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SUNDAY BULLETIN

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2013

Isaiah 43.16-21, Ps 126, Philippians 3.8-14, John 8.1-11

"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone."



Weekday Mass Times Fifth Week of Lent

March 18 - March 22

Monday No Mass
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 6:15pm 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

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

Sunday Mass Times Passion Palm Sunday

March 23 & 24



Saturday 7:00 pm Mass +Victorino Pacheco
Sunday 9:00 am Mass +Manuel & Cecilia Garcia



Monday, Mar 18 @ 7pm - Chrism Mass in Prince George
Tuesday, March 19 - Priests' Day in Prince George
Tuesday, Mar 19 @ 7pm - CWL Meeting
Wednesday, Mar 20 @ 6:15pm Celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day & Ministry Appreciation Evening
Thursday, Mar 21 @ 7pm - Music Practice
 7pm - Marriage Preparation
Friday, Mar 15 @ 7pm - Stations of the Cross (C.W.L.)

PRAYER LINE...

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



Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, March 23 & 24, 2013 Passion Palm Sunday

DATE:	Saturday, March 23	Sunday, March 24
GREETERS:	Liesel Cleveland Dan & Yarah Ford	Jake & Donna M Mary VanderMaal
LECTORS:	Christine Tessier Dylan Delany	Marj Coupe Mary Ellen Kallio
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	David Hemenway Willy Koldyk Janna Delany	Lu Blackburn Foziea Loki Bob Bresser
ALTAR SERVERS:	Please check in the Sacristy	Please check in Sacristy

Our sincere condolences to the family of **SOPHIE DEWITT**, on her passing last week.

We express our sympathy as well to the family of **MARION PLASWAY**, who died last week.

"May they rest in eternal peace."



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
Mar 9/10 - 4th Sunday of Lent
Church \$ 2070.95
School \$ 20.00
Thank you for your generosity!

FEBRUARY 2013
REVENUE: \$ 13,468.99
LESS EXPENSE: \$ 10,469.77
BALANCE: \$ 2999.22

We were able to show surplus this month due to the proceeds collected from the Dinner/Auction of \$5551.55
We need to average \$9800 Revenue each month to operate.
Thank you for your continued support.

WELCOME to St. Joseph Parish!

We welcome to our parish, Deacon Benigno Flores, Jr., OFM. Deacon Benigno is a Franciscan from Cebu City, Philippines. He is visiting Fr. Rector and our parish. Let us pray for him as he discerns

LITURGY & SACRAMENTS

Celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Communion

Celebration #3 will take place on Sunday
March 17, following the 9am Mass.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH & Ministry Appreciation Evening



On Tuesday, 19th of March, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph, *spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patron of the Universal Church, principal patron of Canada and our patron saint.*

You are invited to come and celebrate with

Fr. Rector and the parish community of St. Joseph's
on **WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2013**

6:15pm - Mass

7pm - Ministry Appreciation, Wine & Cheese Socials
The feast of St. Joseph becomes the traditional time for Fr. Rector and the Parish Pastoral Council to thank and recognize in a special way all the dedication and commitment of every parishioners to our parish.
See you there!!!



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca
Phone: 250-847-9414

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Just a friendly reminder! We are a nut free school. Please be aware of this when you are packing a lunch and talk to your child about this as well.



Habemus Papam!

("We Have a Pope!")

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina is our new pope! He has taken the name of Pope Francis.

Let us pray for Pope Francis:

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favour, we pray, on Francis our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Looking Ahead: PALM SUNDAY next SUNDAY



Next Sunday, March 24th, we shall be celebrating the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. It is the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem preceding his passion. As Jesus entered, the people of Jerusalem recognized Jesus as their king, saying "*Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*"

We will all gather at the church foyer before the celebration of the Mass for the Blessing of Palms. Afterwards, we will all move solemnly going inside the church to continue our Eucharistic Celebration. Fr. Rector encourages and invites all of us to participate in all activities connected to the Holy Week and Easter Triduum Celebrations.

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

The next regular general meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:00pm. 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.



DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Development and Peace "Share Lent Collection" will take place next weekend (March 16th & 17th) on Solidarity weekend. One of the many projects that Development and Peace supports is "The Afghan Women's Resource Centre" which uses microcredit to help Afghan women start small businesses and fight their way out of poverty.



SMITHERS PRO-LIFE

Spring Dinner Meeting & Dessert Auction: Friday, March 15th. **Guest Speaker:** Margaret Somerville. Tickets may be purchased from Hero's Lighthouse Bookstore.

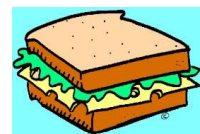


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

First, Second and Third degree ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday April 7 at St. Joseph's Church. Please contact Jim Schwab for further information (250 847-3408).

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.



YOUTH GROUP

Our next Youth Group gathering, will be on **Wednesday, March 13, 6:30pm.** Please come have some fun, games, prayer activities together.

Parents of those attending youth group are welcome to join us. See you there!!!



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"With this liturgical assembly we enter into Holy Week, to live the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." - Pope Benedict XVI

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"A good confession before Easter remains an obligation that should be fully valued and gives us the opportunity to start anew." - Pope Benedict XVI

PALM SUNDAY of the Lord's Passion, March 23 rd & 24 th , 7pm & 9am	Mass of Anticipation / Mass Blessing & Distribution of Palms
MONDAY of Holy Week, March 25 th , 7pm	Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service
TUESDAY of Holy Week, March 26 th , 6:15pm	Mass
WEDNESDAY of Holy Week, March 27 th , 9am / 3:15pm	Mass Altar Servers' Practice for Easter Triduum
HOLY THURSDAY , March 28 th , 8:30pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper; Washing of the Feet; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the Repository until midnight.
GOOD FRIDAY , March 29 th , 2pm / 3pm	Stations of the Cross around the Parish & School; Celebration of the Lord's Passion
HOLY SATURDAY Morning March 30 th , 12noon	Blessing of Easter Bread or Food
SATURDAY NIGHT , Resurrection of the Lord, March 30 th , 8:30pm	Easter Vigil; Holy Night of Easter Service of Light; Liturgy of the Word; Renewal of Baptismal Promises; Liturgy of the Eucharist.
SUNDAY , Resurrection of the Lord March 31 st , 9am	The Mass of Easter Day; Liturgy of Baptism; Renewal of Baptismal Promises

"Easter is the true salvation of humanity! If Christ - the Lamb of God - had not poured out his blood for us, we would be without hope, our destiny and the destiny of the whole world would inevitably be death... 'Let us sing to the Lord: glorious his triumph!'"
- [Pope Benedict XVI](#)

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 **March 25th**, or they may be brought to the church on **Thursday March 28 at 10:00am**.

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

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

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



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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 MARCH 10, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 5.00
Loose	\$ 325.00
Total	\$ 330.00

Adult Faith Sharing, 2:30 pm, Thursday, March 21.

JOINT Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Meeting is on Thursday, March 21, 3:30pm after the Adult Faith Sharing.

Soup and Bun Luncheon: the parish will host an Irish stew luncheon on March 24 (Sunday) as part of the Soup and bun luncheon activity that we are having regularly at every fourth (4th) Sunday of the month. Everyone is invited to join.

Mother's Day raffle: Mother's day raffle will be on May 12 (*Mother's day*). Tickets are now on sale. You may approach any CWL members to buy one.

THANK YOU.

Thank you to Harry & Helene Doyle for donating a brand new guitar for the use of our parish. It will surely help us to make our celebrations livelier. We already have two guitars available for the use of St. Anthony's Parish. Harry & Helene were also the ones who donated the speaker and microphone that the musicians are using. As always, we appreciate the generosity of parishioners who never forget our needs. God bless you for your kindness and generosity!



Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013 PASSION PALM SUNDAY

LECTORS:	Vic & Gail James
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Corrie Goold, Barb Jarvis
ALTAR SERVERS:	C. Alicia B, M. Nicole C. Lucas B,
GREETERS:	Shirley Collins, Jane Wardrop
Collection Counter (Mar24)	Robert P
Church Cleaning (Mar 25 - Mar 29)	Bishop family
Stations of the Cross	March 22, PPC & Finance Council

Holy Week Schedule is attached for your convenience. Parishioners are encouraged to participate more closely in all Holy Week activities.

NOTES ABOUT LENT

Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness."

- 1 John 1:9



On this Season of Lent, all God's people are encouraged and invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Rector continues to offer and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with anyone

who wishes to celebrate it, every Saturday evening from six o'clock to 6:30pm.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Services are scheduled for:

Sunday, March 24, @ 6pm. St. Anthony's, Houston
Holy Monday, March 25, @ 7pm. St. Joseph's, Smithers

"Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain him, and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion."

Catechism of the Catholic Church