

# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 6th & 7th 2014

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11, Psalm 85, 2 Peter 3.8-14, Mark 1.1-8

*"Make straight the paths of the Lord."*



### Week Mass Times 2nd Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>†Michelanglo &amp; Concetta Sia</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>6:15pm</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>†Minnie &amp; Joseph Buckna</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>



### Ministry Schedule December 13th & 14th, 2014 3rd Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec. 13	Sunday, Dec. 14
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Wayne & Andrea Callison Eileen Bouvier
<b>LECTORS</b>	Vigil Overstall Jim Schwab	Mike desHarnais Christine Tessier
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Willy Koldyk Maria Sowa	Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Mary Stroet
<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  
**Altar Servers:** Nancy Verbeek  
**Music:** Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

### COLLECTION REPORTS

**November 29th & 30th 2014 – 1st Sunday of Advent**  
 Church \$2,274.65  
 Electronic Funds Transfer \$970.00  
 School \$115.00



**Parish Goal :** \$ 21,666  
**Total Pledge:** \$ 19,035  
**Pledges Received:** \$ 19,015

**Thank you!!!**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Esther and Frank Patrick, Darin Garcia, Charlie, Nolan, Roger, Claudia, Don McMullen, Sister Joan MacNiell, Cheryl & Roy Stoner, Gordon Nickerson, Marie, Flo, Tristan, Lucia, Zenny Schwegler, and Patty Sikkes-Rathjen**

*If you or someone you know would like to be on the*



### 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."*



**ADVENT and the four ways God speaks to us: the Four Gospels.**

Let us continue our focus on the Word of God. After Jesus was taken up into heaven in the Ascension and the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on Pentecost, then the disciples began to spread the Gospel (Word of God) throughout the regions, adapting the message to the distinct needs of the communities they encountered.

Mark the 'Fast Food' Gospel presents the Word of God in the shortest form written to an audience that was young in its faith. It focuses on preparing people to be disciples of Jesus and is written akin to a Discipleship Manual of do's and don't's. A key theme is the conversion of the disciple to believe in Jesus as the Son of God even though he died on the cross. This is done by committing almost 25% of the writing to the death and resurrection event.

Matthew the 'human structure' Gospel presents the Word of God with the most structure. Here Jesus is the new Moses with the new definitive teaching. You will find the greatest number of references to how Jesus fulfills the writings of the prophets. And while the Gospel has a tendency of emphasizing who is to be included or excluded from the kingdom, it also has a tendency of providing the new Christian with a strong structure and identity. In many ways we can thank the strong structure of the church and of the Gospel of Matthew for sustaining the Church during the periods of greatest attack and greatest waning (eg. the Middle Ages).

Luke the 'Inclusion' Gospel presents the Word of God as emphasizing inclusion in the kingdom as opposed to exclusion. It is understood to be written to a Gentile audience so its stories are presented to show how the Gentiles (and other groups considered on the margins of society) are included in God's plan of salvation. And John, the 'Soaring Eagle' Gospel, presents the Word of God in the most mystic of ways. It is very rich in symbolism and in ever deeper layers of meaning. It is written for an audience craving greater spiritual maturity.

Each Gospel presents God's plan of salvation for us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. No one Gospel says it all... each Gospel enriches the other.

And so it must be with how we speak and listen to God and to one another: know that none of our words can say everything (so be cautious in speaking and generous in listening) and that all of our words are to be spoken with an aim to enrich.

**COMMIT TO STUDYING DURING ADVENT.** Advent is a great time to study something on our faith.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP.** Thank you to all who participated. Anyone interested into joining a liturgical ministry (Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians) is encouraged to call the Office.

**upcoming EVENTS**

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

Dec.10th	School Council 7pm
Dec.12th	Alex Cuba Concert 7:30pm
Dec.16&20th	<b>Reconciliation Service 7pm</b>
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 Study Join us!** 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.



**BAKE SALE Smither's Pro-life Annual Bake Sale**

The Smither's Pro-life Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser is on Saturday, Dec. 13th, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM, at the Extra Foods Mall.

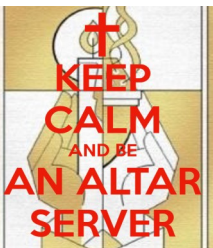
Proceeds support local projects. *(you can donate/deliver wrapped and labelled items to the mall before noon.)* Call Jenny at 250-846-9158 for more details or check the recent newsletter. Thanks for your support. Every bit is much appreciated!



**YOUTH GROUP** The Youth Group of St. Joseph's Church meets **tonight** December 7th at 6:30pm for the Christmas Food Drive & 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 11th at 12 Noon in the church foyer.





**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
 School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie  
 Our school website: [www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)  
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**Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"**

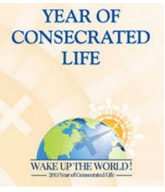
**Upcoming Events:**

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



**BROADWAY PLACE**

With the cold winter weather, Broadway place is in need of warm clothing such as: winter jackets, long-johns, winter socks, gloves and toques. If you are able to give any good used items or new, it would be much appreciated. Thank you!



**The Year for Consecrated Life – November 29, 2014 – February 2, 2016**

The Year of Consecrated Life began on November 29, 2014 with a Prayer Vigil in the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, Rome, and will end on February 2, 2016, with the celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life. The opening of the Year marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Perfectae Caritatis, the Second Vatican Council Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life, promulgated on October 28, 1965. The Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has released a logo and theme for the Year, together with a letter to consecrated men and women, entitled "Rejoice".

The logo, theme and explanation of the logo are available on the Congregation's website at:  
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The message from the Congregation is available on its website at [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/ccsclife/documents/rc\\_con\\_ccsclife\\_doc\\_20140202\\_rallegratevi-lettera-consacrati\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/ccsclife/documents/rc_con_ccsclife_doc_20140202_rallegratevi-lettera-consacrati_en.html)



**THANK YOU!!!**

On behalf of the Salvation Army, thank you to all parishioners who participated in the Kettle Program last weekend



**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 welcome 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**

Knights of Columbus are holding their monthly meeting and a pre Christmas Social Sunday the 6th of December. The evening is open to all men of the parish commencing at 7:00 pm. All men of the parish are invited to attend and socialize and build our parish community. Knights Executive will meet at 6:30 pm prior to the social.

**Jim Schwab (Grand Knight)**

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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*

### December (and Christmas Season) at a glance

December 11 -Ministry Workshop at 7:00 PM  
**December 14 -Advent Reconciliation Service (Confession: 12:-1PM; 6-8:30PM)**  
 December 24 -Christmas Mass at 8:30 PM  
 January 1, 2015 -New Year's Mass at 11:30 AM (Mary Mother of God)  
 January 11, 2015 -Epiphany: Mass at 11:30 AM (Parish Christmas gathering)

**(Please take note of the corrections and additions)**

### Ministry Workshop

Fr. Pier Pandolfo will be conducting a Ministry Workshop for all Parishioners who are active in the Ministries of the Parish belonging to Greeters, Lectors and EMC's. This will happen in the 11th of December, 7PM at St. Anthony's Church.

### Advent Reconciliation Service

To prepare ourselves for this season of advent and as part of our time of "waiting" for the messiah, *Advent reconciliation Service will be facilitated within the Mass. Opportunities for Confession after mass will be at 12:00-1PM and 6-8:30PM.* For those who would not be able to come for confession on that day, Fr. Pier will make available the Next Sunday (December 28) for confession from 12-1PM after mass.

### Church Decoration (For Christmas)

We are still in the season of advent yet we remind everyone in advance that we will be decorating the Church on the **21st of December (4th Sunday of Advent)**. Everyone is welcome to participate in the said activity which will be done after the Mass.

**Poinsettias.** We would also like to remind the parishioners to bring your poinsettia donation for on or before this day. Thank you

### 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 14, 2014  
2nd Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	1. Adrian Meeuwissen 2. Liz Gerei
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Jane Wardrop and Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Eric Bishop
Church Cleaning	(December 8-13) Bishop Family

### COLLECTION REPORTS

*Thank you for your constant support and generosity!*

### DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY November 30, 2014

Loose	\$ 22.00	Change for a Change	\$22.85
Envelope	\$255.00		
Total	\$277.00		

### SHARE YOU TALENT

We continue to encourage everyone to join us in the Music Ministry. For those who are interested you can call the Parish Office at (250-845-2841) or call or text 778-816-0512 (for cellular phones).

### CWL December Meeting

Reminder for Catholic Women's League. Our meeting will be on December the 10th at Jane Wardrop's place. Please bring something that the group can share—it is a pot luck!

### Baptism Today

Let us pray for Killian Patrick Farrell as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism today. Let us pray for his family and for the whole Catholic Community of St. Anthony's Parish, that we may serve as model for our Children of our Catholic Faith.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY'S GOAL:	\$ 5,191.00
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$ 3,425.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:	\$ 3,405.00

