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SUNDAY BULLETIN

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013

Isaiah 11.1-10, Ps 72, Romans 15.4-9, Matthew 3.1-12
 "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."



Weekday Mass Times

2nd Week of Advent

Dec 9 - 13

Monday
Tuesday 6:15pm
Wednesday 9am
Thursday 11am @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday 9am Mass

PRAYER LINE...

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



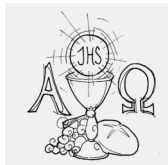
Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, Dec 14 & 15, 2013 Third Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec 14	Sunday, Dec 15
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway; June Philpot	Maria Pacheco Dan & Yarah Ford
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Vigil Overstall	Cara Diehl Eileen Bouvier
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Johanna Habjan Jean Mosiey	Al & Tina Bruintjes Carol deGelder
ALTAR SERVERS	Piper, Adriana	Arnee, Gabe

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

Sunday Mass Times Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 14 & 15



Saturday 7pm † Minnie & Joseph Buckna
Sunday 9am People of the Parish

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 9, Music Practice, 7pm, Church

Tuesday, December 10, 7pm, CWL Meeting, Parish Center

Wednesday, December 11, 7pm, Advent Reconciliation Service, Church

Thursday, December 12, 7pm Meeting w. Families re: Children's Mass Christmas Eve, Church foyer

We welcome **Eunice Hii** to our parish community. Eunice is the Diocesan Youth Coordinator and is here in our parish this weekend to introduce herself and also to reach out to St. Joseph's Youth Group.



St. Joseph's Youth Group meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at the school gym. They're meeting tonight at 6:30pm.

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

Nov 30 & Dec 1, 1st Sunday of Advent

Church \$ 2151.65
School \$ 356.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Note

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced that an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be held in October, 2014, on the theme Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the context of Evangelization.

As part of the preparation for the Extraordinary Synod, Catholics throughout the world have been invited to respond to a series of questions related to this topic. The Preparatory Document and Full List of Questions may be found online on our website: www.stjosephsmithers.com or you can request a paper copy in the office.

Parishioners are invited to respond to the questions. Please forward all correspondence directly to me via email at fr.rector@gmail.com no later than December 12, 2013. I will compile the responses to the Synod questions and forward them to the Diocese on the 13th December. The Diocese will forward those responses to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops by the end of December.

Thank you, in advance, for your valuable participation.

Advent Reconciliation Service!

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!



Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Wednesday, December 11, 7pm.**

Fr. Johmer and I will be available for individual confession after the common celebration

of the Liturgy of the Word and Examination of Conscience.

Gemma Gillis and I are looking for children who are willing to take an active part at the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child is interested, please come to the meeting that will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 7pm at the Parish Center.**



Children's Mass in our Parish

SURVEY

FOR VATICAN STUDY
ON MINISTRY TO FAMILIES



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie

Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca

Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: We Walk Humbly With Our Lord

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The concert will be on Thursday, December 19th with a show in the morning at 10:30 and a show in the evening at 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. All are invited to watch and enjoy our School Children's Christmas presentation.



Christmas Pageant

The church has bins for the Foodbank and families are invited to bring an item or two for the Foodbank, if you wish.

100th Anniversary

St. Joseph's Parish 100 Years Jubilee Celebrating God's Faithful Blessings yesterday, today and forever (1914-2014)

Last Sunday, it was indicated on the Bulletin that we will have a story telling of parishioners early experiences at St. Joseph's Parish on Friday, December 20th. **PLEASE SAVE YOUR STORIES for January 2014!** The Anniversary Committee has decided to move this activity in January because we understand that there are many things happening in the community leading towards Christmas.

Please come and enjoy the Christmas presentation of St. Joseph's School students on Thursday, December 19th. It is their way of celebrating the 100 Years Jubilee of the Parish. See you there!!!

It is our Jubilee.

Let us celebrate together in faith and in thanksgiving!!!



Church Photo Directory

Last weekend, the picture taking for our Church Photo Directory has been concluded. Thanks to Dan Ford and Brenda Pyper for overseeing this particular project.

Thanks as well to all parishioners who have participated. If you or your family missed the picture taking and would like to submit a picture of your family for the Church Photo Directory, please feel free to do so. You may contact the parish office for more details with regards the required specific size of the photo. Thank you for giving this your attention!



On **Thursday, December 12th at noon time**, Altar Servers of our parish will gather with Fr. Rector for their usual session and practice. An invitation to altar serve during Christmas break has been handed out to the students of St. Joseph's School this past week. Please return it to Mrs. Nancy Verbeek on or before Tuesday, December 10th.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent

- Wednesday, December 11, 7pm, St. Joseph's Parish
- Friday, December 13, 10:30am, St. Joseph's School
- Sunday, December 15, 7pm, St. Anthony's Parish

Christmas Decorations

- Sunday, December 15, 12 noon, St. Joseph's Parish
- Sunday, December 15, after Mass, St. Anthony's Parish

We are asking for donations of poinsettia (6" pots). The more plants we get the nicer our church looks. Please bring them to the Church at your convenience.

School Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 19, St. Joseph's Parish
10:30am & 6:30pm

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

(Vigil of Christmas)

Tuesday, December 24th,

6pm, Children's Mass, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers

8:30pm, Christmas Mass, St. Anthony's Parish, Houston

11:30pm, Midnight Mass, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers

There will be a community caroling 30 minutes before the Christmas Eve Masses.

Christmas Day

(The Nativity of the Lord)

Wednesday, December 25th

10am Mass During the Day, St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers

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PARISH GROUPS



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(Fr. Callaly Council)

Members of the 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 on Saturdays and Sundays. These attractive magnets placed on your car or metal door help our parish community to spread the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message.

TODAY, Sunday, December 8th, 7pm at the Parish Center. the Knights will have their regular monthly meeting. Also tonight at 6pm a **First Degree exemplification will take place**. Anyone interested to become a member, please phone James Schwab (250) 847 - 3408.

All ladies of the parish are invited to our Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 10, 7pm at the Parish Center. Please bring a gift—value \$5 to \$10 for the gift exchange. **Hope to see you all there!**

THE CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF CANADA



A reminder that memberships are due in December, \$36.00/year, also 1% of your personal spending to go to Development & Peace.

St. Joseph's & St. Anthony's Parish



For our local and international Christmas outreach this year, I proposed that we support the following:

- Donations to the jar located at the Church entrance way that says "Change for Change." The money will be used for the local needs of the community *i.e. outreach to the homeless, emergency food and travel assistance in random, those who come at the Church door for help;*
- Donations to the Food Bank & Broadway Place;
- Support St. Joseph's Youth Group Angel Fundraiser for the Philippines. Youth Group is selling homemade "angel" tree ornaments to raise money for the victims of the typhoon. The angels are for sale after Mass on Saturdays & Sundays or you may purchase them from Mrs. Lowe at the school for \$3.00 each. The government will match dollar for dollar all donations.
- Support the **Development & Peace Typhoon Haiyan Campaign** – Canada extends donation period. The Government of Canada has extended the date for matching donations in support of Typhoon Haiyan to December 23, 2013. As of to date the Parish of St. Joseph have collected a total amount of \$ 9,934.39. St. Anthony's Parish have collected a total amount of \$ 395.00. **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!

St. Anthony's Parish

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Office Hours:

Mon & Tue 9am- 4pm; Wednesday 9am-12nn; Thu 2pm—5pm

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 12 @ St. Anthony's:

- 3:30 - 4:15pm Children's Catechism



I would like to thank each and every one of you for participating in our 1st Serendipity Sale at the Mall last Saturday. I THANK especially the Bishop Family and Jenny Haladay for going above and beyond. It was a great success fundraising for our Church needs. To date we collected \$ 1,215. The figures will be finalized towards the end of this month when all the items are sold. - *Georgina Dotto -Fund Raising Coordinator*

Fr. Rector sends his THANKS to Georgina and all the parishioners involved for their constant commitment to raise funds for the parish.



The preparations for the Community Christmas Dinner have begun. At this time I ask if you can help in anyway, prayer, service, donations: food or financial, or if you know someone who needs a meal on Christmas day please contact Sharon @778-816-0066. God has blessed and provided for the last nine years and we trust that He will do so this year. I also ask at this time if anyone feels in their heart to take on this event please talk to me as this is the last year I will be able to do it. I thank you all for your support in the years we have done this and pray that it will continue. It would not have been possible without each and every one of you. ICS Sharon



CWL meeting for this month is on Wednesday, December 11. It will be held at Jane Wardrop's Residence. We will have a potluck luncheon. All women of the Parish are welcome to join us. See you there!!!

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, December 15, 2013 Third Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Claudine Ketchell & Shirley Collins
LECTORS	Vic & Gail James
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	Robert, Deuyenn, Georgina
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	Bishop Family (Dec. 16-21)

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 1, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 1975.00
Loose	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 1980.00

"Thank you for your continued support."

UPDATE St. Anthony's St. Joseph's 12/04/2013

Parish Goal:	\$ 4, 691	\$ 24, 934
Actual to date:	\$ 3, 910	\$ 15, 640
Amount to Goal:	\$ 781	\$ 9,294
Envelopes:	18	53



Adult Faith Session

We are reminding everyone that the adult faith formation is scheduled every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. We ask everyone to join us and learn more together about our faith and the church. Our next session is on the 19th December.



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Christmas Mass

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