



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

*Isaiah 2.1-5, Ps 122, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.37-44*

*"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."*



### Weekday Mass Times

1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent

**Dec 2 - 6**

**Monday** Fr. Rector is **NOT** available for weekday Mass.  
**Tuesday** **Weekday Masses will resume on Thursday**  
**Wednesday** **@ Bulkley Lodge**  
**Thursday** 11am @ Bulkley Lodge  
**Friday** 9am  
 6:15pm Mass followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

### Sunday Mass Times

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of Advent

**Dec 7 & 8**



**Saturday** 7pm People of the Parish  
**Sunday** 9am † Michelangelo & Concetta Sia

### PRAYER LINE...

*Please keep Daphne, Charlie, Julia, Frank & Esther Patrick, John Lancaster, Breda Collins, Mary Montgomery, Jake Martens, Clayton Malinski, Manson Kennedy in your prayers.*



### Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, December 7 & 8, 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec 7	Sunday, Dec 8
<b>GREETERS</b>	Liesel Cleveland; Eileen Bouvier	CWL
<b>LECTORS</b>	Emily Buenten Gemma Gillis	CWL
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	David Hemenway Jean Moisey	CWL
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Khloe, Marco	Melissa, Anthony, Carly



Monday, December 2, Music Practice, 7pm, Church

Tuesday, December 3,  
 7pm, Parish Pastoral Council Meeting,  
 Parish Center

Thursday, December 5, 6pm, Joint Meeting PPC, Finance,  
 School, Executives CWL & KOC, Church foyer

### DO YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ That St. Joseph's Parish has a website, it is...  
<http://stjosephsmithers.com>
- ⇒ Through the website you can read the parish bulletin and other important communication from the parish;
- ⇒ That if you want to receive parish bulletin via e-mail, it is now possible, just send us an e-mail. It will save us some ink and paper too!

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

**November 23 - 24, Solemnity Christ the King**

Church \$ 1659.45  
 School \$ 80.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### 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."*

## Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish & St. Anthony's Parish, sisters and brothers in Christ:

# Advent

Today, we begin the Season of Advent and the psalmist invites us: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122)

As we have learned in the past, Advent is a time of joyful expectation for the "coming" or "arrival" of Jesus. For us Christians, it has a two-fold nature, it prepares us for the Feast of Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. However, our Lord Jesus also comes to us through other people, places and events in the ordinariness of life. Advent is another perfect opportunity for us to be more attentive to the many ways in which we encounter Jesus.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis during the conclusion of the Year of Faith last Sunday has consigned the first official document of his Pontificate. It is his Apostolic Exhortation entitled, "Evangeliî Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel). In this document Pope Francis mentioned, "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew...I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfaithfully each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord."

St. Joseph's Parish has now begun the yearlong celebration of our 100 Years Jubilee. The theme that we have chosen, "St. Joseph's Parish 100 Years Jubilee, Celebrating God's Blessings, yesterday, today and forever" invites us to celebrate together: who we are and what we are as a community of faith - we are the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish; we are God's people constantly grateful for his blessings in our lives. Indeed, our commemoration of 100 Years Jubilee of the Catholic presence in Smithers is a moment of grace in our parish community. Mindful of this significant moment of the parish history, I hope and pray that it will continue to help us prepare for the second coming of Jesus and to the many ways we encounter him.

May our active participation in the various activities at our parishes this Advent Season help us to remain focused on Him, - the Emmanuel - God with us. Let our spirit be joyful and our hearts renewed as we eagerly wait to welcome him!

May the almighty and merciful God, by whose grace you have placed your faith in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son and yearn for his coming again, sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent and enrich you with his blessing. (Blessing Advent Season, Revised Roman Missal)

I remain,

Fr. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.  
Pastor



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie  
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Catholic Schools: We Walk Humbly With Our Lord

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It will be on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> with a show in the morning and a show in the evening. More information to come in the following notes.



Christmas Pageant



### ANGEL FUNDRAISER FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Youth Group is selling homemade "angel" tree ornaments to raise money for the victims of the typhoon. The angels will be on sale at mass on Sunday or you may purchase them from Mrs.

Lowe at the school for \$3.00 each. The government will match dollar for dollar all donations. Thank you.

# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Last Sunday, we launched the 100 Years Jubilee of our parish with the theme:

**"St. Joseph's Parish 100 Years Jubilee  
Celebrating God's Faithful Blessings  
yesterday, today and forever"**

THANK YOU to all those who were present and made an effort to celebrate with our parish community. This is a year-long celebration, so watch out for other related activities.

As we observe our 100 Years Jubilee, we are also launching a Fundraising Campaign entitled,

**"My Gift to St. Joseph"**  
(\$100 for 100 Years)

This is a fundraising campaign of St. Joseph's Parish to help us finance the repair of the Church steeple.

- The Board with an illustration of the Church Steeple is currently displayed at the church foyer.
- Parishioners who wish to give a gift to St. Joseph are asked to write their names in one of the squares on the illustration of the Church steeple.
- Gifts may be given anytime until March 19, 2013, the Feast of St. Joseph. A tax receipt will be issued for any donations.
- The success of this campaign will depend on participation of 100 parishioners/households.
- Parishioners may give using any of the following methods: Cash, Cheque, Post-dated Cheques, Pre-authorized Debit, and Money transfer.

We thank you in advance for your generous support!



Next activity is planned for Friday, December 20 - Story Telling of your early experiences at St. Joseph's Parish.

## PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Pastor

Rev. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.

### Staff

**Pastoral Assistant:** Dennis Gonia • **Secretary:** Brenda Pyper

### Parish Pastoral Council

**Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator:**

Michael desHarnais

**Social Coordinator:** Johanna Habjan

### Members:

**Liturgy:** Gemma Gillis • **Youth Ministry:** Taryn Lowe

**Development & Peace:** Marj Coupe • **Fundraising:** vacant

**Refugee:** Ann Griffith, Linda Rosner

**Catholic Women's League:** Mary Ellen Kallio

**Knights of Columbus:** James Schwab

**School Council Co-Chairperson:** Rob Blackburn/Trevor Bruintjies

### Parish Finance Committee

**Chairperson:** Garry Heinbecker

**Vice Chairperson:** Wayne Callison

**Maintenance:** Pete Stroet

**Collections:** Rita Coupe

Casey Pyper

### Other Areas of Ministries:

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

**Children's Liturgy Coordinator:** vacant

**Altar Servers:** Nancy Verbeek

**Music:** Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

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## PARISH GROUPS



**Council 7973**  
*(Fr. Callaly Council)*

Members of Knights of Columbus are selling a car/door magnets. It has something to do with the message that we want to keep Christ at Christmas.

Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are available for purchase from the Knights for \$5.00 each following mass starting this weekend. These attractive magnets placed on your car or metal door help our parish community to spread the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message.

Meeting Date for this month: December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Parish Center. The Knights will also be holding a First Degree exemplification on this same night at 6pm. Anyone interested to become a member, please phone James Schwab (250) 847 - 3408.

Copies of 2014 Sunday Missal are now available for purchase at \$5 each. CWL Members are selling it. Please purchase your own copy to help you prepare for our Sunday Eucharistic Celebration.

THE CATHOLIC  
WOMEN'S LEAGUE  
OF CANADA



CWL Meeting is on Tuesday, December 10, 7pm following the 6:15pm Mass. See you there!

### Broadway Place



Smithers Community  
Services Association

Broadway Place is running short at this time of gloves, toques, winter socks and long johns. Any donations would be very welcome. Please put donations in the wooden boxes in the foyer marked Broadway Place. Thank you.

### Philippine Emergency D & P Collection

As of today, November 29,  
2013, St. Joseph's Parish

have collected \$ 9, 579.39. Previously, we reported that there was a Philippine peso collected. We already deposited it and all the money collected to date has been forwarded to the office of Development and Peace in Montreal. **THANK YOU** for reaching out in prayers, love and generosity. You are certainly making a difference. Let us continue to pray for all the suffering people in the world!



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development  
and Peace**

*Liturgical  
notes:*

**THANK YOU** to those who have attended the Liturgy Workshop given twice this past month of November. Those who were not able to attend the workshop but are still interested to do ministry are asked to contact the parish office and set an appointment with Fr. Rector.

# St. Anthony's Parish

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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 · Stephen Rose · Gail James · Barbara Jarvis ·  
Claudine Ketchell · Georgina Dotto*

### This Coming Thursday, December 5 @ St. Anthony's:

- 2pm - 3:30pm Adult Faith Session
- 3:30 - 4:15pm Children's Catechism

### Season of Advent (from the Ordo)

Advent has a twofold nature: it prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.



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### Development and Peace Fall campaign

Signed cards for the Development and Peace Fall

Campaign, "A Voice for Justice" are needed to be collected. We ask those who had not returned their signed cards yet to drop them at the parish. These cards will be presented to Members of Parliament on Parliament Hill in Ottawa next Spring. This is in response to the call and information that was read few Sundays ago. Please support this campaign!

### Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, December 8, 2013 Second Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	TBA
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	Jenni & Katte Hallaway
Collection Counter	Robert P.
Church Cleaning	Tammy Hiebert (Dec. 9-14)

### DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY November 24, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 215.00	Philippine Emergency Relief	\$370.00
Loose	\$ 9.00		
Total	\$ 224.00		

"Thank you for your continued support."

### CWL Letter Writing

The Catholic Women's League will have its letter writing on Monday, December 2 at 10:30 AM at St. Anthony's Parish.

Women of the parish who are interested to join the said activity are welcome.



### Farewell Celebration for Susan Campbell Announcement Diocesan Pastoral Centre

After 18 years of service at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Prince George, Susan Campbell, has resigned from her position as Director effective December 31, 2013. Susan has been instrumental in building many programs integral to the Diocese such as Lay Formation and Returning to Spirit. We wish her well in her sabbatical and in the new directions this leave may take her.

A farewell celebration in honor of Susan Campbell will take place at St. Mary's Parish in Prince George on Monday, December 2, 2013, beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. and followed by a reception. Please join us in thanking Susan for her ministry among us over these past 18 years.