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SUNDAY BULLETIN

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10, Ps 146, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11
 "Lord, come and save us."



Weekday Mass Times 3rd Week of Advent

Dec 16 - 20

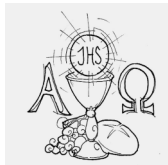
Monday 9am
Tuesday 6:15pm
Wednesday 9am
Thursday 11am @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday 9am

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

Sunday Mass Times

4th SUNDAY of Advent

Dec 21 & 22



Saturday 7pm † Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday 9am † Victorino Pacheco
 † Dolores Krauskopf

PRAYER LINE...

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



Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, December 21 & 22, 2013 4th Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec 21	Sunday, Dec 22
GREETERS	Wayne & Andrea Callison; Mary Vandermaal	Liesel Cleveland Eileen Bouvier
LECTORS	Lucas Chiaravalotti Gemma Gillis	Michael desHarnais Brian Burrill
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	David Hemenway Willy Koldyk	Mary Stroet Theo Sikkes Lu Blackburn
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Please check in the Sacristy</i>	<i>Please check in the Sacristy</i>

DONATIONS MADE EASY

TODAY, the Parish of St. Joseph's is introducing the **Pre-Authorized Debits** system. This is another easy way in which you can make your regular donations to St. Joseph's Church instead of using cheques. All you have to do is to sign the agreement form and your regular donation will be taken care of through your bank. If you want to avail of this service, please contact the parish office.

2014 Church Donation Envelopes are now ready for pick up on the foyer. If we have not issued you one and you would like to use the church donation envelope. Please let us know.

upcoming EVENTS

- ⇒ Monday, December 16, Music Practice, 7pm, Church
- ⇒ Tuesday, December 17, School Council Meeting, 7pm, School
- ⇒ Thursday, December 19, St. Joseph's School Christmas Concert, 10:30am & 6:30pm, Church

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

Dec 7 & 8, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Church \$ 1980.25
School \$ 165.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Note



THANK YOU to all parishioners who have participated in the survey regarding marriage and family. Your responses will be helpful in addressing the issues confronting the marriage and family today.

This is an encouragement and invitation to all those who were not able to attend the liturgy workshop given last month but are still interested to do ministry. Please contact the parish office and set an appointment with me. We will come up with an agreed schedule as to when I can review with you some of the practices that we do in the parish. As always, I appreciate your ministry and volunteering.

Liturgical notes:
Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the one who brings us the good news of the birth of the Son of God.



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 \$ 9,954.39. St. Anthony's Parish have collected a total amount of \$ 495.00. **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. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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

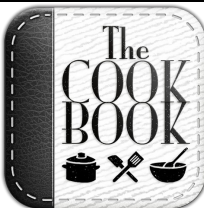
Catholic Schools: We Walk Humbly With Our Lord

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.



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



"Our Daily Bread" COOKBOOK

St. Joseph's School 2013 Cookbooks are in and are in great demand!! Limited edition! There are only 200 books printed, so get them while you can! They make great Christmas gifts. Each book is \$15.00. Proceeds to help fund the Grade 7 end of year trip. The cookbooks are available at the school office, St. Joseph's Church and some local retailers. For more information, please call the school.



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

As we observe our 100 Years Jubilee, we are also doing 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!

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

THE CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF CANADA



If you believe that "Pornography" is wrong, harmful and destructive, please sign your name and return address on the postcards against "Pornography" which are available at the back of the church.

It is important to communicate this message to "Right Hon. Steven Harper, PM; to Hon. Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice; and to Hon. Nathan Cullen, our own MP, in order to have something done to address this issue and the negative impact on our children.

A fact sheet about: "Child Pornography, Effects on Victims, Offenders, and Pornography," will also be posted.

No postage is required for these postcards, so if you prefer to take one home and send it, please do so."

CWL members will be at the back of the church to help parishioners fill out the postcards.



Council 7973
(Fr. Callaly Council)

Members of the Knights of Columbus are selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" door/car magnets. Its 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.

Development and Peace –

Wave of Prayer

Development and Peace announced it will join *Caritas Internationalis* in a special focus to end world hunger.

This campaign began with a "wave of prayer" on December 10 which was International Human Rights Day. The campaign theme "One human family, food for all," will also be used by Development and Peace as its theme for the 2014 Share Lent Campaign.

Further information is available on the following links:

Development & Peace: <http://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2013/comm2013-12-05> Caritas: <http://www.caritas.org/2013/11/caritas-launch-global-wave-prayer-end-hunger>.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR

**Development
and Peace**

Do You Want to Advertise with us?

St. Joseph's Parish is now accepting advertisement for the year 2014. By advertising with us, you are also helping the parish to have an extra income. If you want to advertise your business through our Sunday Bulletin & Parish Website, please contact the parish office.

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!

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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 19 @ St. Anthony's:

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

Reconciliation Service in Advent

Parishioners are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation **today, December 15, 7pm.**

Fr. Rector will be available for individual confession after the common celebration of the Liturgy of the Word and Examination of Conscience. See you tonight!!!

Advent Reconciliation Service!

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



What is Gaudete Sunday?

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always").

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. But on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, December 22, 2013 4th Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Frank & Liz Gerei
LECTORS	Jane Wardrop & Shirley Collins
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Barb Jarvis & Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	The Kettles: Paula, Elaine, & Chelsey
Collection Counter	Eric's Bishop
Church Cleaning	Bishop Family (Dec. 16-21)

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 8, 2013

Envelopes	\$ 190.00
Loose	\$ 20.25
Total	\$ 210.25

"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 this coming Thursday 19th December.



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Advent Reconciliation Service
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Christmas Decorations
Sunday, December 15, after Mass, St. Anthony's Parish

Christmas Mass
8:30pm, December 24, St. Anthony's Parish, Houston