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SUNDAY BULLETIN for November 29th & 30th 2014

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8, Psalm 80, 1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.33-37

"Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come."



Week Mass Times
 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday 29th 7:00 pm † *Margretta McGuinness*
Sunday 30th 9:00 am † *John Derksen & deceased family*
Monday 1st 9:00 am
Tuesday 2nd 6:15 pm
Wednesday 3rd 9:00 am
Thursday 4th 11:00am
Friday 5th 9:00 am
Saturday 6th 7:00 pm *People of the Parish*
Sunday 7th 9:00 am † *Michelangelo & Concetta Sia*



Ministry Schedule
 December 6th & 7th, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec.6	Sunday, Dec.7
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway Liesel Cleveland	CWL
LECTORS	Christine Tessier David Hemenway	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jean Moisey Bob Bresser	CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia
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Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie MacIsaac & Crystal Adams
Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek
Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

COLLECTION REPORTS

November 22nd & 23rd, 2014 – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Church 1,686.00
 School \$20.00



Parish Goal : \$ 21,666.
Total Pledge: \$ 19,035.
Pledges Received: \$ 18,665.

Thank you!!!

Please remember the following in your prayers:
Darin Garcia, Claudia, Don McMullen, Sister Joan MacNiell, Cheryl & Roy Stoner, Gordon Nickerson, Marie, Flo, Tristan, Lucia, Gwen, Zenny Schwegler, 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



ADVENT. I appreciate how the Church has organized the readings of Advent so that we begin with the prize, eternal life, and then we move into the story of how of God opens up eternal life to us using the prophets, John the Baptism, and Mary. In the first Sunday of Advent, our readings will not be far from the end-of-time readings of the last few weeks which pointed to the second coming of Jesus. Week two and week three will have stories of John the Baptist as the precursor who was preparing the way for Jesus to come. And in week four we meet Mary who had to personally say 'yes' so that Jesus could be born among us. We must never lose sight of eternal life. We must cooperate with God to bring that gift to everyone.

During Advent and Christmas we will be highlighting the Word of God. In our celebrations we will show this by displaying the Scriptures prominently to encourage people to see the Word of God as living among us. In our homes I would ask that we pay special attention to how we speak and listen to one another, and I will refer to suggestions from scripture like Ephesians 4:29 "use kind words that build people up", or from Proverbs 15:4, "the tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit." Advent is filled with images of how God speaks with us. Let us use this time of Advent to improve how we speak to one another.

COMMIT TO STUDYING DURING ADVENT. The ministry of the Word highlighted in Advent is connected to the ministry of the prophet which is connected to the ministry of teaching/studying. We are reviving two past practices and advertising one current practice of opportunities to study. Four times a year we bring in the periodical 'Daily Faith' which is a little booklet containing a prayer reflection for every day. We are making available again copies of 'The Word Among Us' which is a Catholic periodical that contains our scripture readings for Advent and wonderful inspirational and educational articles. And we are bringing out the **church library books** and encouraging people to take a book home.

The procedure for the church library books is as follows: please take a book home and simply return it when you are finished or pass it on to someone who might be interested in reading the book. If you have books to donate, please bring them to the Office. Please note that books approved by the Catholic Church will have the latin term 'imprimatur' located near the title page. You may find books with views divergent from the Catholic faith, and I have included these because it is good to hear what others have to say and to formulate our own responses. Please feel free to come and discuss anything you read with me – I enjoy a good faith discussion.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP. Second opportunity on Wednesday, Dec 03 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Please mark your calendars. 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.

Thank you to everyone who came to the first workshop. I enjoyed your dedication and your faith, and your willingness to deepen your faith life. I strongly encourage people to come to this second opportunity.

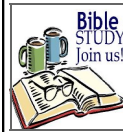
Homework: Watch how you speak and commit to studying something faith-filled.

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EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following **December meetings and events:**

Dec. 2nd	PPC Meeting 7pm
Dec. 3rd	Ministry Workshop 7pm
Dec. 10th	School Council 7pm
Dec. 12th	Alex Cuba Concert 7:30pm
Dec. 16&20th	Reconciliation Service 7pm
Dec. 18th	School Christmas Concert
Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Children's Mass 6pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11pm
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Mass 10am
Dec. 31st	Anticipated Mass New Year 6:15pm



Bible Sharing is held every Tuesday at 10:15am in the Parish Center. Come and join us for coffee or tea.

Last session will be December 9th, 2014

Alex Cuba CONCERT FOR SCHOOL CAUSE

St. Joseph's School will be hosting "A Night with Alex Cuba" on **Friday, December 12th, 2014 from 7:30 PM-10:00PM.** Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased either at St. Joseph's School or Hetherington & Hooper. All proceeds from this event will go towards our Field Restoration and Playground Equipment Replacement Project. The Concert will be held at St. Joseph's Church.

Thank You for your Generosity!!!

Tim & Edith McCosker would like to say Thank You to the people of St. Joseph's Church for their generosity. He received \$1,475.00 in donations which he will bring to the Orphanage/Language School in Cambodia. The money will be used to buy rice that will sustain children and families for many months.

Living with Hearing Loss

Healthy Living Center

1070 Main Street 1:30 pm to 3pm

December 1-Speech Reading #2

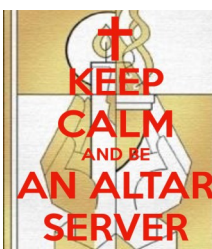
December 8 - Speech Reading #3

December 15 -Speech Reading #4

To register – please call Karen Rabbiosi at 250 847-6415

YOUTH
GROUP

The Youth Group of St. Joseph's Church meets again on December 7th at 6:30pm for the Christmas Food Drive and again on December 21st at 6:30pm for their Annual Christmas Party!
See you all there!



Altar Servers Invited

We continue to invite boys and girls to join this ministry. There will be regular monthly training sessions. Contact Nancy Verbeek or Father Pier for more information. Next practice is December 4th & 11th at 12 Noon in the church foyer.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca
Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

Upcoming events:

December 18th – Christmas Concert - 10:30 am and 6:30 pm
December 19th – Grade 5 Mass and Movie at the Roi Theatre

ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR

We have once again been invited to sing at the Carolfest organized by School District #54. We will be performing on Wednesday, December 3rd at the Smithers Secondary School along with many other choirs from the public schools in our district. There will be two performances; one at 5 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Soon a note will be sent home with each choir member detailing the events of the day. Please have your child practice the words for our songs and listen to the music which can be found on the website under Student Resources. Thank you, Mrs. Cachia and Mrs. Lowe.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY PRO-LIFE VIGIL DEC. 10, 2014

The United Nations General Assembly declared December 10th as International Human Rights Day to help promote and protect Human Rights for all peoples and all nations. In recognition of the most basic human right, the right to life, the Pro Life Society of Prince George will be holding a vigil for all unborn people at the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia on **December 10th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. The Pro Life Society invites everyone to come and stand for two hours of prayer and witness as we fight for humanity of everyone's rights to life. Contact Tony Donovan at 778-349-4412 for further information.

GIVING TUESDAY—December 2, 2014

In response to consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping in the United States and now in Canada, Giving Tuesday was launched three years ago as a global day of giving to encourage the support of non-profits and charities. Whether through monetary donations, volunteering, helping someone in need or initiating a random act of kindness, Giving Tuesday is a concrete way to respond to the Gospel: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40).

ADVENT

Advent is a time of patient and joyful waiting for the second coming of our Lord. It is a time of hope and believing in the fulfillment of God's promise that he will come again. As we move from ordinary time of the church calendar to the season of Advent, we pray that we cultivate patient and joyful waiting and trustful hope in our selves and share this values with one another.



CWL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual C.W.L. Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 9th, at 7:00 PM, all ladies of the parish are welcomed to attend. Please bring a small gift for the gift exchange and an item for the Passage House which will be collected at this meeting.

Please note: Memberships are due this month. (\$36.00 per year)



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973

"PANCAKE BREAKFAST"

Everyone is invited to attend the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast which will follow mass on Sunday, November 30th.

Begin your advent preparation with a pancake breakfast cooked on new griddles. The new griddles were generously provided through the support of Canadian Tire.

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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

December (and Christmas Season) at a glance

December 11	-Ministry Workshop at 7:00 PM
December 24	-Christmas Mass at 8:30 PM
January 1, 2015	-New Year's Mass (Mary Mother of God) at 11:30 AM
January 11, 2015	-Epiphany Party (church Christmas gathering) after Mass

ADVENT Celebration

Advent Reconciliation Service will be held within the Mass in one of the Sundays of our advent celebration. Confession will be done in the evening of the Sunday when the Reconciliation Service is done. Please wait for further announcement with regard to specific date of this Service.

Advent Wreath is the symbol that we use to indicate the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical year. Today, we blessed and lighted the first candle of Advent signifying that we are on the First Sunday of our celebration. May the wreath remind us of God's love and his promised fulfilled through the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

About Advent

Advent has two fold nature: it prepares us for the Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation. During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The old Testament reading, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The elections form the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season. (From the ORDO)

Let us remember in our prayers:

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

Ministry Schedule
SUNDAY, December 7, 2014
2nd Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	1. Ronnie Cruz 2. Steve Rose
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Robert Perrault
Church Cleaning	(December 1-6) Bishop Family

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY November 23, 2014

Loose	\$ 25.00	Stole Fee	\$ 20.00
Envelope	\$295.00	DAA	\$250.00
Total	\$320.00	Donation (Chairs and Tables)	\$200.00

Sunday Missals

Sunday Missals are on sale. We still have 10 books remaining and we can order more whenever it is necessary. *Missals are for \$5.00 each.* Thank you.

Thank you!!

Thank you April and Family for the donation made for the use of our chairs and tables during your wedding last summer.
Thank you Catholic Women's League for the monetary donation you made for the church.

SHARE YOUR TALENT

Calling all Parishioners, especially Young Adults and Adults who has the ability and capacity to play musical instruments and/or sing, come share your God given gifts and join St. Anthony's Parish Music Ministry. Let us offer back to God his graces in a fun way.

Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY'S GOAL:	\$ 5,191.00
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$ 3,275.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:	\$ 3,155.00

