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SUNDAY BULLETIN for January 31st & February 1st, 2015 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Deuteronomy 18.15-20, Psalm 95, 1 Corinthians 7.32-35, Mark 1.21-28
"They were all amazed: A new teaching—with authority."



Week Mass Times 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 31st 7:00 pm †*Louis Schibli*
Sunday 1st 9:00 am †*Paddy McErlean & †Rose Kiernan*
Monday 2nd 9:00 am
Tuesday 3rd 6:15 pm
Wednesday 4th 9:00 am *Intentions for Holy Souls in Purgatory*
Thursday 5th 11:00 am @ *Bulkley Lodge* 
Friday 6th 9:00 am
Saturday 7th 7:00 pm
Sunday 8th 9:00 am †*Jane Sikkes Armstrong & †George Sikkes*

Ministry Schedule February 7th & February 8th 2015 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	Saturday, Feb. 7	Sunday, Feb. 8
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	CWL
LECTORS	Patty SpicerDavid Schwab	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Bob Bresser Jean Moisey	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

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Knights of Columbus: James Schwab

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Collections: Rita Coupe

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RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie MacIsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

COLLECTION REPORTS

January 24th & 25th, 2015 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$ 1,462.95

Thank you for your generosity!

Food for Thought...

Charitable giving through the gift of a life insurance policy to your church!

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Gwen, Esther & Frank, Francis, Darin, Charlie, Nolan, Roger, Claudia, Don, Randy, Cheryl & Roy, Gordon, Rose, Flo, Tristan, Lucia, Zenny & Patty



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."

Note from the pastor



Sermon though - Completely new teaching: Do not lie: Jesus demonstrates how his authority comes from a completely new teaching, one that will demonstrate a radical obedience to God, obedience even up to the point of dying on the cross. Non-obedience to God will always hurt people. An example follows.

Colton Burpo is the boy in the popular story/movie "Heaven is for Real", where he recounts a story of going to Heaven and meeting Jesus and seeing Mary and the angels when he underwent emergency surgery to have his appendix removed when he was four. Alex Malarkey is the boy in the story "The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven" who recounts a similar story at the age of six of going to heaven after he was involved in a terrible car accident that left him in a coma for two months. This week Alex Malarkey recanted his story, claiming it did not happen, and that his intention was to get some attention. (In the apology, Alex tries to focus attention away from his story and onto the story of the Bible which he says "it is all that you need'.) The confession from Alex made people question the experience of Colton. One real consequence of Alex's lie is that all people who may have legitimate experiences of God will be doubted. The teaching of Jesus is a radical obedience to the truth.

Homework: think of some lies that were said, and ask if it really helped

Feb 02: Prayer for Consecrated Life, 50th anniversary of Vatican II – Perfectae Caritatis, and Year Dedicated to Consecrated Life: Pope Francis has dedicated this year to the theme of Consecrated Life, what we better know as the life of Religious Brothers and Sisters. In opening this year, Pope Francis asked the religious to do three things which all of us can do: Be joyful, Be brave, Be people of communion.

On Feb 02 I will remember at mass all the Religious Communities that have served in the parish and the school. May all of us take a moment to remember them and the good work they did. (Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Sisters of St. Ann, of Holy Cross, of Providence, Faithful Companions of Jesus, and Domano Sisters.

Feb 11: World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Annually at this time we celebrate the healing ministry of Jesus the Physician. We will remember both the sick who carry the cross of Christ in special way, and the healers (doctors, nurses, caregivers, hospital and carehome staffs) who cooperate with Christ in bringing healing.

Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving: Lent is just around the corner. Mark Ash Wednesday, February 18 on your calendar.

upcoming EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following meetings and events:

- Feb. 1 Reconciliation—Retreat #1
- Feb. 3 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM
- Feb. 12 Altar Server's Practice—Noon
- Feb. 17 Shrove Tuesday
- Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday

Please be reminded of the following schedules for Study Sessions with Melissa Cachia:

- Feb.2 SOURCE (2nd) Faith Study at 6:00PM
- Feb.4 GROWTH (3rd) Faith Study at 6:00 PM
- Feb.4 DISCOVERY (1st) Faith Study at 7:30 PM

Every one is welcome to attend.
Study Sessions are held in the church.

RECONCILIATION RETREAT #1

Children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be having their Retreat #1 with Fr. Pier this Sunday together with their parents from 2PM –4:30 PM February 1. The retreat will be held in the Church.

EARLY REMINDER FOR LENT

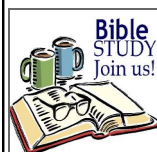
Lent for this year will start on **February the 18th, Ash Wednesday.** Let us make early preparation of ourselves for the coming of this season. Lent is always a time of repentance, change of heart, and prayer. Let us listen more to the promptings of the Holy Spirit within us that everything that we will be doing help us to become closer to God, ourselves, and one another.

PALMS FOR THE BURNING OF ASHES

The ashes that we use for Ash Wednesday come from the palms blessed on Palm Sundays the previous year. You can now bring those palms, which you took home last year, to the church that we might burn them and use them for this years Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This is but reminding everyone that the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession is always made available to those who would like to confess. Fr. Pier is available at the confessional box every Saturday at before the regular Mass. He can also be approached for confession at anytime when a need for the sacrament arise. The Sacrament of Reconciliation confers grace that help us to live a Christian life.. Let us embrace of this wonderful opportunity that God has provided for us and through it, experience his love and forgiveness.



Bible
STUDY
Join us!

Bible Sharing is held every Tuesday at 10:15am in the Parish Center. Come and join us enriching our spiritual selves with the word of God over a cup of coffee or tea.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group of St. Joseph's Church is a Catholic group of young people committed to know more about Jesus Christ and living out the Gospel values. Everyone is welcome to join us and together grow in God's love. Next group meeting is Feb 1st and 15th.



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"

VIRTUE: Diligence

Affirmation: *I am diligent. I work hard. I work carefully. I give my best to whatever I do!*

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you an early riser with some free time?? We are looking for an individual to shovel entrances to the Small Hall, staff door, kindergarten door, and main door to the school and put down salt if needed. The doors would have to be checked every morning by 7:45 to see if shoveling and/or salt is needed. If you are interested, or know someone that might be, please call the office at 250-847-9414. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Kindergarten class for the 2015/2016 year is currently full. Please contact the office to add your name to the wait list.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

CEW is from February 2nd to 6th. On Monday we will have an assembly and Tuesday we will all gather in the hallway and say Our Father. Wednesday and Thursday's activities will be in next Tuesday's note.

Field Restoration & Equipment Replacement Project

Thank you to all families who have already submitted a donor pledge card for this important Capital Campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For those still wishing to donate it is not too late – please drop your pledge cards off to the School Office. If you need a new card Arlene has blank ones in the office. Thanks again!

GR. 2 AND 3: Sacraments

The grade two Catholic children will receive both Reconciliation and First Communion this year. The grade three Catholic children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year. Preparation will be done through retreats at the church (schedule available at the school) and by parents with a home booklet. The school-based catechetical program also helps children prepare. **Parents are asked to register their children for the Sacramental Preparation Program through the church at 250-847-2012.** Please note that Catholic children in other grades who have not received their Sacraments may also register for preparation.

CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BC BURSARY FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2015 graduating students enrolled in a Catholic Secondary School, or who are members of BC or Yukon Parish and enrolled in a Public Secondary School or are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500 word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of Spirituality in Health Care. Submission must be received on or before February 28, 2015. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church, or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under upcoming events.



February is the month for Pregnancy Outreach:

Donations for baby layette would be appreciated. If you can't attend the CWL meeting, please drop off the items at the Parish Centre.

Retreat: Sister Jude will facilitate a retreat on Feb. 21, 2015. All ladies from Smithers and surrounding areas are invited to attend. More information to be announced.

Craft items Needed

Darlene Mendel and Joan Wilmot will be travelling to Cuba in February. Their tour group is participating in Community Projects and they are asking for donations of craft items that are no longer needed. Please drop these items off prior to February 6.

A Sincere Thank You to all who submitted their name for the election & a **Big Thank You** to past executives.

Knights of Columbus Council 7973 First Degree Ceremony,

Sunday February 8th - 7pm



In a degree ceremony you are introduced to one of four principles that the Knights of Columbus holds in high regard. In your first degree, you learn of the principle of "charity". In your second degree, you learn of the principle of "unity". In your third degree, you learn the principle of "fraternity". Finally, in your fourth degree, you learn about the principle of "patriotism". It's these four principles that we base all of our actions. Joining the Knights you become part of a strong fraternal organization that provides service to the church and community. The Knights are open to all practical catholic men. Please consider the Knights when approached by a Knight inviting you to join.



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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

Upcoming Events (February 2015)

February 8 Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM
February 15 Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM
February 17 Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner and burning of the palms
February 18 Ash Wednesday Mass at 5PM
(marking of ashes in the forehead within the mass)
February 22 Sunday Mass @ 11:30 AM
Soup and Bun Luncheon

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE (Feb 2)

Let us pray for those who offered their lives to God by means of living the evangelical counsels (Chastity, poverty and Obedience). May God strengthen their hearts to live their lives faithful to the path they have chosen while proclaiming the Gospel and becoming witnesses of God's love. May God touch young men and women to commit themselves to proclaim the Kingdom of God as religious Priest, Brother, or Sister.

COUNTDOWN FOR LENT

Lent begins on February 18 (Wednesday). Mass will be celebrated at 5PM at St. Anthony's Parish. As early as now, we would like to ask you to bring the palm branches that was blessed and was taken home last year so that they may be burned and used for the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

PANCAKE DINNER VOLUNTEERS (Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17)

One of our yearly activities during the Lenten Season is the Pancake Dinner held on the evening of Tuesday (Feb. 17th) the evening before Ash Wednesday celebration. In relation to this, we would be needing volunteers to help us with the preparation of the pancakes and other things. Please do not hesitate to approach Dennis if you feel animated to help. Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS 2014

Tax receipts are ready and could be found in the table along the Church foyer. If you have questions or if any correction needs to be done, please do not hesitate to ask our Pastoral Assistant. Your contributions helped us to continue our Church activities. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, Feb 8, 2015 5th SUN in Ordinary Time (Year B)

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	1. Steve Rose 2. Paula Kettle
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian Meeuwissen and Jane Wardrop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	
Church Cleaning	(February 2-7) Bishop Family

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM:

January 25, 2015

Loose \$ 34.00
Envelope \$375.00
\$409.00

Catechism Corner (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

I. The Desire for God

27 The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for:

The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God. This invitation to converse with God is addressed to man as soon as he comes into being. For if man exists it is because God has created him through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his creator.¹

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please be reminded of our regular Adult Faith Formation Meeting on the first Thursday of the month (February 5) at 2:30 PM. Please read in advance from the book "The Joy of the Gospel" —exhortation of Pope Francis for a better and lively discussion.