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SUNDAY BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 24, 2013

Genesis 15.5-12, 17-18, Ps 27, Philippians 3.17-4.1, Luke 9.35

"While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed."



Weekday Mass Times Second Sunday of Lent

Feb 25 - March 1

- Monday No Mass
- Tuesday No Mass
- Wednesday No Mass
- Thursday 11:00am Mass @ the Bulkley Lodge
+ All Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 6:15pm Mass followed by Exposition &
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Station of The Cross: Every Friday of Lent at 7pm.

Sunday Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 2 & 3

- Saturday 7:00 pm *People of the Parish*
- Sunday 9:00am + Michelangelo & Concetta Sia



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, March 2 & 3, 2013 3rd Sunday of Lent

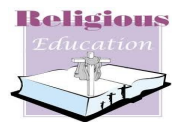
DATE:	Saturday, March 2	Sunday, March 3
GREETERS:	David & Marj H Eileen Bouvier	Jake & Donna Martens Mary VanderMaal
LECTORS:	Parry Spicer Vigil Overstall	Christine Tessier Anaise Labonte
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Willy Koldyk Bob Bresser	Foziea Loki Johanna Habjan Lu Blackburn
ALTAR SERVERS:	CR. Melissa M. Adriana C.	CR. Jason M. Alan C. Allison / Melisa C.



- Thursday, Feb 28 @ 7pm - Marriage Preparation # 2
- Friday, Mar 1 @ 7pm - Stations of the Cross
- Monday, Mar 4 @ 6:15pm - Sacramental Preparation # 2
- Monday, Mar 4 @ 7pm - Music Practice

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 16/17 - 1st Sunday of Lent
Church \$ 1753.14
Catholic Missions \$ 25.00
Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

Celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's on Thursday May 9, 2013 with Bishop Stephen Jensen.

Celebration #2 will take place on Monday March 4th, at 6:15pm.



LENTEN MISSION

Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Doug Jeffrey, OMI

On the weekend of March 9 & 10, Fr. Doug Jeffrey, OMI, pastor of St. Joseph's Parish Vanderhoof, will preside over the Masses to introduce the Parish Lenten Mission. The mission talks will be held every evening at 7 pm from Sunday to Tuesday.

Please support and promote this Parish Lenten Mission by your:

- Attendance and participation to the Mission talks;
- Prayers for the success of the Mission;
- Invitation or by bringing along someone with you - a family member, a friend, co-worker.

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 22	Finance Council
March 1	School & Youth Group
March 8	Parish Pastoral Council
March 15	Development & Peace
March 22	Catholic Women's League



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 have 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.

PSG PASTA DINNER AND AUCTION



Mmmm mama mia!! The PSG sponsored school pasta dinner is planned for Saturday, March 9th! Mark your calendars! Good food and a good time are guaranteed! A decadent dessert auction sponsored by our grade 7 class is also on the menu. Ticket sales will start soon. Please sign up in the foyer if you would like to help or call the school office. We need many hands and helping will be a fun time too!

The Parishes of St. Joseph's, Smithers & St. Anthony's, Houston Celebrates the



"A special time dedicated to understand our Christian Faith and reinvigorate our friendship with Christ. An occasion for Faith Education and New Evangelization."

In our attempt to provide faith and catechetical formation on this special Year of Faith, that our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI called for from 11th October 2012 - 24 November 2013, Fr. Rector, our pastor, Dennis Gonia, our pastoral assistant in collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council and other invited speakers, dedicate every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month to study different topics related to our faith, the Church, and the Sacraments, etc.

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 6, 7pm
Topic: The Creed to Continuation of The Creed
Speakers: Fr. Rector & Dennis

Description: This will be an opportunity for parishioners to understand more about our set of beliefs as Catholics. On this evening, we will begin to discuss the articles of our faith, focusing on the Apostles Creed - "I believe." You may come prepared to raise questions that is related to the faith that we profess as Catholics and hopefully as we finish this topic, your questions will be answered. See you there!

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

Catholic Women's League

We continue to accept donations of baby layette items for the Pregnancy Outreach throughout the month of February. They may be dropped off in the box at the back of the church.



Bible Sharing

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

During the recent food crisis in the Sahel, local Caritas partners

(supported by International Caritas partners such as Development and Peace) mobilized to provide relief to tens of thousands of people and helped prevent a humanitarian catastrophe. Our emergency collection from last September for Sahel supported this work.



For more 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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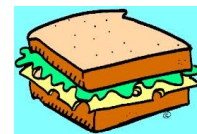
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BROADWAY PLACE

Broadway Place drop in clients have increase over the last couple of years. To be able to hand out sandwiches, snacks etc. we are in need of canned sandwich fillings such as tuna, packaged snacks, fresh fruit, etc. We appreciate the support that you have given us in the past and thank you for any donations that you are able to make.



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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

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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 17, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 291.00
Loose	\$ 5.05
Total	\$ 296.05

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2013 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTORS:	Liz Gerei , Adrian Meeuwissen
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Corrie Goold, Barb Jarvis
ALTAR SERVERS:	C. Alicia B, M. Nicole C. Lucas B,
GREETERS:	Susan Hak, Nicole
Collection Counter (Mar 3)	Eric B
Church Cleaning (Mar 4 - Mar 8)	Claudine & April
Stations of the Cross Friday @ 7pm	March 1 - Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

News Updates:

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK DINNER AND LOONIE AUCTION

Come and have some fun. Bring along some friends and a casserole, enough to feed 10 people from your native country. It's our 1st big fund raiser for 2013. Let us make it a big success.



It all gets underway on **March 16 at 5 PM** with dinner and a loonie auction starting at 7:00 PM. Relax! Enjoy! And have some fun! Its Saturday evening!
***Don't forget to bring your loonies!!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Father Rector and Dennis are attending the Religious Education Conference in Los Angeles , California. Please pray for them as they continually update their knowledge and experience, so that they may be able to give more to the people of God.

LENT:

What is the significances of the 40 weekdays before Easter?

The 40 days of Lent, which precedes Easter, is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. The goal of every Christian is to leave Lent a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we entered.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies and pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)." (CCC 1438)

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