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SUNDAY BULLETIN for November 1st & 2nd, 2014

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - All Soul's Day

Lamentations 3.17-26, Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 15.51-57, John 12.23-26

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it will not bear much fruit"



Week Mass Times 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday 1st 7:00 pm †*Stan Kuchcinski*
- Sunday 2nd 9:00 am †*Michelangelo & Concetta Sia*
- Monday 3rd 9:00 am
- Tuesday 4th 6:15 pm
- Wednesday 5th 9:00 am
- Thursday 6th 11:00 am @ Bulkley Lodge
- Friday 7th 9:00 am †*Romuald Lakowski*
- Saturday 8th 7:00 pm †*Ivo, Jacoba, Abram Vanderhoorst*



Ministry Schedule November 8th & 9th , 2014 Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilca

DATE	Saturday, Nov 8.	Sunday, Nov 9.
GREETERS	Dave & Marj Hemenway Johanna Habjan	CWL
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Gemma Gillis	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jean Moisey Bob Bresser	CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	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 Brintjies
- 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

October 25th & 26th , 2014 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Church \$1,580.80
 School \$90.00



Parish Goal : \$ 21, 666
Total Pledge: \$ 18,235
Pledges Received: \$ 17,565

Thank you ...we only have \$3,431 to go!

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Gwen, Cheryl, Lucia, Will, Sandi,
 Charlie, Barb, Mary, Nolan, Darin
 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.



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



Hallowed Eve. All Saints. All Souls. Holiness belongs to God alone, and to his Son, Jesus Christ. But God shares his holiness with his people (Ex 19:5-6) The month of November is set aside as the month where we connect God's desire to fill his people with holiness (the Saints) with our ultimate desire to be holy in God's presence for eternity (all Souls of the faithful departed).

Our honoring of the saints originally developed out of the cult of the dead. In the first centuries people would gather around the graves of their loved ones and hold a feast, some families even asking that the Eucharist be celebrated. In larger numbers, the Church would gather to remember the Martyrs, those who died bearing witness to Christ, as for example Peter, Paul, Lucy, Agnes, Agatha, Lawrence, etc.

Martyrdom was extended to include those who died naturally but had suffered imprisonment, or punishment or exile rather than deny the faith.

After the time of persecution was over, people still desired to be holy and to give their lives to God; here the lives of these fervent faithful were an inspiration, and the cult of honoring saints was again extended to now include, ascetics, virgins, confessors.

The belief is that through the power of the death and resurrection of Christ, Christ is living in all the faithful dead and they are therefore alive. The spread of celebrating the Feast of All Saints on November 1 happened throughout the 9th century. Beginning in the 11th century, the day after All Saints was dedicated to the commemoration of all the departed faithful, All Souls. Hence what started with the cult of the dead, is linked back to it; and rightly so because we believe in one single City of the living.

Hallowed Eve, or Halloween, is important only as the evening before All Saints day.

Feast of All Saints focuses on the saints as principal witnesses to the power of Christ's death and resurrection.

Feast of All Souls focuses on our prayers for all the faithful departed to share in the power of Christ's death and resurrection.

November 2nd, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, *All Souls' Day*,

In observance of All Souls' Day, our parish of St. Joseph will do the following: 1) Parish Book of Remembrance will be available for people to write the names of deceased family members, relatives and friends; 2) There will be a Blessing of the Graves. The schedule are as follows:

SUNDAY, November 2, 1pm, Houston Cemetery

SUNDAY, November 2, 3pm, Smithers Cemetery

THURSDAY, November 6, 3pm, Telkwa Cemetery

In addition, the souls of all our faithful departed will be remembered in all the masses. Offering a mass intention, reflects the deep and unbroken Catholic conviction that the Eucharistic sacrifice has pre-eminence among the prayers, good works, alms and acts of religion which believers are encouraged to offer on behalf of the dead. This time of the year is a special time to remember our deceased loved ones through prayers and masses to be offered for them.

"Happy are those who have died in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them."

upcoming EVENTS

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

November 4th, PPC meeting (7PM)

November 6th, Blessing of the Graves
3PM (Telkwa)

November 8th, Development and Peace Fall Campaign

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

Faith Studies with Melissa Cachia Level 2: Source is over; Level 3: Growth will start on January of 2015. **Thank you Mellisa** for helping us understand our faith more through



Celebration of Life for Trudi Schibli

On November 15, between 1PM and 4PM, there will be a celebration of life for Trudi Schibli at the Old Church. Trudi had been a member of the Catholic Women's League for 60 years.



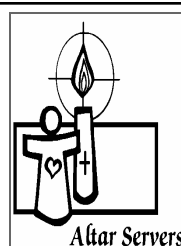
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH AND SCHOOL BAZAAR

Parish and School Bazaar will be on the 15th of November from 2PM to 4PM. It will be held in the school gym. They are looking donations of baking for both the tea table and bake table, "gently used" items for the white elephant table (PLEASE NO BOOKS), and helpers. If you are able to come out Friday Nov. 14th at 7PM to help make sandwiches and set up, it would be greatly appreciated. Help is also needed for Saturday during the Bazaar. Please sign-up on the Food and Workers list in the church foyer. **PLEASE: no peanuts or peanut butter to be used in Tea Table Baking. Please label baking for sale with a "nut alert" label if you are using nuts.**

Norms for Extraordinary Ministers (from the Wednesday Weekly)

On September 30, 2014 Bishop Jensen issued a decree which defined the functions of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion within Mass and for Communion to the Sick. The Norms are to become effective November 30, 2014. A copy of the Decree and the Norms are attached. Parishes are asked to provide a copy of the Norms to their ministers of Communion. The information is also available on the diocese website.

(See Printed Norms for EMC at the Church Bulletin Board)



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.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
 School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
 Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca
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Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

Upcoming events:

Grade 7 Remembrance Day Service—November 10
 Remembrance Day—November 11th —No School
 Pro D day—November 21st
 Picture Retakes—November 18th

KNIVES FOR THE SCHOOL KITCHEN

Keep them coming!! We have enough for three knives and are hoping to get more. Thank you!

CAKE WALK AND JAR TABLE at the Bazaar

The grade 7 class will be participating in the upcoming Parish Bazaar and is requesting your assistance in helping us fundraise. We are seeking donations for both the Cake/Cupcake Walk and the Jar Table. At this time we are looking for the donation of jars. Pint size or larger would be wonderful. If you would like to help us even further by filling a jar or two, we would be very appreciative. The sale of the jars is geared for students and could be filled with anything from balloons to hair ties, toy cars to deck of cards to funky erasers...or maybe some of that "extra" Halloween candy! We will also be seeking donations of single layer cakes or a plate of 6 cupcakes for the cake walk. Please drop jars at the school—a box will be set up in the office. Thank you so very much!

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Our School did really well at the run this year with many runners and a placing of first overall. Our prayers for sun for the Cross Country Run were answered! We are so proud to see all our St. Joe's runners, and all the other students from Bulkley Valley running together and finishing the race. Well done! To persevere is to win at life. Thank you to Mrs. Polanin and Ms. Creyke for organizing this for the district and to all the staff and parents who devoted their time to help make this a success. There were also the contingent of high school students—many from St. Joe's who were there to help. It was a great afternoon.

November At A Glance

The Domano Renewal Centre has some exciting new sessions/workshops this month!

- 3 part DVD series of Fr. Ron Rolheiser: The Many Faces of Fear: Exploring the Roots of Religious Fear
- Constructing Skill and Strategies to Create Hopeful Changes: Supporting Children and Youth Who Live with Anxiety facilitated by Rev. John Garden, MEd (Counselling) and Ms. Annie Kearns, MEd (Counselling)
- Living as Missionary Disciples – How can we live more fully the call of Pope Francis to live as Missionary Disciples of Jesus today? With Fr. Jack Michalchuk and John Connelly
- Men's Retreat – Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI will lead a weekend retreat on Negotiating the Male Journey.



"Resolution 2014-02 Electronic Cigarettes". Health Canada currently does not fully regulate the contents, marketing, sale and use of all types of electronic cigarettes. Please pick up this resolution at the CWL bulletin board and take action."

JUST A REMINDER...Please drop off completed election forms in the box in the foyer!

Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973



Knights of Columbus monthly meeting are now scheduled for the First Sunday of the month.

Meeting is scheduled for :
Date: Sunday Nov. 2nd
Time: 7PM
Place: Parish Center

Fr. Pier will be attending the meeting with his inspiration and thoughts. Please encourage your brother Knight to attend with a

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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 (from VIS part 2)

We recognise the great [challenge](#) to remain faithful in conjugal love. Enfeebled faith and indifference to true values, individualism, impoverishment of relationships, and stress that excludes reflection leave their mark on family life. There are often crises in marriage, often confronted in haste and without the courage to have patience and reflect, to make sacrifices and to forgive one another. Failures give rise to new relationships, new couples, new civil unions, and new marriages, creating family situations which are complex and problematic, where the Christian choice is not obvious.

We think also of the burden imposed by life in the suffering that can arise with a child with special needs, with grave illness, in deterioration of old age, or in the death of a loved one. We admire the fidelity of so many families who endure these trials with courage, faith, and love. They see them not as a burden inflicted on them, but as something in which they themselves give, seeing the suffering Christ in the weakness of the flesh.

We recall the difficulties caused by economic systems, by the “the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose” which weakens the dignity of people. We remember unemployed parents who are powerless to provide basic needs for their families, and youth who see before them days of empty expectation, who are prey to drugs and crime.

We think of so many poor families, of those who cling to boats in order to reach a shore of survival, of refugees wandering without hope in the desert, of those persecuted because of their faith and the human and spiritual values which they hold. These are stricken by the brutality of war and oppression. We remember the women who suffer violence and exploitation, victims of human trafficking, children abused by those who ought to have protected them and fostered their development, and the members of so many families who have been degraded and burdened with difficulties. “The culture of prosperity deadens us... all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us”. We call on governments and international organizations to promote the rights of the family for the common good. *(to be continued)*

Ministry Schedule
SUNDAY, November 9, 2014
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

GREETERS	Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	1. Jane Wardop 2. Ronnie Cruz
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Dawn Bishop and _____
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Robert Perrault
Church Cleaning	(Nov. 3-8)– Bishop Family

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!
DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY October 26, 2014

Loose	\$ 66.25	Stole Fee (Baptism)	\$ 40.00
Envelop	\$293.00	DAA	\$200.00
Total	\$359.25	Sale of Religious Articles	\$ 12.00

Blessing of the graves today

Fr. Pier Pandolfo will bless the graves in Houston today as part of our celebration and commemoration of the departed. This will be done after the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is invited to come and pray with us.

Communication and Email

In this computer age, Emailing is one of the fastest and most effective way of communicating. In this regard, we would like to ask for parishioners email addresses for future communications. We would be providing sheets of paper in the foyer for you to write your name and your email addresses. Thank you.

Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY'S GOAL:	\$5,191.00
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$2,475.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:	\$2,355.00

Let us remember in our prayers:

Denise Fuljames, Helen & Harry Doyle, Eric Bishop Sr, Vi, Arsenia Calderon, Ann Marie Hak, Georgina Dotto

