



St. Joseph's Parish

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April 3, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16.1, 6-7, 10-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41

"As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Daily Readings

Monday, Apr 4

Isaiah 65.17-21

Psalm 30

John 4.43-54

Tuesday, Apr 5

Ezekiel 47.1-9, 12

Psalm 46

John 5.1-16

Wednesday, Apr 6

Isaiah 49.8-15

Psalm 145

John 5.16-30

Thursday, Apr 7

Exodus 32.7-14

Psalm 106

John 5.18, 31-47

Friday, April 8

Wisdom 2.1, 12-22

Psalm 34

John 7.1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 9

Jeremiah 11.18-20

Psalm 7

John 7.40-53

Sunday, April 10

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.12-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8.8-11

John 11.1-45

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 Apr 5 to Apr 8

Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	11:00am Liturgy at the Bulkley Lodge
Friday	No Mass
	7:00pm Stations of the Cross (St. Joseph's School)

Fr. Rector will be away at a National Federation of Presbyteral Council Meeting April 5 - 8, 2011

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Apr 9 and Apr 10

Saturday	7:00pm Mass	✠ Laurence Perry
Sunday	9:00am Mass	People of the Parish



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 5	7:00pm CWL Meeting
Wednesday, April 6	3:15pm Children's Catechism
	7:00pm RCIA
Friday, April 8	7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Catholic Women's League).
Monday, April 11 to Thursday April 14	PARISH LENTEN MISSION with Fr. Lucien Larre

CHRISM MASS - Monday, April 11, 2011 @ 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George. Please refer to back of bulletin for more information.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 9, 2011

Lector 1: Patty Spicer
Lector 2: Vigil Overstall
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Bob Bresser
 Willy Koldyk
 Johanna Habjan
Greeters: Johanna Habjan
 David & Marj Hemenway
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Please check in Sacristy.

Sunday, April 10, 2011

Lector 1: Mark Diehl
Lector 2: Anaise Labonte
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Carol deGelder Janna Delany
 Johanna Habjan Bob Bresser
 Al & Tina Bruintjes
Greeters: Pete & Mary Stroet
 Jean Miller
Coffee/Juice: Greeters
Altar Servers: Please check in Sacristy.

Please pray for:

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



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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION

COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2011					
MARCH	5 & 6	12 & 13	19 & 20	26 & 27	TOTAL
ENVELOPE	\$ 2292.75	\$ 1362.00	\$ 1604.01	\$ 1305.00	\$ 6563.76
LOOSE	\$ 242.66	\$ 156.69	\$ 135.52	\$ 162.72	\$ 697.59
TOTAL ENVELOPE & LOOSE	\$ 2535.41	\$ 1518.69	\$ 1739.53	\$ 1467.72	\$ 7261.35
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL	\$ 261.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 396.00

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.

Fair Trade Easter bunnies are arriving! 95 gm milk or dark (72% cocoa) chocolate. This year they are a fundraiser for Muheim school. They are \$5.00. Orders are taken on a first come, first served basis. Please email or call me (Pauline - 877 7737) with your order. Delivery expected end of March/first week of April. Please remember to specify your preference - milk or dark.

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.devp.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)

Continuation from last week...

Privileged form of Penance are to be recommended to the faithful, especially during Lent. These forms are privileged because they are based on the teaching of the gospels (fasting, almsgiving, prayer, works of mercy) or because of their traditional value among the people of God (abstinence from meat).

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open for prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting among Christians is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith.

The law of abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 and older; the law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter.

Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

On this Season of Lent, all God's people are encouraged and invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. From April 11th-14th all parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish will have an opportunity to celebrate this Sacrament with Fr. Lucien Larre, Lenten Parish Mission Speaker. Fr. Rector will continue to offer and celebrate Sacrament of Reconciliation with anyone, especially every Saturday before the 7pm Mass. **NO special date is scheduled for Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service as all parishioners are strongly encourage to participate at this year's Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Lucien Larre and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with him.**



"My children, as soon as ever you have a little spot upon your soul, you must do like a person who has a fine globe of glass, which he keeps very carefully. If this globe has a little dust on it, he wipes it with a sponge the moment he perceives it, and there is the globe clear and brilliant. In the same way, as soon as you perceive a little stain on your soul, take some holy water with respect, do one of those good works to which the remission of venial sins is attached -an alms, a genuflection to the Blessed Sacrament, hearing a Mass. My children, it is like a person who has a slight illness; he need not go and see a doctor, he may cure himself without. If he has a headache, he need only go to bed; if he is hungry, he has only to eat. But if it is a serious illness, if it is a dangerous wound, he must have the doctor; after the doctor come the remedies. In the same way, when we have fallen into any grievous sin, we must have recourse to the doctor, that is the priest; and to the remedy, that is confession." (*Catechism on Confession by St. John Vianney*)

Candidate & Catechumen's Journey

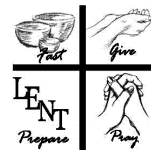
We continue to journey with our Elect (**RCIA: Crystal Adams; Children's Catechism: Elka desHarnais, Damien Dudoward, Kloe Barry**) as they approach the reception of the Sacraments at Easter.

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 these remaining weeks of Lent and the activities related to the Elect's journey: **Second Scrutiny – 4th Wednesday in Lent, April 6, 7pm; Third Scrutiny – 5th Friday in Lent, April 15, after the Stations of the Cross; 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.

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.



Stations of the Cross - Friday's at 7pm

April 8	St. Joseph's School
April 15	Catholic Women's League



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday April 5th at 7:00pm. **Reminder:** Donations to the Chalice Program.

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



St. Anthony's Parish

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MASS TIME: 11:30am

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2011

LECTORS: 1. Vic J 2. Gotlieb B

EMCs: Adrian & Jo M

SERVER: Nicole H (+), Cole R (b), Alicia B (b)

GREETER: Bill G

COLLECTION COUNTER

April 10

Jane W

CHURCH CLEANING

Apr 4 - Apr 8

Tammy H

Stations of the Cross - Friday's at 7pm

April 8 - PPC & Finance Committee

April 15 - Ronnie



COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF March 2011

MARCH	6	13	20	27
ENVELOPE	\$ 540.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 407.00	\$ 491.00
LOOSE	\$ 27.00	\$ 21.25	\$ 14.50	\$ 30.20
TOTAL ENVELOPE & LOOSE	567.00	\$ 341.25	\$ 421.50	\$ 521.20
Catholic Missions, Catholic Reading, Holy Childhood, Change for a Change	\$5 (CRP), \$1 (HCA)	\$24 (CRP), \$14.02 (HCA), \$50 (Hall).		\$5 (CRP), \$1.29 (HCA), \$23.24 (CFAC)

MANY THANKS!

We would like to thank everyone who prepared and shared their food last Sunday during our lunch after the celebration of the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick. Your generosity, initiative, and participation are well noted and much appreciated. May we always become an active part of our parish community by supporting our parish and its ministries. Again, thank you very much and God bless!

Thank you also to all parishioners who for the past three consecutive Thursday gathered with Fr. Rector to view the DVD on Marriage & Family Life – "Family Become Who You Are." Your attendance and participation truly reflect your interests in nurturing yourselves and the way we can best relate with one another as God's people. May you continue to discover who you are in relation to God and others.

DVD on Marriage and Family Life: "Family Become Who You Are"

We encourage parishioners who were not able to attend the viewing and discussion on Marriage & Family Life to borrow the DVD from the parish. You may want to schedule a viewing at home with your family and have a good time of sharing afterwards. Again, this will help you see some of the most important aspects in your respective relationships and it will also help you grow personally with the way you handle your relationships. Please contact Ronnie at the parish office, if in case you are interested.

HOME RELIGION PROGRAM The next gathering for Home Religion Program will be on **Thursday April 7, 2011 2:30pm**. We invite you to come and join us as we learn more about "The Holy Eucharist."

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."