

# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 27th & 28th, 2014

### The Holy Family

Genesis 15.1-6;17.3b-5,15-16;21.1-7, Psalm 105, Hebrew 11.8,11-12,17-19, Luke 2.22-40

*"The child grew, filled with wisdom."*



### Week Mass Times The Holy Family

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th 7:00 pm</b>	Intentions for Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th 9:00 am</b>	† <b>Manuel &amp; Cecilia Garcia</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29th 9:00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30th 6:15 pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31st 9:00 am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1st 9:00 am</b>	† <b>Dolores Krauskopf</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2nd 9:00 am</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3rd 7:00 pm</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th 9:00 am</b>	† <b>Alice O'Reilly</b>

### PARISH MINISTRIES

*Pastoral Assistant:* Dennis Gonia

*Secretary:* Brenda Pypier

*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 Brintjes

*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

### Ministry Schedule January 3rd & 4th, 2014 *Epiphany of the Lord*

DATE	Saturday, Jan.3	Sunday, Jan.4
<b>GREETERS</b>	David & Marj Hemenway Johann Habjan	Mary & Pete Stroet Mary Vandermaal
<b>LECTORS</b>	Vigil Overstall Christine Tessier	Eileen Bouvier Brian Burrill
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Willy Koldyk Tina Gemmell	Foziea Loki Lu Blackburn Dorothy Cardinal
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

### COLLECTION REPORTS

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

Church \$ 1,994,345

School \$20.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**Parish Goal :** \$ 21,666

**Total Pledge:** \$ 19,235

**Pledges Received:** \$ 19,115

*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

**Esther & 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 prayer list, please call the parish office 250-847-2012*



### 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."*



The Christmas Season lasts over 3 weeks; it takes into account December 25 and the Birth of Jesus, the first Sunday after Christmas where we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, then we have January 1<sup>st</sup> where we celebrate Mary the Mother of God, World Day of Peace, and the new year, then we have the second Sunday after Christmas or the Epiphany where we celebrate the arrival of the Magi to worship Jesus with gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh, and we end Christmas with the third Sunday where we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. All of these celebrations help us to recognize the presence of God in our midst – all of these help us Catholic to celebrate the mystery of the birth of Jesus for THREE WEEKS. Let's not get bored.

**THE HOLY FAMILY AND OUR FAMILY.** I have chosen the statement 'Let's not get bored' to enter into a discussion about the family. And I begin by stating clearly that it is nobody's responsibility to keep us entertained. To approach life seeking others who will entertain us is a dangerous road, and it most certainly does not belong to our family rules where 'service' is the first principle. Just as a man and a woman enter into marriage rooted in the commitment to mutually serve one another, so the family is rooted in service, and not in being entertained. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are people of service.

Next I add that the responsibility to be entertained is our own, and that the family provides the surest and safest place to being entertained, to being filled with marvel and enjoyment. Now we are constantly growing and changing, and we need the safety and the security of the family to be able to explore those changes. The family is also the surest place to see change as the infant taking a first step becomes the grandparent using the walker. I use this example because I want to make two points: one, the 'infant become grandparent' is the same CHILD OF GOD, and two, both stages of life are equally a mystery and are equally able to be moments of enjoyment, moments of marvelling at life. Sin then can be when we choose not to marvel at life; instead opting to walk away because of difficulty, inconvenience, or some other selfish motive. Joseph overcoming the family move to Egypt and Mary at the foot of the cross are two examples of marvelling.

And one final observation for this feast of the Holy Family. That Joseph is present reveals that a male is essential to the family – at the minimum we need his sperm, and at the maximum we still are uncovering the best of being male. That Mary is present reveals that a female is essential to the family – again, at the minimum we need her eggs, and at the maximum we remain committed to uncovering the best of being female. And Jesus is the child, the manifestation of love and new life.

**Homework:** can you see the changes in the people in your family, and can you marvel.

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EVENTS

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

Dec.31st	Anticipated Mass New Year 6:15pm With Wine & Cheese Social to follow hosted by the Ladies of the CWL.
Jan.1st	Mary, Mother of God (New Year) 9AM Mass

**Ministry Invitation**

We are inviting parishioners to take more active part in the Church through the different Ministries that are available for all. One can be a: **Greeter**—one who welcomes church members and visitors who come to celebrate on Sundays; **Lector**—one who reads the word of God and helps all to hear the good news. **EMC** (Extra-ordinary Minister of Communion)—help the Priest to administer the Body and Blood of Christ during Communion.

Let us take part and volunteer to work in the vineyard of God through these ministries.

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY**  
(Pope Francis)

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

[www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-prayer-to-the-holy-family](http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-prayer-to-the-holy-family)

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*

The Youth Group of St. Joseph's Church next meeting will be **January 18th, 2015 at 6:30pm** in the church foyer.



## 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"

The **Parent Support Group** is hosting a Ukrainian Dinner & Grade 7 Dessert Auction. This delicious dinner will be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Tickets are available to purchase in the office or at Hetherington & Hooper. Adults \$10.00 and children (under 7) \$5.00. Homemade perogies and cabbage rolls as well as salad, dessert, and beverages are on the menu! A cabbage roll making session will be scheduled for the new year;. More details to follow!



### From the Chancery:

#### 2014 Tax Receiptable Donations - Reminders

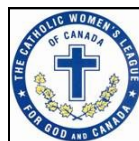
To be eligible for a 2014 donation receipt, donations must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2014 but do not have to be deposited in the bank in December. Any cheques must be dated for 2014. Please separate any Appeal donations that were received in 2014 and send them as soon as possible to the Finance office labelled "2014 Donations". Thank you!

#### JANUARY AT A GLANCE

The Domano Renewal Centre staff have been busy preparing the 2015 brochure and it will be available in all parishes in early January. Make spiritual growth one of your new year's resolutions. The Domano Renewal Centre has many opportunities for reflection and instruction in 2015. Pick one that fits your schedule. If you have any questions or would like to register for a program, please contact them at [drc@pgdiocese.bc.ca](mailto:drc@pgdiocese.bc.ca) or by calling 250-964-4475 when they re-open January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Pope John Paul II Day – April 2nd

Bill C-266, recognizing Saint John Paul II as a champion of human dignity and freedom, has now become Canadian law. The new Act designates April 2 annually as "Pope John Paul II Day". The bill was introduced by Conservative MP Wladyslaw Lizon. Lizon spoke of how John Paul II stood for religious tolerance, freedom and encouraged interreligious dialogue. "Pope John Paul II proved that nothing is impossible and stood up for populations who were oppressed by totalitarian regimes," Lizon said. The day will allow "all Canadians the opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the man who took a strong stand on human rights and opened the dialogue between other faiths to promote freedom of religion and speech across the globe. These are values that we as Canadians share." The complete English and French texts of the Act are provided at <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Language=E&Mode=I&DocId=6836563&File=244>



On Wednesday, December, 31st 2014 following the **6:15pm 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!

Blessings for a Merry Christmas, and happiness for New Year 2015!!!

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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



### Upcoming events:

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

### Early Announcement and Invitation

The Parish of St. Anthony's will be having our Christmas gathering on the 11th of January, 2015. Please bring something for everyone to share as this activity will be a potluck.

It will be a day of games and other fun-filled activities. Let us all join in this time of Merry making as we celebrate together the birth of Jesus as a community.



"He becomes small in order to make me strong; He goes to death, with that condescendence, so that I might live..."

"This is the music of the language for Christmas, ought to hear it; it would do us so much good. Normally, Christmas seems to be a very noisy holiday; it would do us good to have a little silence and to hear these words of love, these words of such nearness, these words of tenderness...'You are a worm, but I love you so much.' [Let us pray] for this, and to be silent in this time in which, as it says in the preface, we are watchful in waiting."

-Pope Francis



### Let us remember in our prayers:

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

Ministry Schedule  
SUNDAY, Jan 4, 2015  
Epiphany of the Lord

GREETERS	Adrian and jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	1. Liz Gerei 2. Steve Rose
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Dawn Bishop and Jane Wardrop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Robert Perrault
Church Cleaning	(January 5-10) Bishop Family

### January 1—Mary Mother of God (New Year's Mass) 11:30 AM Mass

Greeters: Liz and Frank Gerei  
Lectors: 1. Jane Wardrop 2. Adrian Meeuwissen  
EMCs: Vic and Gail James

### COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

### DONATIONS FROM SUNDAY December 21, 2014

Loose	\$ 8.00	Christmas Donation	\$25.00
Envelope	\$380.00		
Total	\$388.00		

### THANK YOU!

To all who helped out in decorating the church for the Christmas season. Thank you Bishop family for donating the Christmas tree for the church.

Thank you to all who helped out in leading our singing of Christmas carols this year. You added different taste to this annual activity.

To all who brought poinsettia for the Church, thank you so much!



### Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

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