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SUNDAY BULLETIN

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 3, 2013

Jeremiah 1.4-5, 17-19, Ps 71, 1 Corinthians 12.31-13.13, Luke 4.21-30
 "The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see."



Weekday Mass Times Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Feb 4 - Feb 8

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 6:15pm Mass
Wednesday 9:00am Mass
Thursday 11:00am Mass @ the Bulkley Lodge
Friday 9:00am Mass

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours before Weekday Masses:
 Morning Prayer: 8:45am Evening Prayer: 6pm

Sunday Mass Times 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 9 - 10



Saturday 7:00 pm Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 9:00am Mass + Jean Bouvier

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday evening (6:00pm - 6:30pm) or by appointment.



- Monday, Feb.4 @ 6:15pm- Sacramental Preparation
- Monday, Feb.4 @ 7pm-Refugee Mtg. in the Parish Centre
- Friday, Feb.15 @ 9am Mass, we will celebrate the World Day of the sick with Anointing within the celebration of the Mass.


PRAYER LINE...

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



Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, February 9 & 10, 2013 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE:	Saturday, February 9	Sunday, February 10
GREETERS:	David & Marj H June Philpot	CWL CWL
LECTORS:	Patty Spicer Jim Schwab	CWL CWL
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Willy Koldyk Johanna Habjan Bob Bresser	CWL ↓ ↓ ↓
ALTAR SERVERS:	CR. Adriana, M. Melissa J	CR. Arnee, M. Alan C. Allison/Melisa



The 2012 Income Tax receipts are now complete and can be found on table at the back of the church. If you have any questions please call Linda at the office (847-2012). Thanks!

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

Jan 26/27 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$ 1575.94

Holy Childhood (can at front of Church) \$ 936.23

Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to **SAVANNAH VIOLA EVELYN MARTENS**, daughter of Eric & Brianna, who is being baptized into our faith community this Sunday.



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 #1 will take place on Monday, Feb 4, beginning at 6:15pm in the church foyer.

St. Joseph Parish Fundraising Dinner, Auction & Entertainment



As of to date, **75** tickets are sold. Auction items are now on display at the Church foyer, please have a look! Fr. Rector also invited talented parishioners to give musical performances for that evening.

There are still 25 tickets left available. Please consider buying and attending. When you do, you are supporting our parish to meet our target budget for the year. It is of course another occasion **AUCTION** for us parishioners of St. Joseph's to visit, socialize and build community.

Also, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers needed. Together, let us make this happen. We need your help. Thank you in advance for your support!

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

9am Mass with St. Joseph's School

3:30pm Mass at St. Anthony's Houston

6:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's Parish Smithers

The ashes that will be used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches blessed and distributed last Passion Sunday. Please bring the branches taken home last year to the church, so that those may be burned and used in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Bring it on or before Sunday, February 10th.

Evening Prayer and Burning of Palms will be celebrated on Monday, February 11th, 6pm at the Church.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

Phone: 250-847-9414

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2013-2014

St. Joseph's School is registering for kindergarten next year. **Registration is now open to the general public.**

TAX RECEIPTS

SCHOOL Tax receipts were mailed out this week. If you did not receive a receipt or have any questions please contact Bina Tucker at btucker@stjosephsschool.ca or leave a message at the office. Thanks, Bina

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, February 6, 7pm

Topic: 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

Congratulations to our New Elected Officers.



President: Mary Ellen Kallio

Secretary: Gemma Gillis

Treasurer: Eileen Bouvier

Johanna Habjan, Cecilia Midnight, Tina Gemmell, Rita Coupe, Marj Coupe, Alice DenBoer, Mary Stroet, Myrna Arnett, Edith Mackay & Maria Sowa.

Membership dues continue to be accepted. New members are always welcome!

Bible Sharing



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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Dying

Within the Roman Catholic community, ministry to the sick and dying is greatly valued.



Through prayer, pastoral visits to the sick, the celebration of the sacraments, and the commendation of the dead, the Church's ministers (ordained and lay) continue the compassionate ministry of Jesus Christ.

WHEN SOMEONE IS SERIOUSLY ILL, contact the parish immediately and let the priest know. When someone in your family or a friend is seriously sick or confined to home for a period of time, contact the parish immediately. Let Fr. Rector know of the person's illness. Depending on the circumstances, a priest or lay minister may be available to visit, pray with the sick person and perhaps bring Communion. A priest may also celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing with the sick person. In every case, the parish community can support the sick person with prayer. When someone is seriously sick, it is important to contact the parish immediately; don't wait until the person is unconscious or nearing death.

NOTE: Due to privacy issues the priest cannot just visit to the hospital without the person who is sick or the family requesting it.

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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.



Thank you!

"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."

PARISH GROUPS

Catholic Women's League

We will be accepting 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.



ALTAR SERVERS

Father Rector will hold the next Altar Server's Training Session on Wednesday, February 6, at 12:05pm. Please bring your lunch at the parish center.

ALL servers are required to attend.



January 27, 2013

Dear Priests, Religious and Laity,

After having spent a few days in Prince George, I am now on my way to begin my sabbatical, a four-month program of spiritual, theological and personal renewal.

I am grateful to Msgr. Stephen Jensen for accepting to serve as the shepherd of the Diocese of Prince George. I pray that everything will work out well as you prepare for his ordination and installation as bishop.

As I take my leave I do so with one basic disposition, and that is of gratitude. I am deeply grateful to my Brother Priests and Religious, and you my Sisters and Brothers, for your collaboration, your spirit of co-responsibility, your support and your friendship over the years. I am especially grateful to those of you who worked closely with me at the Diocesan Centre. For any of you whom I may have unintentionally hurt or offended, I am truly sorry.

I wish you all God's generous blessings.

Sincerely in our Lord,

+ Gerald Wiesner, omi

Gerald Wiesner, OMI
Bishop Emeritus

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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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 JANUARY 27, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 305.00	Catholic Reading Program	\$9.00
Loose	\$ <u>28.00</u>		
Total	\$ 333.00		

NEWS UPDATE:

We have released the 2012 tax receipts. Please get yours at the Church's entrance way. If you have questions or clarifications regarding this matter, please ask Dennis Gonia for assistance.

Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion



The Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion will be celebrated with Bishop Stephen Jensen on Wednesday, May 8. If your child is in Grade 2 and you would like him/her to receive these Sacraments, please let Dennis or Fr. Rector know. Sacramental preparation will be scheduled once we know we have candidates for the reception of the Sacraments.

Count down for Lent:

Invitation:

Lent begins on February 13. We continue to invite everyone to bring branches that were taken home last year to the church that we may burn it and be used in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy.



We will have Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday, February 12th. Please keep this in mind. We will let you know of the exact time next Sunday.

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LECTORS:	Liz Gerei, Jane Wardrop
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen
ALTAR SERVERS:	C. Alicia B, M. Nicole C. Lucas B,
GREETERS:	Tammy Hiebert, Claudine Ketchell
Collection Counter (Feb 10)	Robert P
Church Cleaning (Feb 4 - Feb 8)	Sherry & family

Why we receive the ashes Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told "Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

The Ashes. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, and the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. www.catholic.org/clife/lent/