

## St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

### 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER

May 25, 2014

*Acts 8.5-8, 14-17, Ps 66, 1 Peter 3.15-18, John 14.15-21*

*"That we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do."*



### Weekday Mass Times

6<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

**May 26 - 30**

**Tuesday**

9am Mass with St. Joseph's School

11am Funeral Liturgy, † Meta Bolster

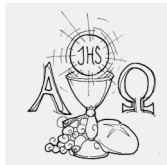
**Praying the Liturgy of the Hours before Weekday Mass:**

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

### Sunday Mass Times

SOLEMNITY, Ascension of the Lord

**May 31 & June 1**



**Saturday**

**7pm**

† Bill deGelder

† Lawrence & Irene Perry

**Sunday**

**9am**

*People of the Parish*

**upcoming  
EVENTS**

⇒ Tuesday, May 27, 7pm, **Finance Committee Meeting**, Parish Center

⇒ Wednesday, May 28, 7pm, **Discovery Faith Study**, Church Foyer;

### COLLECTION REPORTS

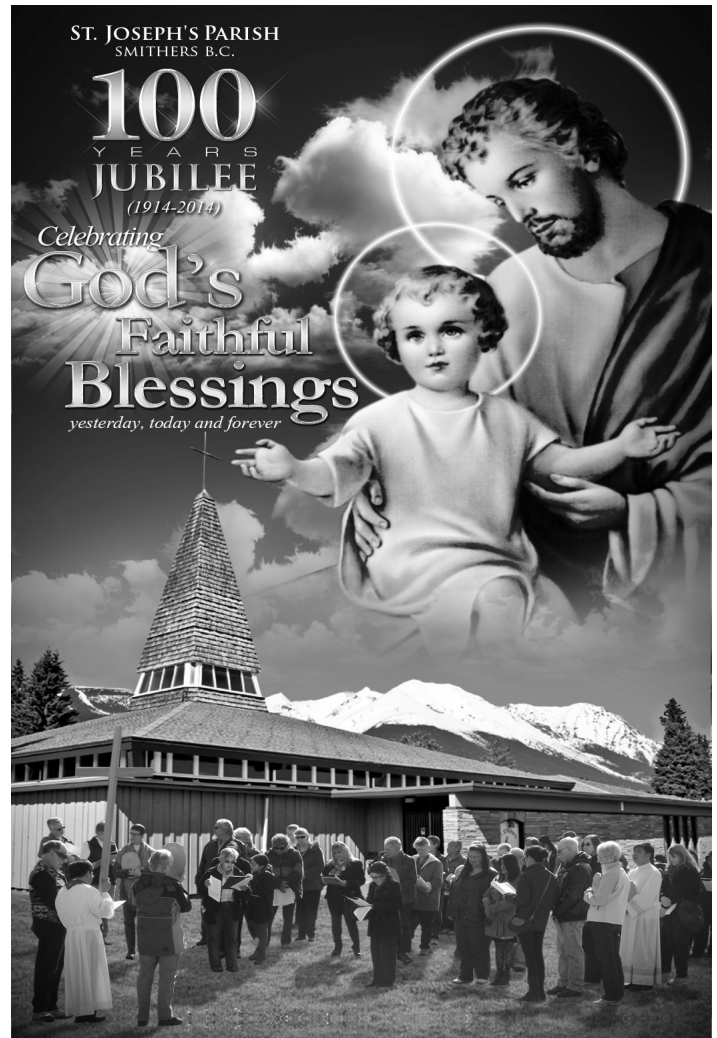
**May 17 & 18, Solemnity, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Church \$ 2,003.25

School \$ 105.00

Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 50.00 (to date)

*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



100  
years

1914 - 2014

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Greetings of Peace!

TODAY is a very special day for us as we are celebrating the highlight of the 100 Years Jubilee of our parish. Yes, the Catholic presence in the Bulkley Valley is now 100 Years old! Let me introduce the theme of our celebration:

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

100 Years Jubilee should be a real cause of joy and celebration for all of us in the community. It is a good reminder that our God is always present in our midst. He is the God of the past, the present and the future. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, speaking of humanity as pilgrims in this world, affirmed this truth. He mentioned: *"This history has always been accompanied by the Lord! He is ever faithful to his covenant and to his promises... He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched his tent in our midst."* In the Gospel, Jesus promised his disciples, *"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Mt. 28.20) Thus, we can say that God is a faithful God who is always present even if there are times that we are not fully aware of His presence.

Indeed, God's presence and faithfulness are blessings that are already present in our community. This is experienced through the remarkable number of celebrations of the Sacraments of life, love, healing and commitment held in this sacred place. The continued propagation of the Catholic faith, the leadership and collaboration of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee, the establishment and existence of St. Joseph's School providing Catholic and quality education, the various charitable works and involvement in the community of the Catholic Women's League, Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus are only a few concrete signs and manifestations of God's faithful blessings. Further, parishioners, whom we can also consider sons and daughters of St. Joseph's Parish, are involved in the fields and industries that contribute to the progress of the greater community. Thus we can firmly say, through St. Joseph's Catholic Church, God has always been present and ever faithful to this community and we are its witnesses!

Missionaries, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and parishioners who have gone before us strive to give witness to the Catholic presence in the community. Today, in gratitude, we want to recognize their efforts and sacrifices for their assurance that the next generation after them will have a sacred place to gather and celebrate our identity as Catholics. As we do, we also challenge ourselves to continue giving witness with the same ardent passion and commitment to generously engage ourselves with the work of New Evangelization. Therefore, we are called to become an evangelizing community.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelium Gaudium*, Pope Francis wrote: *"An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others."* In other words, as a community of the faithful, we are supposed to be the presence of Jesus Christ in this community. How? Be visible and present; be agents of healing and reconciliation; be people of service and sacrifice; be an advocate and promoter of life; be instruments of compassion and justice.

Finally, we shall seek guidance, protection and inspiration through our patron, St. Joseph, who from the very beginning is and will remain the silent and humble protector of the Catholic presence in the Bulkley Valley.

My dear friends and parishioners, our celebration today is an affirmation that the Catholic presence in the community is alive and active. It is another visible reminder of the presence of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. On this note, we remind ourselves to be the face and hands of Christ ever present in our community today and tomorrow!

May the Lord bless us in our journey. Happy 100 Years Jubilee!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Rev. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.  
Pastor



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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*

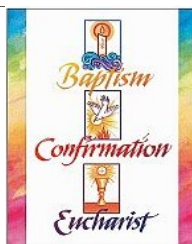
Our prayers for the following children who have received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation with Most Rev. Stephen Jensen:

### St. Anthony's Parish

Kaydence Alyssa Kaszas

Hailey Mae Kettle

Kasey Dane MacDermid



### St. Joseph's Parish

Lauren Amanda Arnett

Shannon Anne Marie Arnett

Miguel Santiago Britton

Keira Paige Chiaravalloti

Lexi Aleese Creyke

Lucas William Hooker

Eric George Malbeuf

Allen Garret Miller

Luca Daniel Joseph Pashkewicz

Chad Ryan Shorter

Solomon Gerard Pollard

Callum Donald Isaac Turner

Adult

Mike Adam Polanin

We pray also for MacKenna Louise Miller who was baptized this past week.

May the Sacrament/s that you received bring strength and enthusiasm in your faith journey. May you give witness to the love of Jesus every-day in your lives. We look forward to gathering and praying with you in Church regularly. God bless you and your families!

**Celebration # 6: Go! The Rite of Dismissal** will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1,

9am Mass @ St. Joseph's Parish

11:30am @ St. Anthony's Parish

Children who have received the sacraments and families are required to be at this celebration. See you!

### Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, June 1, 2014 SOLEMNITY, Ascension of the Lord

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| GREETERS                                | Adrian & Jo Meeuwissen                        |
| LECTORS                                 | Liz Gerei & Jane Wardrop                      |
| EXTRAORDINARY<br>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Vic & Gail James                              |
| ALTAR SERVERS                           | Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany              |
| Gift Bearers                            | TBA   |
| Collection Counter                      | Carm Brockerville                             |
| Church Cleaning                         | April Kopas & Claudine Ketchell (May 26 - 31) |

### COLLECTION REPORTS

*Thank you for your constant support and generosity!*

### DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY May 18, 2014

|           |           |  |
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| Envelopes | \$ 195.00 | Pope's Pastoral Works \$ 20.00 to date |
| Loose     | \$ 7.00   |  |
| Total     | \$ 202.00 |  |



### Winners Mother's Day Raffle

Our thanks to all parishioners of St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's for their support to the Catholic Women's League Mother's Day Raffle. Winners are the following: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize—B. MacDonald; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize—Joan; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize—Donna S. Congratulations!

Thanks to those who helped out in the preparation of the potluck dinner last Friday. Thanks to those who brought food and celebrated with Kaydence, Hailey and Kasey.

**thank  
you**

### The Pope's Pastoral Works

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money, and trained people. Prominent among such aid is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ's love and compassion for those who suffer.

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use.