



St. Joseph's Parish

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April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 50.4-7, Psalm 22, Philippians 2.6-11, Matthew 26.14-27.66

" Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. "

Daily Readings

Monday, Apr 18

Isaiah 42.1-7

Psalm 27

John 12.1-11

Tuesday, Apr 19

Isaiah 49.1-6

Psalm 71

John 13.21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, Apr 20

Isaiah 50.4-9

Psalm 69

Matthew 26.14-26

Holy Thursday, Apr 21

Mass of The Lord's Supper

Exodus 12.1-8, 11-14

Psalm 116

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

John 13.1-15

Good Friday, April 22

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

Psalm 31

Hebrews 4.14-16; 5.7-9

John 18.1-19.42

Saturday, April 23

Easter Vigil

Resurrection of the Lord (see missal)

Easter Sunday, April 24

Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10.34, 37-43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3.1-4

John 20.1-18

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 19 to Apr 22

Tuesday	6:30pm Mass	Girle Sison, Int
Wednesday	9:00am Mass	Lerma Magarzo, Int
Holy Thursday	8:30pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	2:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	3:00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Please note: Mass Intentions from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday will be offered for the People of the Parish.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES Apr 23 and Apr 24

Holy Saturday / Resurrection of the Lord	8:30pm Mass
Easter Sunday	9:00am Mass



Upcoming Events

The next **Afternoon for Moms and Dads** will be on **Monday, April 18 at 2:00 p.m.** Our focus will be **Holy Week**. Come to gain a better understanding of the celebrations during this holiest of weeks in the Church year. 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please refer to bulletin insert.

Please pray for:

Bob, Cindy, 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.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



God, our Father,

bless those who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month of April.

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.

WORLD DAY OF YOUTH: Instituted by Pope Paul II at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with the WYD gatherings. In presenting the World Youth Day Cross to the Toronto pilgrims (2001), the Pope said: "With creativity and enthusiasm, may you find new ways to lead the young people of the world... to a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 9 /10, 2011

CHURCH : \$ 1742.14

SCHOOL: \$35.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL: Parish Goal: \$21,953.00

Total Pledged: \$20,550.00

Thank you for your generosity!!!

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 29 - May 1, 2011

If any youth are interested in attending the DYC in Price George, please see Fr. Rector .



Choir Practice on Monday,
April 18, 7pm.

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Tuesday, April 19, 3:30 p.m. our Grade 3 pupils will celebrate their Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Rector. We keep them in our prayers as they get closer to that day when they will experience thru the Sacrament the love, mercy and compassion of God. May these children who are requesting and wanting to celebrate this Sacrament inspire the rest of the people in our parish. May we also remind ourselves of the value and importance of being forgiven by God thru the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

Good Friday Collection

April 22, 2011

in support of the Holy Land

For the year 2011, we remember the first community of Jerusalem who made the first steps in living an evangelical life. It has established the foundation for Christian life from which we still live by today. It is nice to say with the psalmist *Jerusalem above all my joys (136,6)*.

The mission of the Commissariat of the Holy Land is to help the Christian communities of the Holy Land and is made possible with the generosity of all the Catholics in Canada. Each year your support sustains apostolic and social works and the upkeep of the Holy Sites that have been entrusted to the Franciscans for centuries. An important challenge that we face is the revival of the Church and the mission of the formation of future priests. During the Good Friday Service, your parish in communion with the Church turns itself towards Jerusalem. It commemorates Jesus, his sorrowful passion and his love for us and all humanity. That is also where we share a common solidarity towards the Holy Sites and the faithful who live there. That is why Benedict XVI holds out his hand to you in order to participate in a mission that concerns the whole Church!



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.

HOLY WEEK

(from the ORDO)

Holy Week is the week which precedes the great feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday - it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of Salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

Candidate & Catechumen's Journey

THIRD STEP: Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

This is the liturgical rite, usually integrated into the Easter Vigil celebration, by which the elect are initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

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. 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.

Meanwhile, regular gathering continues. The following activities will take place prior to the Easter Vigil: **Third Scrutiny - 5th Friday in Lent, April 15, after the Stations of the Cross; Monday of Holy Week - April 18, 7pm Catechumenate Retreat; Presentation of the Lord's Prayer - within the 6:30pm Mass, Tuesday of the Holy Week, April 19. Wednesday of Holy Week - April 20, 7pm Practice for Easter Vigil & Reception to the Sacraments.**

Children journeying to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrating it on Sunday, May 15th, 9am Mass with Bishop Gerald Wiesner, OMI.

THANKS & Words of Encouragement/Invitation from the Pastor

Our Dear Parishioners,

I am deeply grateful of the support and participation that each of you had given to our Parish Lenten Mission facilitated by Fr. Lucien Larre. I continue to pray that the seeds implanted in you through this mission will grow and be nurtured through the way you live your daily lives, relate with other people and also through your constant, active and full participation to the life and ministry of our parish and Diocese. May we all have a good and blessed observance of the Holy Week. I invite all of you to participate at our Easter Triduum celebration. Please see Bulletin insert for details of the celebration.

I also thank our parishioners (*Joe & Laura Bolster, Carol deGelder, Lerma Dejong, Imelda Trinh, Maria Khanis, Nilda Hudson*) who were with me at the Chrism Mass in Prince George on Monday April 11th. I sincerely appreciate your support and presence during this important event with our Diocese and the Bishop. Thank you very much for representing our parish and for supporting the Bishop and myself.

I remain,
Fr. Rector



Flowers for Easter: This year, if you wish, you may donate Mum plants or cut flowers for Easter. You may donate them in memory of someone dear to you if you wish - cards will be available. Flowers may be dropped off at the parish office during the week of **April 18th**, or they may be brought to the church on **Thursday April 21st at 10:00am**.

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

- NEXT MEETING will be held on Tuesday May 10th following the 6:30pm Mass. **Reminder:** Donations to the Chalice Program.

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

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 21, 2011
8:00PM

PRESIDER: Fr. Andy
LECTORS: 1. Jane W 2. Barb J
EMCs: Adrian & Jo M
SERVER: Nicole H (b)

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATION
APRIL 22, 2011—3:00PM

LEADER: Adrian Meeuwissen
EMCs: Adrian & Jo M

SUNDAY APRIL 24, 2011

LECTORS: 1. Jane W 2. Liz G
EMCs: Adrian & Jo M
SERVER: Nic O (+), Nate O(b),
Nicole H (b)
GREETER: Claudine K

CHURCH CLEANING

Apr 25 - Apr 29
Tammy H



COLLECTION COUNTER

April 24
Susan H

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY April 10, 2011

Envelopes	\$ 495.00	HCA	\$4.11
loose	\$ 67.00	D&P	\$110.00
Total	\$ 562.00	Church Offering	\$22.00

Thank you for your generosity!!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Today we mark the beginning of Holy Week. It is both a day of glory and a day of impending tragedy. We recall Jesus entry to Jerusalem, while people welcome him by waving palm branches, acclaiming him as King, as son of David. Yet, within just a few days, their cheering and celebration turned to jeering, anger and eventual death. The Palms that were blessed today, are to be taken home as a reminder to us that we are also on a journey. Hopefully it will help us understand that we too must accept suffering in order to share Christ's glory. May we all have a good and blessed observance of Holy Week for a joyful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection next Sunday.



Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

The penitential discipline of Lent makes this an appropriate season for a communal celebration of Penance/Reconciliation. Fr. Rector will be with us to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation tonight, Sunday evening, April 17th, 6pm.**

MANY THANKS

We would like to thank our parishioners who shared time and exerted an effort to come for the **Chrism Mass** last Monday April 11th in Prince George. We truly thank you so much for your support and participation in the life of our parish and Diocese. For our information the following parishioners attended the Chrism Mass: *Miro & Susan Hak and Nicole; Harry & Helen Doyle; Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen; Jane Wardrop.* Thank you for your presence and participation. May the good Lord bless us always in a special way!

GOOD FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS @ St. Anthony's

We are inviting everyone to come and join in praying the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 22 at 3pm.** Adrian Meeuwissen has agreed to lead the prayers. May we all find time and space for quiet and reflection as we are led to appreciate the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

LOOKING AHEAD: CWL MASS OFFERING

On **Tuesday, April 26th 11am**, the CWL of our parish will be gathering to celebrate Mass with Fr. Rector in honour of the **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, patron of the League.** Following the Mass will be lunch for all women of the Parish. Please come and celebrate. See you there!!!

EASTER FLOWERS AND PLANTS We are requesting parishioners to donate flowers and plants to be used in decorating our Church this coming Easter. In case you will donate, please bring it on Wednesday of Holy Week, April 20. This year we will use your donated flowers or plants as early as Holy Thursday. We will set up an altar repose downstairs and we will be using flowers and plants for that. We appreciate your response to this. Thank you very much.