

St. Joseph's Parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9am ~ 3pm Pastor: Rev. Pier Pandolfo

SUNDAY BULLETIN 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 33.7-9, Psalm 95, Romans 13.8-10, Matthew 18.15-20 *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"*



Weekday Mass Times 23rd Week in Ordinary Time September 6-14, 2014

Saturday	7pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9am	People of the Parish	
Monday	9:00 an	n	-
Tuesday	6:15 pr	n	A CHS
Wednesday	9:00 an	n	
Thursday	11am @	Bulkley Lodge	J.
Friday	9:00 an	n <i>†John Derksen</i>	
Saturday	7pm	† Jessie Eileen Towns	
Sunday	9am	†Michelango & Concetta Sia	

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Deven Vennard, Zenny Schwegler, Jennifer Sikkes-Durran, Patty Sikkes-Rathjen

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

NEW MASS TIME OFFERED

Beginning September 1st, 2014 — Father Pier will be saying Mass every **Monday at 9AM** in addition to the regularly scheduled masses.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, September 13 & 14, 2014 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

DATE	Saturday, Sept. 13	Sunday, Sept. 14
GREETERS	Sid & Margaret Sikkes Liesel Cleveland	CWL
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Gemma Gillis	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Dave Hemmenway Bob Bresser	CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers



Youth Group is scheduled for the first and third Sunday of each month. The **next** Youth Group Meeting is **this** Sunday on September 7th at 6:30pm at the church foyer. **See you there!!!**

Faith Studies will be starting again in September. If you have already completed the first "Discovery" faith study, the second study, the "Source" will be offered on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the foyer. If there is an interest for the first "Discovery" study it will also be offered. Materials for these studies cost \$7 per participant. A sign up sheet is located at the back of the 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."

REQUES

COLLECTION REPORTS

SUNDAY COLLECTION

<u>August 30 & 31, 2014 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Church \$1,528.80 School \$110.00

Pre-Authorized Debit for the Month of August \$570.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor's Notes

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there" Mt 18) If somebody found a recording of our phone calls or texts, what would they find? Can we live our lives as if Jesus is always the third person at our conversations?



CONFÉRENCE DES ÉVÊQUES CATHOLIQUES DU CANADA Canadian conference of catholic bishops

The Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, meeting on August 25, 2014, in Quebec City, issues the following appeal:

In the name of the Father of life, and of the Crucified Christ, and of the Spirit of love, we make this appeal for mercy, compassion and justice.

We hear resounding about us still the question that God, Father of all life, posed to humanity at the beginning: "Where is your brother?" We see the homeless and the wounded of the Middle East: in Iraq, Syria and the Holy Land. We hear their cries in Ukraine and in parts of Africa. We observe the persecutions and hardships that hundreds of thousands of people today endure because of their faith and convictions – Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants, Jews, Muslims, members of other religions as well as ethnic minorities. The horrors of war and violence are ravaging so many innocent hearts. Families and children are left without water, food, aid and shelter. Homes and communities are being destroyed. Not only is the future at risk for the people of these regions, but international security itself is in peril. War and violence are again eroding the common bonds of humanity, fragmenting the human family. It is Jesus who is being persecuted, who is homeless, who is hungry, who is in prison, who is being tortured.

As followers of the Crucified One, we recognize particularly in the Middle East the sufferings of our own brothers and sisters in faith. Moved by their pains and afflictions, we make their cause our own. We are united with them in solidarity and faith. Our unceasing prayer and hope are rooted in the love and forgiveness by which Our Lord transforms the human heart. Our one comfort is in the concern and care that people around the world are offering. Encouraged by the calls of Pope Francis for peace and justice, we echo the statements and actions of the leaders of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches of the Middle East. We make our appeal to all people – of every faith and in the name of good will, here in Canada and around the world - to do even more to assist the suffering of those in need. We pray that the Holy Spirit continue to inspire Canadians, particularly the faithful of our Catholic Church, to support the work of agencies that bring solace and aid to the persecuted and the exiled. We pray too that the transforming power of the Spirit inspire political, religious and community leaders, in each of the troubled regions of our world, to speak out loudly for justice and reconciliation, to denounce atrocities, to renounce violence and oppression, to announce and demand peace.

"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people and to his faithful..." (Psalm 85.8)



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie Our school website: <u>www.stj@cispg.ca</u> Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year. We are looking forward to a year of learning and other blessings with our school community. We welcome, especially, students and families new to the school. The theme for all eight Catholic schools in our diocese this year is "Live the Joy of the Gospel." How do we find the joy that God says can be in our life? I think part of the answer is in looking at our life each day and naming each thing we have in our life that we are grateful for. Another part might be preparing for and being open to tiny and big glory moments. And joy often has to do with being positively connected to other people – in whatever manner that connection is made. This year at St. Joseph's I hope each and every student and staff member will be able to work to learn in a community that fosters the joy.

PARISH & DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocesan Assembly will be held this year from October 1-3rd at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Prince George. The Assembly is an opportunity for all to discern and plan the works that will make us more effective in the mission God calls His Church to serve in the 21st century. The extraordinary synod on the pastoral challenges facing family life which takes place in Rome this October offers a key direction for our work in parishes and schools. The Assembly is open to all members of the diocesan community. Information packages are available from your parish office or on the Diocesan website. We hope to see you there!



APPLE PIE SALE September 27 & 28

St.Joseph's Parish Apple Pie Sale is coming! Pie crust roll out day is Friday, September 26, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the school kitchen. Bring your rolling pins and energy, and we will fill the pans with pastry. On Sat-

urday we will make the pies starting at 8:00 a.m. Some of the pies will be baked, and others will remain uncooked. When you order your pies stipulate whether cooked or uncooked. Both types can be frozen.

There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for rolling out crusts and baking pies, as well as the order form. Please try to order your pies by Wednesday, **September 24**, so we have an idea of how many to make.

Pies can be picked up Saturday afternoon in the school kitchen, or after Mass Saturday and Sunday in the school kitchen. Please have the correct money or a cheque made out to St. Joseph's Church in the amount of \$8 for each pie.

We ask for your generosity in helping to make and purchase pies. This is a **Parish Fund Raiser**. We still need a few more boxes of apples, so if you, or your neighbour, have extra apples that you can donate, please let me know. Donations of sugar will be appreciated.

Need more information, phone Eileen Bouvier at 250-847-3478.

Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2014 after Mass

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor Rev. Pier Pandolfo

Staff Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia *Secretary:* Brenda Pyper

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator: Michael desHarnais Social Coordinator: Johanna Habjan Liturgy: Gemma Gillis Youth Ministry: Melissa Cachia Development & Peace: Marj Coupe Fundraising: vacant Refugee: Ann Griffith, Linda Rosner Catholic Women's League: Mary Ellen Kallio Knights of Columbus: James Schwab School Council Co- Chairperson: Rob Blackburn/Trevor Bruintjes

Parish Finance Committee

Chairperson: vacant *Vice Chairperson:* Wayne Callison *Maintenance:* Pete Stroet *Collections:* Rita Coupe Casey Pyper

Other Areas of Ministries: *RCIA & Children's Catechism:* Dennis Gonia *Children's Liturgy Coordinator:* Ann Marie MacIsaac & Crystal Adams *Altar Servers:* Nancy Verbeek *Music:* Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

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PARISH GROUPS



Please come and join our group of parishioners who gathers and breaks open the Word of God. It is every Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Centre. This is a very good opportunity for parishioners to study and reflect on

the Scripture Readings that we hear on Sunday at Mass. It will help us understand more about the readings and it will lead us to celebrate the Eucharist meaningfully. See you there!!!



Knights of Columbus, Fr Callaly Council 7973 are hosting a BBQ Social for Knights, Knight's families and prospective new members.

Date: Sunday Sept. 7, 2014 Time: 2:00pm to early evening Place: Paul Fradette's Farm

Knights will provide BBQ Ribs & Hotdogs, please bring salads and anything special you would like to drink. The Knights will carpool to get everyone that wants to attend out to Paul's farm and home again.



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Catholic Women's League

CWL "Fall Gathering" will open with a Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9th at Louise's Kitchen at 6pm cost is \$22.00 per person. For further information contact Maria Sowa at 250-847-5166

The United Church Ladies invite all ladies to join them for a Luncheon on September 22nd at 12 noon at the United Church If attending please call Edith Illes at 250-846-9643 or Kathie Parrish at 250-847-2260, please respond

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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



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Rev. Pier Pandolfo Pastor

Dennis Gonia Pastoral Assistant

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee Members

Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto Barbara Jarvis · CWL Representative

Thank you!

Our Annual Garden Party Plus Silent Auction fund raising project for the Church would not be made possible without those persons who have great concern for our Parish of St. Anthony's. We thank you for your great effort. We thank you for keeping



the spirit alive even in the midst of hard labour and tiring moments.

Thank you to all who take part in this years' activity in ways most possible for you. Thank you for donating items for the auction; thank you for sitting at the mall; thank you for helping out at the garden party today; thank you for inviting friends and acquaintances; thank you for your presence.

Our thanks to the businesses and establishments who donated items for our auction. Your giving hearts are greatly appreciated.

Our Father in heaven who sees everything that we do will deal with us all in the abundance of His generosity and in accordance with His justice.



Let us remember in our prayers:

Denise Fuljames, Helen & Harry Doyle, Eric Bishop Sr, Pearl & Vi, Arsenia Calderon



Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, September 14, 2014 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

GREETERS	Need Volunteer
LECTORS	Jane Wardrop Shirley Collins
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian Meeuwissen Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	ТВА
Collection Counter	Robert Perrault
Church Cleaning	April Kopas & Claudine Kendall Sept. 8-13, 2014

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY August 24, 2014

Envelopes \$315.00 Loose 15.00 Total \$330.00

MARY (Feast on September 8th) www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8th date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

CWL MEETING

CWL September 2014 meeting will be held on **Wednesday (Sept.** 10) at 7PM. Please note change of time.