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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 13th & 14th, 2014

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11, Luke 1, 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24, John 1.6-8. 19-28

"Among you stands one whom you do not know."



Week Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	13th 7:00 pm	† Minnie & Joseph Buckna
Sunday	14th 9:00 am	
Monday	15th 9:00 am	
Tuesday	16th 6:15 pm	
Wednesday	17th 9:00 am	† Stephen & Jen Spicer
Thursday	18th 11:00am	Bulkley Lodge
Friday	19th 9:00 am	
Saturday	20th 7:00 pm	† Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	21st 9:00 am	† Victorino Pacheco



Ministry Schedule December 20th & 21st, 2014 4th Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec.20	Sunday, Dec.21
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway Liesel Cleveland	Knights of Columbus
LECTORS	Emily Buenten Gemma Gillis	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Bob Bresser Jean Moisey	Knights of Columbus
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia

Secretary: Brenda Pyper

Parish Pastoral Council

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Michael desHarnais

Social Coordinator: Johanna Habjan

Liturgy: Gemma Gillis

Youth Ministry: Melissa Cachia

Development & Peace: Marj Coupe

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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

December 6th & 7th, 2014 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Church \$2,325.90

School \$230.00

Donation from CWL \$1,715.00



Parish Goal : \$ 21,666

Total Pledge: \$ 19,135

Pledges Received: \$ 19,115

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."

Note from the pastor



ADVENT and the Word of Forgiveness. Advent prepares for Christmas, the birth of Emmanuel who is God with us. And Emmanuel comes as Jesus, the name that means 'God saves'. Hence Christmas is part of the plan of God to bring forgiveness in the relationship between God and humankind, and therefore between all human relationships.

The words "Will you forgive me" better describe the work of forgiveness than the words "I am sorry." In our human experience we have to see that saying "I am sorry" still keeps the power in ourselves. If we are to ask "Will you forgive me", then the power is in the person who we have hurt and we have to wait uncomfortably for their answer; in the waiting we are showing that we want to be with them and we are asking do they want to be with us. This is what the Church means when it speaks of the sacrament of Reconciliation, "to walk again together with".

Human forgiveness. Every family and human community needs a form of healing broken relationships or else we will fall apart. As elders pass on to children the skill of learning right from wrong, they instinctually teach that when we hurt somebody, we need to respect the dignity of that person by asking for forgiveness. On the human level, our own short-comings often make it that we say I am sorry with our intellects but our hearts are not there yet – but this does not stop the elders from teaching the children to be engaged in human forgiveness.

Sacramental forgiveness. Out of the human experience and need for forgiveness to bring healing to our communities, the Church presents a Church-family ritual for forgiveness. It has all elements of human forgiveness. (1)It has CONTRITION, or sorrow- we are asked to feel with our hearts the pain of the hurt that we have caused by our sins; (2)It has CONFESSION, or naming our sins – here our intellect is at work acknowledging that what we have done is considered by the community something that is hurtful and sinful; (3)It has PENNANCE, the action that we will do to demonstrate visibly that we want to change how we have behaved; (4)And it has ABSOLUTION, or the words in human form that tell us that we have been forgiven... 'I absolve you' in the Church ritual is equal to 'I forgive you' in the everyday human ritual.

Extra-ordinary forgiveness. God can work outside the human and the sacramental forgiveness. Our lives seem very complicated and therefore we might not be able to participate in either the human or the sacramental forgiveness 'AT THIS TIME'. And since we need healing or else we will fall apart, God is always ready to provide the help we need. Here, the hurting person who is not yet able to give forgiveness finds in God an understanding partner. Here, the hurting person who does not experience sorrow from those who have caused the hurting, finds in God a healing judge. Here the stubborn sinner finds in God a patient teacher. Here the proud sinner finds in God a humbling friend. Whatever our situation (and often times we belong to all four of the above mentioned and more), let us commit ourselves to God's plan to bring forgiveness to our world.

Homework: come to the church during one of our reconciliation times and spend time asking God for forgiveness. And if you want, then go to the Sacrament.

upcoming EVENTS

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

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

Christmas Mass activity early announcement
Children attending 6:00 p.m. Mass on December 24, Christmas Eve, are invited to take part in the nativity scene and dress as shepherds or angels. Names of children who would like to participate can be left at the parish office so we know how many costumes to prepare. There will be a rehearsal for those taking part immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 21st.
Contact Gemma Gillis 250-847-4074 if you require more information.



REMINDER

Please bring in your poinsettia donations starting this week.. They will be used to decorate the church for Christmas. Thank you.

Thank you!!!

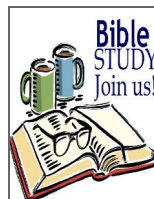


Thank you to all who supported the Alex Cuba concert . Proceeds of the concert will be used for the school's Field Restoration & Playground Equipment Replacement Project.

Thank you Alex Cuba for sharing your God-given talent and using them for the good of so many.

Gaudette Sunday!!!

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob."Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1



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.

Bible study will resume on January 13th , 2015

YOUTH GROUP

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



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
 School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
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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

CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS

We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Hamper until December 18th. If you would like to donate there will be a bin in the foyer. Remember this is also a time of giving as well as receiving!! Other ways of giving are to volunteer at the Hamper depot with sorting and packing of items, or to help on delivery day. This year the Christmas Hamper Depot is at the old Mark's Work Warehouse on Main Street.

CONCERT DAY

The concert will be on December 18th with a show in the morning at 10:30 and a show in the evening at 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. For the evening performance, children should report to their **classrooms by 6:15 PROMPTLY** to ensure enough time to dress in their costumes so the performance can begin on time. Please let your child's teacher know if he/she won't be here for either performance. *Each year we put on a wonderful Christmas Concert but it does come with a cost of building materials, copy write license for the play, costumes etc. This year, we will have a jar available for anyone who would like to donate towards the expenses.*

We are asking everyone to be thoughtful and respectful of the church as a sacred space. Please do not bring in beverages, gum, or food. Also, we ask that you remove your hat while in the church. Cellphones must to be turned off for the performance.

BROADWAY PLACE

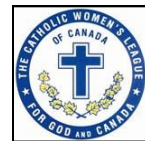
With the cold winter weather, Broadway place is in need of warm clothing such as: winter jackets, long-johns, winter socks, gloves and toques. If you are able to give any good used items or new, it would be much appreciated. Thank you!

**The Vocation And Mission Of The Family In The Church
 And Contemporary World**

In preparation for the General Synod of Bishops on the Family, scheduled for October 4th to 25th, 2015, the General Secretariat of the Office for the Synod released the publication of its preparatory document, known by its Latin name, the 'Lineamenta'. It is available on the Vatican website at: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curial_synod/documents/rc_synod_doc_20141209_lineamenta-xiv-assembly_en.htm#.



On Wednesday, December, 31st 2014 following the **7:00pm Mass**, we will be having a **Wine & Cheese Evening** in the foyer. Please join us as we gather together to thank and appreciate those who have shared their time and talents with the Parish of St. Joseph's throughout the year. Also, to acknowledge our blessings to have Father Pier Pandolfo as our Parish Pastor. Please bring a dish of finger food (your choice). The wine and meat/cheese platters will be provided. See you there, Cheers!



REMINDER: CWL membership fees are due this month



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973

Fr. Callaly Council was presented with the Star Council award for the fraternal year 2013-2014 at the social held this past Sunday. The award was presented by District Deputy Germano Carrita. The distinction of Star Council is one of the Knights of Columbus top international awards. The award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities. The Knights of Columbus is the worlds largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the church, their communities, families and young people— **Jim Schwab (Grand Knight)**



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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



Ministry Schedule
SUNDAY, December 21, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	1. Vic James 2. Gail James
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Ronnie Cruz and Adrian Meeuwissen
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	(December 15-20) Tammy Heibert

Upcoming events:

Dec. 14 (Today)	Reconciliation Service Confession at 12NN-1PM; 6PM-8:30 PM
Dec. 18	Adult Faith Formation at 2:30 PM
Dec. 21	Mass at 11:30 AM
Dec. 24	Decorating the Church for Christmas Christmas Carols at 8 PM Christmas Mass at 8:30 PM
January 1, 2015	New Year Mass at 11:30 AM
January 11, 2015	Feast of the Epiphany: Mass at 11:30AM Parish Christmas Gathering after Mass

Gaudette Sunday

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have returned away the captivity of Jacob." Philippians 4:4-6; Psalm 85 (84):1
Advent is a time of renewal and change of heart. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we lighten up our celebration by calling into mind and becoming conscious that God is near. **Let us rejoice!** yet continue to prepare God's way by wiping clots in our hearts that impedes us to love.

Adult Faith Formation

We will continue with our Adult faith formation touching the Apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis: "The Joy of the Gospel" on December 18, Thursday at St. Anthony's Parish meeting room.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

We are reminding everyone that we are decorating the church on December 21st (Sunday) for Christmas. This will take place after the Mass.

We are reminding all as well to bring your poinsettias donation for the church starting this week. Thank you.

Music Ministry

For those who wish to join the Music Ministry of our Parish. Please call the Parish Office at 250-845-2841 or call or text 778-816-0512 (cell phone).

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 7, 2014

Loose	\$ 78.00	Baptism Donation	\$20.00
Envelope	\$715.00	Silent Auction	\$25.00
Total	\$793.00		

CWL Early Christmas Gathering

The Catholic Women's League of St. Anthony's Parish had their early Christmas gathering at Jane Wardrop's residence last 10th of December. We thank Father Pier for joining us in the feast, but most of all, for the spiritual and faith-related topics that were shared. Thank you ladies and may you continue the good work in the Lord's vineyard.

Thank You from Sophia

Georgina Dotto received a thank you note, a response from card that we sent to Sophia, last November, and it reads: "Thank you Houston, you did us proud with all the cards which are received from you in Sophia's name." Thank you everyone for bringing happiness to one soul, and this makes it more relevant as we are celebrating advent and Christmas.

Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY'S GOAL:	\$ 5,191.00
TOTAL PLEDGED:	\$ 3,545.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED:	\$ 3,525.00

