

St. Joseph's Parish

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SUNDAY BULLETIN

4th Sunday of Advent December 22, 2013

Isaiah 7.10-14, Ps 24, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-24 "...'and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, 'God is with us'."





Weekday Mass Times

Advent/Christmas

Dec 23 - 27

Monday 6:15pm

Tuesday6pm & 11:30pmPeople of the ParishWednesday10amPeople of the Parish

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

Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

Dec 28 & 29



Saturday 7pm † Manuel & Cecilia Garcia

Sunday 9am † Alvin Curley

† Raoul Borhaven

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.



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."

Ministry Schedule for December 24 & 25, 2013 Solemnity, The Nativity of the Lord

DATE	Tuesday, Dec 24	Wednesday, Dec 25
GREETERS	6pm, Jim & Mary Ziegler; Liesel Cleveland 11:30pm, Dave & Marj Hemen-	Pete & Mary Stroet
LECTORS	6pm, Children 11:30pm, Jim Schwab	Gemma Gillis Eileen Bouvier
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	6pm & II:30pm, Al & Tina Bruintjes, Johanna Habjan, Bob Bresser 6pm only, Al Bruintjes, Willy Koldyk II:30pm only, David Hemenway,	Carol de Gelder Foziea Loki Lu Blackburn
ALTAR SERVERS	6pm, Marco & Gabe, 11:30pm, Arnee	Bob & David

SUNDAY, December 28 & 29, 2013 Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

DATE	Saturday, Dec 28	Sunday, Dec 29
GREETERS	Eileen Bouvier; David & Marj Hemenway	Pete & Mary Stroet
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Patti Spicer	Cara Diehl Eileen Bouvier
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	David Hemenway Jean Moisey	Al Bruintjes Johanna Habjan Lu Blackburn
ALTAR SERVERS	Anthony, Melissa	Gabe, Arnee

COLLECTION REPORTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Dec 14 & 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Church \$ 1455.25 **School** \$ 10.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Note



TODAY, I have few specific people and organizations that I want to relay my words of THANKS.

MARIA PACHECO. Maria came to me last Friday with Shirley

Reistma of Smithers Christian Reform Church and brought \$201.55. Over a period of one year Maria was able to save this money by going to Shirley's place for a regular use of a thread mill. Every time she uses Shirley's thread mill Maria puts a dollar or two. At the end of each year with the help of Shirley and Pofo, Maria's mother, Maria would come up with a decision where to give the money. For this year, Maria Pacheco made a decision to donate the money to the victims of the Super Typhoon Haiyan that hit the Philippines last month. Thank you Maria for reaching out to our suffering sisters and brothers in the Philippines. I am personally touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity. God bless you always!

GEORGE COMEAU, SHANE MOOTH, & CANADIAN TIRE, SMITHERS. Last Wednesday I was invited to go to Canadian Tire by George to receive the \$ 1,039.60 collected since last month from the customers of Canadian Tire. The money is intended for the victims of the Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Thank you to George, Shane, Canadian Tire and all customers who donated. Your monetary support is a big help to our suffering sisters and brothers in the Philippines! God bless you & your business!

BULKLEY VALLEY CREDIT UNION. This past week I have received a Statement of Account from the Bulkley Valley Credit stating that they've collected \$ 1,155.85 for the Emergency Relief Philippines. The Filipino Community in Smithers decided to open a bank account last month for people of Smithers to donate towards the victims of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thank you to BV Credit Union and their clients who donated. God bless you!



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

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

The staff of
St. Joseph's School
wishes everyone
a joyous and peaceful
Christmas
and many blessings in
the New Year!



t KEEP CALM It's Christmas Break

CHRISTMAS BREAK

School is closed from December 21st to January 5th, 2014. **School resumes on Monday, Jan. 6th, 2014.**



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; > ON-GOING
- Donations to the Food Bank & Broadway Place; > ON-GOING
- 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. √ COMPLETED
- 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 \$ 12,686.39. 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! >ON-GOING

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP & SMITHERS GIRL GUIDE. The Angel Fundraiser of the Youth Group was able to raise \$ 170.00 and together with the donation coming from Smithers Girl Guide, they were able to send \$ 220.00 to Development & Peace for the victims of the Super Typhoon Haiyan. Thanks to our Youth Group and those who bought the angel ornaments for their acts of thoughtfulness and generosity to those who were affected by the recent tragedy in the Philippines. God bless you!





Christmas 2013

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

(Vigil of Christmas)
Tuesday, December 24th

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

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

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

Christmas Day

(The Nativity of the Lord) Wednesday, December 25th

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

NOTE: Singing of Christmas Carols 30 minutes before each Mass on December 24th

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace New Year's Day

9am Mass

(St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers)

11:30am Mass

(St. Anthony's Parish, Smithers)

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PARISH GROUPS



"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.

UPDATE: As of December 20, 2013, there are 48 squares filled out. There are still 52 vacant squares.

We thank you in advance for your generous support!

DONATIONS MADE EASY

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.

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.

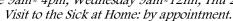
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SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am





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

Fundraising Report

Dear St. Anthony's Parishioners,

The amount raised at our Serendipity Sale was \$1,306.00. Over all this year: we have raised \$7,950.00 from our Duck Race, Silent auction and Garden Party; plus \$110.00 soup and bun luncheon in October. Serendipity brings in \$1,306.00. Total raised to date: \$9,366.00.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Georgina Dotto Coordinator

Thank you

We thank members of the parish who joined us in decorating our Church last Sunday. Special thanks to Eric Bishop who never fails to provide for us a beautiful Christmas tree for successive years.

"He becomes small in order to make me strong; He goes to death, with that condescendence, so that I might live..."

"This is the music of the language of the Lord, and we, in the preparation for Christmas, ought to hear it: it would do us so much good. Normally, Christmas seems to be a very noisy holiday: it would do us good to have a little silence and to hear these words of love, these

words of such nearness, these words of tenderness . . . 'You are a worm, but I love you so much.' [Let us pray] for this, and to be silent in this time in which, as it says in the preface, we are watchful in waiting."

- Pope Francis

Ministry Schedule Tuesday, December 24, 2013, 8:30pm Vigil of Christmas

GREETERS	ТВА
LECTORS	Stephen Rose, Jenni Hallaway
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic & Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	Harry & Helen Doyle
Collection Counter	ТВА
Church Cleaning	Desi & Bill (Dec. 23-28)

Sunday, December 29, 2013, 11:30am Feast, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

GREETERS	Claudine Ketchell & Shirley Collins
LECTORS	Vic Gail & Jane Wardrop
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Barb Jarvis & Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	Glen & Patricia Farrell
Collection Counter	ТВА
Church Cleaning	ТВА

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 15, 2013

Envelopes \$ 335.00 Loose \$ 58.00 Total \$ 393.00

"Thank you for your continued support and generosity."

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

Parish Goal: \$ 24, 934 \$ 4, 691 Actual to date: \$4, 185 \$ 16,640 8,294 Amount to Goal:\$ 506 **Envelopes:** 20 58

