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAMS 2011

LOCAL: CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM:

In the past year, Home Religion Families have coordinated the **CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROGRAM**. This year once again, we would like to invite all parishioners to prayerfully consider reaching out to those who are less fortunate than us by supporting the **Food Bank and Christmas Hamper Program**. You may donate food and place it to the food bank basket at the entrance way of the church. As you respond to this, you are bringing joy to someone in need. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our parish office 250-845-2841.

CHRISTMAS KETTLE SIGN UP SHEET

The Salvation Army leaders are asking for our time and help to please make an effort to sign up at our Christmas Kettle schedule that can be found at the entrance way of the church. Each volunteer is asked to stay for two hours in the mall and encourage the people to make donations. Please indicate your available time. Thank you in advance!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: *Please refer to the inside of the Bulletin "Christmas 'Bell' Ornaments for a Cause*