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SUNDAY BULLETIN

4th Sunday of LENT

March 30, 2014

1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13, Ps 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1,6-9,13-17,34-38
 "The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see."



Weekday Mass Times

4th Week of Lent

March 31 - April 4

- Monday** Fr. Rector away preaching Parish Missions
- Tuesday** to the Northern Part of the Diocese
- Wednesday** until Tuesday, April 1.
- Thursday** 11am @ Bulkley Lodge
- Friday** 9am Mass w. St. Joseph's School
6pm Mass w. CWL Convention Delegates

Praying the Liturgy of the Hours before Weekday Mass:

Morning Prayer: 8:45am; Evening Prayer: 6pm

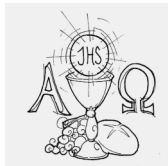
Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent, 7pm except on April 4th,
 it will be at 7:30pm to give way to the Opening Mass for the
 CWL Convention at 6pm.

Sunday Mass Times

5th Sunday of LENT

April 5 & 6



- Saturday** 5:30pm People of the Parish
- Sunday** 9am People of the Parish

upcoming EVENTS ⇒ Sunday, March 30, within the 9am Liturgy, Celebration # 2, "Sealed with the Holy Spirit: Confirmation," Families with children preparing to receive Christian Full Initiation.

- ⇒ Tuesday, April 1, 7pm, Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Center
- ⇒ Friday - Sunday, April 4 - 6, CWL Diocesan Annual Convention, Hudson Bay Lodge, Smithers, B.C.

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."

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Dorothy, Frank, Charlie, Julia, Sarah, Barb, Breda Collins, Mary Montgomery, Ludy Austria.

If you or someone you know would like to be on this list, please call the parish office.

Names will be removed at the end of the month to ensure the list is completely accurate and up to date. To keep a name on the list you must call again.

Thank you for your understanding.



Ministry Schedule for SUNDAY, April 5 & 6, 2014 Fifth Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, April 5	Sunday, April 6
GREETERS	CWL	Pete & Mary Stroet
LECTORS	CWL	Marj Coupe Michael desHarnais
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	CWL	Carol deGelder Theo Sikkes Dorothy Cardinal
ALTAR SERVERS	TBA	TBA



Please mark your calendar.

**St. Joseph's 100 Years Jubilee
 Mass, Banquet, Exhibit & Entertainment**

**Saturday, May 24th,
 5pm Mass with Most Rev. Stephen Jensen**

6:30pm Banquet & Entertainment
 Tickets are now available for \$ 40 each. To buy a ticket or make a reservation, please phone the parish office or Eileen Bouvier (250) 847-3478.

Image of St. Joseph

100 limited copies of the image of St. Joseph mounted on a wood personally done by Fr. Rector & Fr. Richard Baudette, OMI is for sale for \$20 each. With it also is a commemorative sticker of the 100 Years Jubilee. Please get your copy NOW!

COLLECTION REPORTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 22 & 23, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Church \$ 2,301.85.05

School \$ 10.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Notes



Most Reverend Stephen Jensen
Diocese of Prince George
April 2, 2013

On **Wednesday, April 2nd**, we will mark the **FIRST** Episcopal Anniversary of our Bishop, Most Rev. Stephen Jensen. Let us pray for Bishop Jensen in a special way as we celebrate his anniversary this week and as he continues to lead and guide the whole Diocese of Prince George. May God grant him wisdom and courage to carry out his task as our chief shepherd and pastor.

I invite us to take advantage of greeting Bishop Jensen personally as he comes our way next weekend to join the Catholic Women's League Diocesan

Annual Convention being held in our parish. He will be presiding at Mass on Saturday, 5:30pm.

Bishop Jensen, CONGRATULATIONS on your First Anniversary. THANK YOU for your love and dedication to the local Church in the Diocese of Prince George. We pray for continued blessings on your ministry!

Please join me as we **WELCOME** His Excellency, Most Rev. Stephen Jensen, priests, religious, spiritual directors, and delegates of the Catholic Women's League Diocesan Annual Convention. As we know the Diocesan Annual Convention is being held this coming weekend, April 4-6 in our parish. Convention proper will take place at Hudson Bay Lodge and Liturgies will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's Church on Friday, 6pm and Saturday, 5:30pm. One way to show our warm welcome and hospitality is by attending the celebration of the liturgies, arrive ahead of time and greet faces who are unfamiliar to you. Let us show to every CWL Convention Delegates the hospitality of Smitherines.



Sunday Celebration # 2,

Sealed with the Holy Spirit: Confirmation

TODAY, SUNDAY, March 30th, children in our parishes and school seeking to receive the Sacraments of full initiation in the Church (*Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist*) will continue with the Sacramental Preparation provided by the Catechism Team led by Gemma Gillis. Please include *Mckenna, Allen, Lucas, Shannon, Lauren, Lexy, Melina, Miguel, Eric, Keira, Chad, Callum, Luca, Solomon, Kaidence, Kasey, & Hailey* and their families in your prayers so that they may be faithful to the faith journey they are aspiring to commit. We pray also that they will continue to understand and appreciate the value of God, the Church and the Sacraments in their lives.

The Reception of the Sacraments with Most Rev. Stephen Jensen, (*Bishop, Prince George Diocese*), will be celebrated on:

Friday, 5:30pm, May 23rd @ St. Anthony's Parish, Houston
Sunday, 9am, May 25th @ St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers



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



Students and staff of St. Joseph's School are back to School on Monday, March 31.

Please join them on Friday, April 4th 9am for School's Lenten Mass. Grade IV will sponsor this Mass.

The following Friday, April 11th 10am, St. Joseph's School will celebrate Lenten Reconciliation Service. Please pray for our Catholic children in Grade 3 (*Felicia, Luca, Blaire, Drew, Samuel, Tess*) who are preparing to celebrate this Sacrament for the first time. May they always feel the love of God through us and through the Sacrament, know that God is LOVE!

Stations of the Cross for Lent 2014 - Fridays during Lent



Date & Time	Prayer Leaders
April 4 - 7:30 pm	St. Joseph's School, Youth Group, & School Council
April 11 - 7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus (Jim Schwab)
April 18 - 1:00 pm Good Friday	Fr. Rector

The group leading the Stations should choose the prayers they wish to use and have enough copies for those attending. Please present it to Fr. Rector for consent. Before beginning the Stations, assign readers for each Station.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
Development and Peace

As the Canadian member of **Caritas Internationalis**, Development and Peace is participating in its global anti-hunger campaign, **One Human Family, Food**

for All, which seeks to bring an end to world hunger.

A quote from Pope Francis: "A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table."

What is Development and Peace doing to fight hunger?

- ⇒ Supporting innovations in small-scale agriculture.
- ⇒ Providing women with economic opportunities
- ⇒ Promoting food sovereignty.
- ⇒ Supporting peasant movements.
- ⇒ Delivering emergency food aid.
- ⇒ Helping communities become more resilient to climate change.
- ⇒ Supporting the organization of cooperatives
- ⇒ Promoting peace and reconciliation.
- ⇒ Calling for a more just food system.

Please generously support the **SHARE LENT** campaign this year. Your donations can be offered at our Sunday Liturgies this weekend. **Thank you!**

PARISH MINISTRIES

Administration of the Sacraments

BAPTISM. *Baptismal Preparation is held once a month at the Church.*

CONFIRMATION. *In our Diocese, Confirmation & First Communion are celebrated together in Grade 2. Sacramental Preparations begin in January. Both parents and children are required to participate at the Sacramental Preparations.*

EUCCHARIST. *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 & DIOCESAN NEWS



CWL Diocesan Annual Convention

"Go Forth" is the theme of this year's CWL Diocesan Convention. It is taking place here in our parish starting on Friday, April 4th - Sunday April 6th.

To accommodate the schedule of the ladies attending the CWL Convention, please take note of the following CHANGES:

Friday, April 4:

- ⇒ 9am Mass with the School sponsored by Grade IV
- ⇒ 6pm Mass with the CWL Convention Delegates
- ⇒ 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5:

- ⇒ 5:30pm Anticipated Mass with Most Rev. Stephen Jensen
- ⇒ NO 7pm Mass as Fr. Rector will join the convention delegates for the banquet. Please pray for a successful CWL Convention.



The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7 pm on Monday, April 7th at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In this diocesan celebration, the Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacra-

ments are blessed and consecrated and the priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.

Parishes are invited to send representatives to accompany their pastor to the Mass of Chrism. If you are interested in join Fr. Rector, our pastor, on this special day please let him know. An accommodation at the Domano Renewal Center can be arranged through the parish office.

Ignite Smithers

Melissa Cachia, a young parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish, a University Student, and a member of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), has generously made an initiative to do a **Summer Mission** in our parish beginning in May 2014. She intends to do the following over the summer: *lead Faith Studies, summer youth group, Eucharistic adoration nights, and two retreats: an adult retreat and a youth retreat.*



In order for her to accomplish her mission, she needs the support of our community. For more information on how to support her, please read the attached details of "Ignite Smithers" printed at the back of our April 2014 Calendar. You may also phone the parish office and speak with Fr. Rector if you are interested in helping out with this Summer Mission.

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(April, May, June 2014)

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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 · Georgina Dotto

Barbara Jarvis · CWL Representative



THE EUCHARIST INSPIRES FORGIVENESS AND ENCOUNTER WITH OTHERS

(continuation from last Sunday)

The grace of being forgiven and willing to forgive is a second sign. "In reality, those who celebrate the Eucharist do not do so because they believe themselves to be better, or wish to appear better than others, but because they are aware that they are always in need of being accepted and regenerated in God's mercy, made flesh in Jesus Christ. If anyone among us does not feel in need of God's mercy, if he does not consider himself to be a sinner, it is better that he not go to Mass! We go to Mass because we are sinners and because we wish to receive God's forgiveness, to participate in Christ's redemption, his forgiveness. That 'I confess' that we say at the beginning is not merely a 'pro forma', it is a true act of penance! ... In that bread and that wine we offer and around which we gather, the gift of the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins is renewed every time. This best summarises the deepest sense of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, and in turn it opens our hearts to the forgiveness of our brothers and to reconciliation".

The relationship between the Eucharistic celebration and the life of our Christian communities is the third sign. "It must always be clear that the Eucharist is not something that we do; it is not our commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is an act of Christ! It is a gift from Christ, Who is made present and gathers us around Him, to nourish us with His Word and His life. This means that the mission and the very identity of the Church spring from this, from the Eucharist, and there they assume their form. ... a celebration may prove to be impeccable, beautiful, from an external point of view, but if it does not lead to an encounter with Jesus, the risk is that it does not lead to the nourishment of our hearts and lives. Through the Eucharist, instead, Christ wishes to enter into our existence and the permeate it with his grace, so that in every Christian community there is coherence between liturgy and life".

The Pope concluded by encouraging us to "live the Eucharist with a spirit of faith and prayer, of forgiveness, of care for the needs of many of our brothers and sisters, in the certainty that the Lord will grant that which he has promised – eternal life"

Please mark your calendar: **Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service is on SUNDAY, April 13th, 7pm.** You may also approach Fr. Rector every Sunday if you want to celebrate the Sacrament.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, April 6, 2014 Fifth Sunday of LENT

GREETERS	Georgina Dotto & Jenni Halladay
LECTORS	Vic James & Adrian Meeuwissen
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Robert Perrault
Church Cleaning	Sherry Kelly & Family (April 1 - 5)

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY March 23, 2014

Envelopes	\$ 260.00
Loose	\$ 8.00
Total	\$ 268.00

This Week @ St. Anthony's

- ⇒ April 3, Thursday, Adult Faith Formation, 2:30pm;
Children's Catechism, 3:30pm
- ⇒ April 4, Friday, Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- ⇒ April 6, Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent, 11:30am Mass

Stations of the Cross for Lent 2014 - Fridays during Lent

Date & Time	Prayer Leaders
April 4, 7pm	Greeters & Lectors
April 11, 7pm	Extraordinary Ministers of

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Let us remember in our prayers:

*Denise Fuljames, Harry & Helen Doyle,
Nicola Dotto, Eric Bishop Sr.*

We pray also for the eternal repose of the souls of **Terry Grant** (Brother of Joan Perrault) who have passed away last week. As we do, we express our sympathy to Robert & Joan for their lost. May Terry rest in peace. Amen.