



St. Joseph's Parish

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March 27, 2011

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.3-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-2, 5-8, John 4.5-42

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Daily Readings

Monday, Mar 28

Daniel 9.3, 4-10

Psalm 79

Luke 6.36-38

Tuesday, March 29

Isaiah 1.10, 16-20, 27-28, 31

Psalm 50

Matthew 23.1-12

Wednesday, March 30

Jeremiah 18.18-20

Psalm 31

Matthew 20.17-28

Thursday, March 31

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Psalm 1

Luke 16.19-31

Friday, April 1

Isaiah 7.10-14; 8-10

Psalm 40

Hebrews 10.4-10

Luke 1.26-38

Saturday, April 2

Micah 7.14-15, 18-20

Psalm 103

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

Sunday, April 3

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16.1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5.8-14

John 9.1-41

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 Mar 29 to Apr 1

Tuesday	6:30pm	Mass	Cait Lynch, Int
Wednesday	9:00am	Mass	Resty De Vera, Int
Thursday	11:00am	Mass at the Bulkley Lodge	Mary O'Sullivan, Int
Friday	9:00AM	Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	† Rectorino Tolentino Sr.
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Apr 2 and Apr 3

Saturday	7:00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	9:00am	Mass	† Nora Higginson



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 29	7:00pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday, March 30	3:15pm	Children's Catechism
	7:00pm	RCIA
Friday, April 1	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Finance Committee).
Monday, April 11 to Thursday April 14		PARISH LENTEN MISSION with Fr. Lucien Larre

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Lector 1: Jim Schwab
Lector 2: Michael DesHarnais
Eucharistic Ministers:
Bob Bresser
Sr. Elizabeth
David Hemenway
Greeters: Marilyn Richey
Gary & Mary Heinbecker
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: (CR.) Colton
(M.) Jordan

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Lector 1: CWL
Lector 2: CWL
Eucharistic Ministers:
Catholic Women's League
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Greeters
Catholic Women's League
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: (CR) Bradley
(M) Jessica (C) Jack (C) Sam
**Please note: April 3rd Ministries
have been moved to April 10th.**

MARCH 19 / 20

CHURCH: \$ 1739.53
SCHOOL: \$60.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL: Parish Goal: \$21,953.00
Total Pledged: \$20,550.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

Did you know that appeal monies have been used each year to reduce St. Joseph's School's annual administration fee to Catholic Independent Schools by one percent? The reduction for this school year was close to \$7000.

Please pray for:

Noah, Vanessa, Anita, Irene, Nicholas, Flo, Maggie, Susan, Joy, and Jane.



The Prayer Line is for anyone who requires extra prayers, and would like to be prayed for. (eg: sick, tough time in life, illness, etc). *If you would like a name added*

to the Prayer Line please contact Tina Bruintjes @ 847-9836, Johanna Habjan @ 847-4504, Marie Ziegler @ 847-2574 or the Parish Office @ 250-847-2012.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC BURSARY FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

The board of directors of the *Catholic Health Association of BC* is pleased to announce that it will grant two bursaries in 2011—each in the amount of \$250, to graduating students. Interested students are invited to submit a 500 word essay to the Association by March 31, 2011, that demonstrates an awareness and understanding on the significance of *Spirituality in Health Care*.
Please see bulletin board for more information.



Charitable assistance for Japan

To date neither the Government of Japan or Development and Peace's partner, *Caritas Japan*, have appealed for humanitarian assistance. Although Japan has the capacity to respond to the current emergency, *Caritas Japan* estimates that once the emergency phase is over, the most vulnerable will require support. It plans to organize reconstruction programs in the coming months to bring effective aid. Donations to Development and Peace will be forwarded to *Caritas Japan* for its reconstruction programs. Donations can be made by phone (1-888-664-3387), online at www.dev.org or by sending a cheque to the following address (please indicate Japan Reconstruction):

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE
1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor
Montreal QC H3G 1T7



Development and Peace

The theme for Share Lent this year is "Building a World of Justice". On the fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, we will be having our Share Lent Collection which is the main fundraiser for the ongoing work of Development and Peace. Over the next four weekends find an insert in the parish bulletin describing partners of Development and Peace and the work they are doing. If you would like more information there are Share Lent magazines available in the foyer.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. It is now open to general public. We have four spaces available. Please call the school office to set up an appointment. Children must be 5 years of age by Dec. 31, 2011 to register for Kindergarten.

NOTES ABOUT LENT

PENITENTIAL DISCIPLINE IN CANADA Note 29 (ORDO)

Law of the gospel: The church wants new emphasis to be given to the evangelical law that a follower of Christ must do penance. While the heart of penance is hatred for sin as an offence against God, external forms of penance are required to deepen and encourage the internal virtue.

Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

Lent: The penitential character of Lent is to be maintained. On these days penance is to be considered an important requirement of the Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence.

The Paschal Fast is observed on Good Friday and, where possible, continued through Holy Saturday.

Candidate & Catechumen's Journey

After the celebration of the Rite of Election last Saturday, our **catechumens** are now called **elect** (**RCIA: Crystal Adams; Children's Catechism: Elka desHarnais, Damien Dudoward, Kloe Barry**). Through the Rite of Election, the church now declares its approval or acceptance of these elect for full initiation in the Catholic Church on Easter.

Regular weekday gathering continues. Each week of Lent, our Elect together with RCIA Team, parishioners and their sponsors will be celebrating the "**Breaking Open of the Word and Scrutiny**." Please take note of the following weeks of Lent in which Scrutinies are going to happen: **First Scrutiny - 3rd Wednesday in Lent, March 30, 7pm; Second Scrutiny - 4th Wednesday in Lent, April 6, 7pm; Third Scrutiny - 5th Friday in Lent, April 15, after the Stations of the Cross.**

There will also be two presentations: **Presentation of the Creed - within the 6:30pm Mass, Tuesday, March 29; Presentation of the Lord's Prayer - within the 6:30pm Mass, Tuesday of the Holy Week, April 19.**

We continue to pray for all the elect of the church. We also pray for the **Candidates** (*Maryssa Grayer; Liliana Jackson; Sarah Pashkewicz*) as they get closer to complete the Sacraments of Initiation this coming Easter.

Stations of the Cross - Friday's at 7pm



March 25	PPC & Finance, Children's Catechism & RCIA Group
April 1	Finance Council
April 8	St. Joseph's School
April 15	Catholic Women's League

PARISH GROUPS

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

Broadway Place (Smithers Homeless Shelter) Thank you to all of you who have been donating, you are making a difference. Packaged snacks, whole fresh fruit, gloves, (a constant need) and backpacks are items needed at this time. Other new and used items (clean and in good condition) are also appreciated. Please place items in the wooden boxes in the foyer.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION 2011

On the 5th Week of Lent (April 9th-14th), Fr. Lucien Larre will be with us to facilitate a Parish Lenten Mission. Fr. Rector and the PPC strongly encourage you to make this part of your Lenten observance. Basically, Confession, Mass and Mission talks are in the **evening (6pm-8pm)**. Please mark your calendar.

Please see insert for more information.

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday April 5th following the 6:30pm Mass.

YOUTH GROUP Youth Group is down done for the year. A HUGE THANK YOU to Cameron & Kristy Orr for all your time spent ministering to our youth. See you all next year!!



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MASS TIME: 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2011

LECTORS: 1. Jane W 2. Shirley C

EMCs: Gail & Vic J

SERVER: Malerie K (+), Jon K (b), Alicia B (b)

GREETER: Tammy H

COLLECTION COUNTER

April 3

Eric B

CHURCH CLEANING

Mar 28 - Apr 1

Desi & Bill

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY March 20, 2011

Envelopes	\$ 407.00
loose	\$ 14.50
Total	\$ 421.50

Thank you for your generosity!!

DVD on Marriage & Family Life "FAMILY BECOME WHO YOU ARE"

Please come for another hour of viewing and discussion this coming **Thursday, March 31st, 2:30pm**. All are invited to come – single, widowed, married couples, engage couples. There has been good turn out for the past two meetings (March 17th & 24th). For those of you who cannot make it, we will make the copy of the DVD available starting April 1st. We encourage each parishioners to view it and so through this, we will be made aware or reminded of many important aspects in Marriage & Family Life.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - EVERY FRIDAY EVENING OF LENT

This prayer focuses on the journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. As part of our Catholic Tradition, we make this meditation as an important aspect of our Lenten journey through Easter. We encourage you therefore to make this devotion as part of your family prayer time. Please come and pray the Stations of the Cross at our parish church every Friday of Lent, 7pm. The following are the schedule to be observed of those who will lead the Stations:



April 1 - Home Religion Families

April 8 - PPC & Finance Committee

April 15 - Ronnie

Pope Benedict XVI Lenten Message

A Lenten message from Pope Benedict XVI can be found on the Vatican website at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/len/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20101104_lent-2011_en.html.

LOOKING AHEAD: DIOCESAN UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISM MASS is scheduled on **Monday, April 11, 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George**. It is a diocesan celebration and therefore all parishioners across the diocese are invited and encouraged to gather at the Cathedral on this day. During this celebration, the priests of the Diocese will renew their commitment, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils and distribute it. Each parish should have a delegation to receive the Holy Oils from the Bishop and to bring them back to their respective parishes. For any of you who will be attending, please let Ronnie know so that he can make arrangements for your accommodation. See you there!!!



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2011 will be held on **April 29 – May 1, 2011**. All youth of the parish are welcome to come and join this gathering. Please contact Ronnie for more information.



"For the DYC 2011, organizers will try something new!!! In the past they have billeted families. However, this year, they are going to open up Immaculate Conception Elementary School so youth groups can stay there!! This is very exciting and allows the youth groups from out of town to get to stay together as one community.

The youth are asked to bring a foamy, pillow, and sleeping bag. It really is going to be like one large sleep over that is going to be tons of fun. The youth will also receive breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, dinner Saturday night, as well as lunch Saturday and Sunday if needed for trip home."