

# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for November 15th & 16th 2014

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31.10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31, Psalm 128, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6, Matthews 25.14-30

*"You have been trustworthy in a few things. I will put you in charge of many things"*



### Week Mass Times 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday 15th 7:00 pm †*Jessie Eileen Towns*
- Sunday 16th 9:00 am †*Trudi Schibli*
- Monday 17th 9:00 am
- Tuesday 18th 6:15 pm
- Wednesday 19th 9:00 am
- Thursday 20th 11:00am
- Friday 21st 9:00 am
- Saturday 22nd 7:00 pm †*Sister Claire Murphy*
- Sunday 23rd 9:00 am †*Vincenzo Napoli*



### Ministry Schedule November 22nd & 23rd , 2014 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	Saturday, Nov 22	Sunday, Nov 23
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Knights of Columbus
<b>LECTORS</b>	Vigil Overstall Gemma Gillis	Knights of Columbus
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	David Hemenway Jean Moisey	Knights of Columbus
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

### PARISH MINISTRIES

- 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
- 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
- Finance Vice Chairperson:* Wayne Callison
- Maintenance:* Pete Stroet
- Collections:* Rita Coupe
- RCIA & Children's Catechism:* Dennis Gonia
- Children's Liturgy :* Ann Marie MacIsaac & Crystal Adams
- Altar Servers:* Nancy Verbeek
- Music:* Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

### COLLECTION REPORTS

#### November 8th & 9th, 2014 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$2,041.00  
 School \$20.00



**Parish Goal :** \$ 21,666  
**Total Pledge:** \$ 18,885  
**Pledges Received:** \$ 17,965

**Thank you!!!**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Cheryl & Roy Stoner, Gordon Nickerson, Marie, Lucia, Will, Sandi, Charlie, Barb, Mary, Nolan, Darin, Gwen Deven Vennard, Zenny Schwegler, Jennifer Sikkes-Durrant, Patty Sikkes-Rathjen**

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



### 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."*

## Note from the pastor



### **The Final Things: judgement, heaven, hell, purgatory.**

In our creed we pray, 'I believe in everlasting life'. Our life as a pilgrim on earth reaches its final destination at the moment of death. At the moment of death we move past this world and its experience of time and change. To move into the everlasting life, there is this final personal judgement. The judgement consists in a crystal-clear revelation of the unchangeable, freely chosen condition to be with God or to be alienated from God.

The Church teaches that if our basic love-choice at the moment of death was the absolute GOOD whom we call God, then God remains our personal possession for eternity. This eternal possession of God we call HEAVEN. (Catechism #1023-1029). If our basic love-choice is anything less than the absolute GOOD, then we will experience an eternal emptiness. This eternal and radical emptiness we call HELL.

Next week: purgatory and the link to the communion of saints.

**Development and Peace Fall Action:** a reminder of the invitation to participate in the Fall Action of Development and Peace. We handed out the literature last Sunday. If you did not receive it, please go to the Development and Peace website. One of the corporal works of mercy is to feed the hungry, and the Fall Action connects us to this issue. (Other works of mercy are: drink to thirsty, clothes to naked, visit imprisoned, shelter homeless, visit sick, and bury dead).

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP.** Please mark your calendars for November 21 for our Ministry workshop. The first portion will be general teaching on the importance and place of worship in our Catholic faith, and the second part will go into specific procedures. I invite all people to learn about our liturgical ministries even if at present you do not feel called to minister.

**Homework:** Since it is sin that clouds our ability to see clearly, we have to commit ourselves to avoid sin. Avoiding sin is helped by turning towards a good. Hence, pick a habit you are trying to change, and pick a new habit you want to develop.

## upcoming EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following **November meetings:**

**November 18th**, School Council Meeting 7PM  
**November 25th**, Finance Meeting has been rescheduled for January ...date to be announced  
**November 27th**, Ministry Workshop 7PM

**Bible sharing** is held every Tuesday at 10:15AM in the Parish center. Last session will be on December 15th.

### **Thank You!!!**

Our Parish Bazaar would not be successful without your help. We thank you for sharing your "time, talent, and gold" for this cause oriented activity. God who always sees everything will reward you in his own just ways.

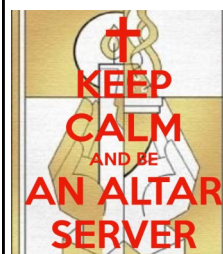


Smithers Community Christmas Choir and the Bulkley Valley String Orchestra will sing and play a Requiem Mass, Eternal Light, for those who have experienced loss and find the Christmas season difficult. They will also perform Enchanted Carols, also by Howard Goodall, in preparation for the season. Rounding off the evening Toby Moisey will perform a Vivaldi, double concerto, flute and violin with Kiri Daust and Alfred Laskowski will play an organ concerto by Handel. Come and join us December 4, 5 or 6 for an exquisite evening of music. Check the poster in the lobby for more details or contact Barbara Schwab.

### **Living with Hearing Loss**

Healthy Living Center  
1070 Main Street 1:30 pm to 3pm

**November 17-** Introduction- join us to talk about hearing loss, tips for communicating, listening in difficult situations, dealing with background noise, find out if speech reading is for you  
**November 24** -Speech Reading #1 – learn to speech read and basic coping strategies to improve communication with family  
**December 1** -Speech Reading #2  
**December 8** - Speech Reading #3  
**December 15** -Speech Reading #4  
To register – please call Karen Rabbiosi at 250 847-6415



### **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

We continue to encourage boys and girls who have the desire to serve in the altar of Jesus to sign up for the Ministry of Altar Server. There will be regular monthly training sessions for new members and old. Please consider signing up for this ministry. Next practice session is November 20th at noon.



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie

Our school website: [www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)

Phone: 250-847-9414

**Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"**

### Upcoming events:

Pro D day—November 21st

Picture Retakes—November 18th

### 2014 National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

The National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated since 2002 on December 12 by the Church in Canada. This year and next, as we join our Bishops in reflecting on the pastoral challenges for the family and its needs and role in evangelization, the members of the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council wish to honour elders who helped them develop their own faith:

*(testimonies were edited for texts to fit in the bulletin)*

Together let us pray: Thank you, God our Creator, for our elders, who through strong faith, spirituality, humility, teachings, and serving ways, gave us foundation and a deeper appreciation of our cultural richness, leaving us a spiritual legacy to help us be who we are today. We thank you through Jesus and with Mary. Amen.

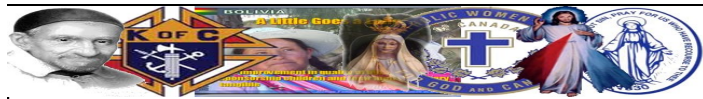
### Francis expresses his closeness to persecuted Christians and the Mexican people (from VIS)

Vatican City, 12 November 2014 (VIS) – "It is with great trepidation that I follow the dramatic events of Christians who in various parts of the world are persecuted and killed for their religious beliefs. I feel the need to express my profound spiritual closeness to the Christian communities who are so badly afflicted by an absurd violence that shows no sign of stopping, and I encourage the pastors and all faithful to be strong and firm in their hope".

Francis also recalled that in these days the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the peace treaty between Argentina and Chile, which was achieved as a result of the "will to dialogue", and, recalling with gratitude the role played by St. John Paul II and Cardinal Antonio Samore in this treaty, he expressed his hope that "all peoples in conflict for any reason, territorial or cultural, will be encouraged to resolve them through dialogue and not by the cruelty of war".

Before concluding the general audience, the Pope greeted the faithful in various languages, and dedicated some off-the-cuff comments to pilgrims from Mexico. "I wish to express to the Mexicans, those present and those in their homelands, my closeness in this painful moment following the formal disappearance, which we know to be the assassination, of students. This makes visible the dramatic reality of the criminality behind the trade and trafficking in drugs. I am close to you and your families".

The Pope thus launched a heartfelt appeal to all those with political responsibility at local and international levels, as well as all persons of good will, "to mobilise consciences on a large scale in favour of persecuted Christians. They have the right to find safety and serenity in their own countries, freely professing their faith".



C.W.L. Membership drive will be held on Nov 22 & 23...membership fees are only \$36.00 per year.....Please join us and become part of a strong support group for our parish.

The C.W.L. will be cleaning the school kitchen on Nov 21st at 9:00 am please come out and help....many hands make light work!

*Please complete and return nomination forms by November 30th.*



### Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973

The Marion Prayer Program | Knights of Columbus



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

May Our Lady accompany our Church and all the members of our Order all over the world. Like her, we want to be open to the Holy Spirit

and be available to accomplish God's plan in today's world. Following our Lady's example, we want to share the Good News of the Gospel to a world that needs the Hope and the Truth and the Love of Jesus Christ.

**All parishioners are invited to participate in the Marion Prayer that will be incorporated into the Tuesday daily mass commencing at 6:15. Rosary will follow mass.**

Jim Schwab



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Visit to the Sick at Home: by appointment.



## SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am



### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Pier Pandolfo  
*Pastor*

Dennis Gonia  
*Pastoral Assistant*

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee  
Members

*Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative*

### Message of the Synod Assembly on the pastoral challenges to the Family in the context of Evangelisation (last part)

Another expression of fraternal communion is charity, giving, nearness to those who are last, marginalized, poor, lonely, sick, strangers, and families in crisis, aware of the Lord's word, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". It is a gift of goods, of fellowship, of love and mercy, and also a witness to the truth, to light, and to the meaning of life.

The high point which sums up all the threads of communion with God and neighbor is the Sunday Eucharist when the family and the whole Church sits at table with the Lord. He gives himself to all of us, pilgrims through history towards the goal of the final encounter when "Christ is all and in all". In the first stage of our Synod itinerary, therefore, we have reflected on how to accompany those who have been divorced and remarried and on their participation in the sacraments.

We Synod Fathers ask you walk with us towards the next Synod. The presence of the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in their modest home hovers over you. United to the Family of Nazareth, we raise to the Father of all our petition for the families of the world:

Father, grant to all families the presence of strong and wise spouses who may be the source of a free and united family.

Father, grant that parents may have a home in which to live in peace with their families.

Father, grant that children may be a sign of trust and hope and that young people may have the courage to forge life-long, faithful commitments.

Father, grant to all that they may be able to earn bread with their hands, that they may enjoy serenity of spirit and that they may keep aflame the torch of faith even in periods of darkness.

Father, grant that we may all see flourish a Church that is ever more faithful and credible, a just and humane city, a world that loves truth, justice and mercy". (End)

### Joint Finance and PPC Meeting

Joint PPC and Finance Meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November after mass. Please mark your Calendars.

### Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, November 23, 2014

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	1. Vic James 2. Gail James
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ronnie Cruz and Jane Wardrop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	(Nov. 17-22)– Claudine Ketchell and April Kopas

### COLLECTION REPORTS

*Thank you for your constant support and generosity!*

### DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY November 9, 2014

Loose	\$ 10.70	DAA	\$300.00
Envelope	\$425.00		
Total	\$435.70		

### Adult Faith Formation

Come and join us as we start our Adult faith formation on Thursday, November 19 at 2:30PM at St. Anthony's meeting room.

### Soup and Bun Luncheon

We will have our soup and bun luncheon on November 23 (Sunday). Assignments are posted in the bulletin board for reference. Please come and support our activities.

### Sunday Missals

Sunday Missals are on sale. We still have few books remaining and we can order more whenever it is necessary.

### Food Bank Donation

We accept donation for the food bank. You can bring your donations to the Parish and put them in the basket which could be found near the entrance to the Church upstairs.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY'S GOAL:	\$5,191.00
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$2,675.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:	\$2,555.00

