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SUNDAY BULLETIN

1st Sunday of Lent

February 17, 2013

Deuteronomy 26.4-10, Ps 91, Romans 10.8-13, Luke 4.1-13
 "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted."



Weekday Mass Times First Sunday of Lent

Feb 18 - Feb 22

Monday
 Tuesday
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 Friday

NO WEEKDAY MASSES:
 Fr. Rector will be away in Los Angeles until Feb. 27th for a Religious Education Conference.

PRAYER LINE...

Please keep David Brooks, Joyce Baker, Jane Armstrong, Donny Carefoot, Julia, Francis Schwab, Charlie, and Roger in your prayers.



Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, February 23 & 24, 2013 2nd Sunday of Lent

DATE:	Saturday, February 23	Sunday, February 24
GREETERS:	Gary & Mary H Eileen Bouvier	Maria Pacheco Jake & Donna Martens
LECTORS:	Patty Spicer Dylan Delany	Cara Diehl Christine Tessier
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Willy Koldyk Bob Bresser Janna Delany	Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Foziea Loki
ALTAR SERVERS:	CR. Liliana M. Kloe C. Jacob/Marco	CR. Samuel M. Abby C. Colby/Gabe

Our sincere condolences to the family of MARGARET THOMPSON, who passed away last week. "May she rest in eternal peace."

Sunday Mass Times 2nd Sunday of Lent

Feb 23 - 24

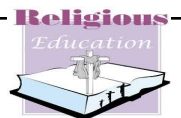


Saturday 7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Sunday 9:00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion



Friday, Feb 22 @ 7pm - Stations of the Cross
Tuesday, Feb 26 @ 7pm - Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, Feb 28 @ 9am - Marriage Preparation #2

FR. RECTOR AWAY
 Please be advised that Fr. Rector will be away from Tuesday, February 19 to Tuesday, February 26 to attend the Religious Education Conference in Los Angeles, California. No weekday masses will be celebrated. For the 2nd Sunday of Lent, there will be a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with Communion. In case of emergency such as sick call and/or funeral, Fr. Johmer of St. Mary's Hazelton will be the one attending to it.



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We are the Catholic Community of St. Joseph's Parish, gathered as disciples of Jesus Christ to worship God, to serve others and to grow as loving members of God's family."

COLLECTION REPORTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Feb 9/10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$ 1791.18 School \$ 20.00

Catholic Missions \$ 311.00

Thank you for your generosity!

JANUARY 2013

REVENUE: \$ 9633.63

LESS EXPENSE: \$ 9756.69

BALANCE: \$ (123.06)

We need to average \$9800 Revenue each month to operate.

Thank you for your continued support.

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

LENT 2013

We have the following schedule to help us with our Lenten journey this year:

- Copies of "The Word Among Us - Touched by Mercy, Moved by Love" are distributed for your daily Lenten reflection;
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm;
- Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Doug Jeffrey, OMI on March 9-12.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday, 6pm or by appointment
- Development and Peace, Share Lent Calendar and Solidarity Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule that will be observed for those who are leading the Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent starting at 7pm:

DATE	LEADERS
February 15	Fr. Rector
February 22	Finance Council
March 1	School & Youth Group
March 8	Parish Pastoral Council
March 15	Development & Peace
March 22	Catholic Women's League

Please be guided accordingly.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

Phone: 250-847-9414

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN BC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Thank you to those parents that completed the survey last week. To those of you that have not yet had the chance, we would greatly appreciate if you would take a moment and go to the link (<http://www.surveymk.com/s/CatholicSchoolParent>) to respond to a 3-5 minute survey. The survey will be closed on Feb. 20, 2013.

Thank You

THANK YOU

St. Joseph's Parish Fundraising Dinner, Auction and Entertainment was a real



success again this year. We were served with tasty and delicious food by ladies of our parish headed by Eileen Bouvier. Everyone had enough food to eat and even have seconds. For the auction part of the evening, only three items were left unsold. All items were gone. The entertainment really captured the attention of those parishioners gathered with their musical performances. Talented parishioners namely: - Kloe Garcia, Melissa Johnstone, Adriana Scott, Dennis Gonia, Anaise Labonte and Toby Moisey provided it for us. Christine Tessier, the Master of the Ceremony that night once again held the evening in order for everyone to enjoy.

Fr. Rector, Juan Alvarado, our fundraising coordinator and the Parish Pastoral Council thank all of you who supported this event. **We raised the amount of \$ 5,287.37** to help us with our financial needs in the parish.

As Fr. Rector sends his thank to all the businesses who donated and were mentioned that evening, he also apologizes for failing to mention: **HOSKINS FORD** who donated several items for the auction and **BULKLEY CLEANERS** for providing the table cloths that evening. **THANK YOU** for your constant support to our parish.

Again, to all of you who supported it one way or another, that made it a success, **THANK YOU** very much and God bless your generosity!

PARISH MINISTRIES

Administration of the Sacraments

BAPTISM. *Baptismal Preparation is held once a month at the Church.*

CONFIRMATION. *In our Diocese, Confirmation & First Eucharist are celebrated together in Grade 2. Sacramental Preparations begin in January. Both parents and children are required to participate at the Sacramental Preparations.*

EUCHARIST. *Eucharist is celebrated daily, please see front of the Bulletin for specific Mass times. Mass intentions may be offered by contacting the parish office.*

RECONCILIATION. *Celebrated by those who have already received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist.) Parish Reconciliation is available every Saturday evening before the Anticipated Mass or by appointment.*

MARRIAGE. *Please make an appointment with the pastor, at least six months before the intended marriage date. Marriage Preparation may then be arranged.*

HOLY ORDERS. *Any person interested to become a priest, please see the pastor.*

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK. *Parish care for the sick and homebound, please phone the parish office for a pastoral visit.*

OTHERS:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS. *Please see the pastor for RCIA journey.*

FUNERALS. *Please make funeral arrangements directly with the pastor prior to any public notice.*

PARISH GROUPS

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

The Solidarity Calendar which you will find in your bulletin today is an education tool for all ages. Follow it day by day during Lent and learn about Human Dignity, and DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's approach and partners while making small donations to remind you that we shouldn't take much in our everyday lives for granted.

Bible Sharing

Bible Sharing is held each Tuesday, beginning at 10:15 am in the Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

A first degree Ceremony for the Knights of Columbus is planned for **Saturday February 16th at 1:00pm**, at St. Joseph's Parish in Smithers. There are four degrees within the Knights of Columbus. Each degree ceremony imparts a lesson on one of the order's core virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The first degree or admission degree is based in the principle of Charity. The first degree is open to all men that are practical Catholics wishing to join the Knights. For further information about the First Degree or other questions regarding the Knights of Columbus please contact Jim Schwab (250-847-3408) or Fr. Rector.

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FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

The Finance Council is pleased to award funding from the Foundation for the Future to two recipients for 2012: St. Joseph's School (\$650.00) to hire a music teacher, and to Father Rector (\$350) to pay for the cost of a Parish Mission.

"St. Joseph's Church is striving to provide a scent-free gathering place. Please refrain from wearing fragrances and scented products. Thank you kindly."



BROADWAY PLACE

Mitts, gloves and winter socks are in great need at Broadway Place. If you are able to give any please place them in the box in the foyer. **Any** clean useable **winter clothing** is also appreciated.



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"Any maintenance concerns regarding the church, rectory or church property should be addressed to Pete Stroet. Pete can be reached at petmar41@hotmail.com or 847-2177."

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Lent 2013

Our Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's,

"Today, do not harden your hearts, but listen to the voice of the Lord." (Psalm 95.7-8)

On Ash Wednesday, we embark on a holy journey. It is a holy journey because we are once again consciously entering the profound mystery of our salvation – the story of Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection. This holy journey is Lent. It is the Liturgical Season that invites us to dwell more deeply into the history of our salvation. We observe it for forty days with the traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is definitely a privileged time for us to walk with Jesus knowing that with Him, there is always an offer of new hope and new life – the joy of Easter!

The Liturgy of the Word on Ash Wednesday gives us some goals for this holy journey. Prophet Joel urges us: *"to return to the Lord, our God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and relents from punishing."* St. Paul reminds us: *"We are ambassadors for Christ,"* and he encourages us *"to be reconciled with God."*

Hence, this holy journey is a time for a deeper reflection and repentance. An examination of self in relation to God, our Creator, is a fitting way to accomplish it. Hopefully, as we examine ourselves, we will realize our need for repentance that leads to forgiveness and reconciliation. May I offer, the Book of Genesis, as a basis for this examination of self: *"God created us according to his image and likeness... everything that he has created is very good."* On this holy journey, we say to ourselves: We are God's image. We are created in God's likeness. We are very good!

Mindful also that this year is a Year of Faith, let us make an effort to renew our belief in Jesus our Lord who for forty days fasted and prayed in the desert but did not allow himself to be tempted by the devil. To grow in faith, let the Word of God be our guide. I invite your faithful participation in the activities provided for us in the parish as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises on Easter *i.e. Stations of the Cross every Friday; Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Doug Jeffrey, OMI on the 4th Week of Lent; and Celebration of Easter Triduum and other related activities.*

I pray that this Lenten journey of ours will bear fruit with the way we relate with our fellow human being as God's children created to be all good according to His image and likeness!

I remain,

Fr. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

The actions we take through our programs and partners are creating a world where there is justice for all and where people come first.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.

Staff

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia • **Secretary:** Linda Potter

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator:

Michael desHarnais

Vice Chairperson & Social Coordinator: Vacant

Members:

Liturgy: Gemma Gillis • **Youth Ministry:** Vacant

Development & Peace: Marj Coupe • **Fundraising:** Juan Alvarado

Refugee: Brian Burill • **Catholic Women's League:** Mary Ellen Kallio

School Council Co-Chairperson: Rob Blackburn/Trevor Bruintjes

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: Laura Bolster

Vice Chairperson: Wayne Callison

Maintenance: Pete Stroet • **Co-Maintenance:** Garry Heinbecker

Collections: Rita Coupe

Other Areas of Ministries:

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Carol de Gelder & Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy Coordinator: Taryn Lowe

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Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

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Tuesday 9am- 4pm; Wednesday 9am- 12nn; Friday 9-4pm
Visit to the Sick at Home: by appointment.



SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.
Pastor

Dennis Gonia
Pastoral Assistant

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee Members

*Eric Bishop · Corrie Goold · Gail James · Barbara Jarvis ·
Claudine Ketchell · Georgina Dotto*

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 580.00
Loose	\$ 28.00
Total	\$ 608.00

News Updates:

Shrove Tuesday Thank you to everyone who participated in our Shrove Tuesday activities.

Loonie Auction. Come and have some fun. Bring along some friends and a casserole enough to feed 10 people from your native country. Its our 1st big fund raiser for 2013. Let us make it a big success. It all gets underway on March 16 at 5:00 PM with dinner and a loonie auction to start at 7:00 PM. Relax! Enjoy! And have some fun! Its Saturday evening!

LENT: FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

'Christ Himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed' Lk. 5:35

Abstinence. The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted.

Fasting. The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTORS:	Shirley Hallgren, Jane Wardrop
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Corrie Goold, Barb Jarvis
ALTAR SERVERS:	C. Alicia B, M. Nicole C. Lucas B,
GREETERS:	Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen
Collection Counter (Feb 24)	Susan Hak
Church Cleaning (Feb 18 - Feb 22)	Tammy Hiebert

stations of the CROSS



Stations of the Cross (1)

While this devotion certainly has a place in Lent, the overemphasis given to it in the past tended to distort the meaning of the season. Because the stations were prayed publicly throughout the whole season, the impression was given that Lent was primarily about commemorating the passion and death of Christ.

Vatican II strongly endorsed the use of devotions as part of Catholic spirituality, but it also called for their renewal, to harmonize them with the sacred liturgy (see Liturgy #13).

The liturgy of Lent focuses on the passion and death of the Lord only near the end of the season, especially with the proclamation of the Passion on Palm (Passion) Sunday and again on Good Friday. The weekday readings between the Fifth Sunday of Lent and Palm Sunday also point toward the coming Passion, so that might also be an appropriate time to pray the Stations. The earlier weeks of Lent, however, focus much more on Baptism and covenant than on the Passion.

Source: www.catholic.org/clife/lenf/

Stations of the Cross is scheduled at 7PM every Friday . Leader for Feb. 22--PPC and Finance Committee.