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SUNDAY BULLETIN for January 3rd & 4th, 2015

Solemnity, The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72. 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-2

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the King"



Week Mass Times The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	3rd	7:00 pm
Sunday	4th	9:00 am †Alice O'Reilly
Monday	5th	No Mass
Tuesday	6th	No Mass
Wednesday	7th	No Mass
Thursday	8th	No Mass
Friday	9th	No Mass
Saturday	10th	7:00 pm
Sunday	11th	9:00 am †Jean Bouvier

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia

Secretary: Brenda Pypier

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator:

Michael desHarnais

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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 & Crystal Adams

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

Ministry Schedule January 10th & 11th, 2014 Baptism of the Lord

DATE	Saturday, Jan. 10	Sunday, Jan. 11
GREETERS	Jim & Marie Ziegler Nilda Hudson	CWL
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Gemma Gillis	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jean Moisey Bob Bresser	CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

December 24th & 25th, 2014 – Christmas

Church \$ 5,895.95

December 27th & 28th, 2014 – The Holy Family

Church \$ 2,486.20

School \$160.00

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, Francis Schwab, Darin Garcia, Charlie, Nolan, Roger, Claudia, Don McMullen, Randy, Cheryl & Roy Stoner, Gordon Nickerson, Rose, 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: the feasts of the Birth of Christ, the Holy Family, the Mother of God, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. All these feasts bring out the marvel of our God who wants to make a HOME WITH US. Today's feast, the Epiphany, celebrates that this God-child has come not only for the chosen people of Israel, but for all people of goodwill. In a twist of circumstances, these Magi now are called to reveal to the Jews who this God-Child is. Their gifts reveal that he is King (gold), High Priest (frankincense), and Sacrifice (Myrrh).

A GIFT WELL RECEIVED HONORS THE GIVER. We have been taught to say thank-you when someone gives us something. But like all rituals, our thank-you can be insulting or honoring.

Our thank you is insulting when our action does not match our intention. For example, at the sign of peace in our Eucharistic mass, there was a time when I would try to shake as many hands as possible; to do this I would be saying 'Peace be with you' but my eyes were already looking forward to the next person and my hands were trained to have minimum hand contact. It would have been more honoring of me had I told the people 'just touching as many hands as possible so please get out of my way.' It is insulting when our voice says thank you but our eyes are watching television or our hands are stirring a pot or our feet are heading for the door.

Our thank-you is honoring when our action reflects our intention. And it just takes a second to look up from the television and make eye contact; only a second to stop stirring and make hand contact; only a second to square your feet and face the person. **A GIFT WELL RECEIVED HONORS THE GIVER.**

Let us honor the gifts that Jesus gives to us. In the GOLD, Jesus is revealed as the King – is Jesus my King? In the FRANKINCENSE, Jesus is revealed as High Priest – am I committed to praying? In the MYHRR, Jesus is revealed as the one who will die for me – how do I honor ALL LIFE? Powerful gifts that are awaiting our thank-you.

The Orphanage/Language School in Cambodia . We were invited to help buy rice for the families associated with the Orphanage/Language School in Cambodia which Tim and Edith McCosker of our parish are connected to, and we raised about \$1,475. Today during mass a report of what our donation accomplished will be presented and we will be amazed at how much rice was purchased and how long the people will be feed.

School Grounds Improvement Project. But closer to home, our School is embarking on a \$250,000 project to improve the grounds around the school, and I am giving it my support. My reasoning is this: when the disciples criticized the action of the woman who poured expensive perfumed oil over Jesus instead of selling it and giving the money to the poor, Jesus answered, 'You will always have the poor, but this lady has done this for me.' (Mk 14:4f) We will always have the poor, and we will commit ourselves to acts of charity when we give food and to acts of justice when we help the poor grow their own food. But we must also recognize that we live in Smithers and we have commitments of charity and of love here also.

upcoming
EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following January meetings and events:

- Jan. 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting 7PM
- Jan. 13 Bible sharing resume 10:15AM
- Jan. 15 Altar Servers' practice (noon)
- Jan. 18 Youth Group Meeting 6:30 PM
- Jan. 29 Altar Servers' practice (noon)

The Epiphany of Our Lord is the Christian feast The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek epiphainen, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (*Matthew 2:1-12*), the baptism of Jesus (*Mark 1:9-11*), and the miracle at Cana (*John 2:1-11*).



The visit of the Magi is emphasized on Epiphany Day, and Christ's baptism is celebrated the first Sunday that follows.



Church Donation Envelopes

We would like to remind everyone that Church donation envelopes that had not been picked up will be sent through mail. Through these envelopes and with your generous and willing donation to the Church, we would be able to continue our programs and ministries in the parish. Thank you!

To all who do ministry for St. Joseph's Church, our heartfelt gratitude!!! Thank you for joining us in cheese and wine party on December 31st. And a special thank you to Johanna Habjan who spearheaded this event. We pray and hope to do more ministry with you all in the new year!

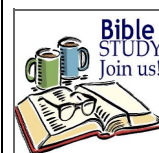


Happy New Year Everyone!!!
May Christ who makes things new bless everyone's hearts, homes and families!!! -St. Joseph's Parish staff



HEARING LOSS CLINIC

Let it be known to all who are interested that the "Living with Hearing Loss Clinic" will resume on January the 15th on its address at: Healthy Living Center 1070 Main Street from 1:30 pm to 3pm.



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
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 17th, 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!



Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

When the Council of Ephesus decreed Mary as the Mother of God, it reaffirmed the two natures of Christ found in one Person: that Jesus is both human and divine. (Later known as the "hypostatic union.") Anything outside of that unity makes Jesus into two persons, one human and one divine, which is heresy.

CCC 509509 *Mary is truly "Mother of God" since she is the mother of the eternal Son of God made man, who is God himself.*

This statement from the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms the reality and truth about Jesus' nature as she teaches and speaks about the Motherhood of Mary instructing the truth to her children.

We have celebrated the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st. As we begin this new year, let us be mindful and learn about our faith more and as Mary who gives birth to the savior, let us give birth to others by bringing them to faith.

PRAY WITH THE POPE

Let us join the Holy Father in prayer with the following intentions for the month of January:

"That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace".

His intention for evangelisation is: "That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal".

Happy New Year Everyone!!!

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The Catholic Women's League is the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada. It is an organization that has been going strong in most parishes across Canada since 1920 and here at St. Joseph's since the 1980's. The Catholic Women's League is all about family. We actively fight for the rights of women and families at all levels of government, passing resolutions and working hard to understand and then act on complex political and social issues that affect all Canadians. As well, through fundraising activities, we support many groups that embody gospel values.

Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973 Keep Christ in Christmas



Knights of Columbus Monthly meeting
Date Sunday January 11, 2015
Time 7:00 pm
Place: St Joseph's parish Centre
-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

Upcoming events JANUARY 2015:

- Jan. 11 SUNDAY: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Mass at 11:30AM
Parish Christmas Gathering after Mass (pot-luck dinner)
- Jan. 15 THURSDAY: Adult faith formation: "The Joy of the Gospel" study series. At 2:30PM
- Jan 18 SUNDAY: World Day of Migrants and Refugees
Mass at 11:30 AM
Joint PPC and Finance Council Meeting after Mass
- Jan. 25 SUNDAY: 11:30 AM Mass

LET US CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TOGETHER

On Jan 11, 2015, We, at St. Anthony's Parish, will be having an after mass **pot-luck dinner**. Please bring your favorite casserole, salad or desert. Games will be played and prizes given. We are expecting you all to come out and have fun. Enjoy the day with God's blessings!—Georgina Dotto

MINISTRY INVITATION

The parish of St. Anthony is encouraging everyone to join the parish ministry that is closest to your heart. We need your help to continue our service to our community. Please volunteer for any of the ministry below:

GREETER—greet parishioners and visitors as they come for our celebration and prepare drinks and food to be shared after the celebration.

LECTOR—proclaim the word of God by reading the scriptures within the Mass

EMC (Extra Ordinary Minister of Communion)—help the priest in administering the Blood of Christ during communion.

Church Cleaner—helps clean the church in a designated schedule (once a month).

Music—sing with us or play with the musicians during Sunday celebrations and on various church occasions.

Ministry Schedule
SUNDAY, Jan 11, 2015
Baptism of the Lord

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	1. Ronnie Cruz 2. Ellaine Kaszas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian Meeuwissen and _____
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas, Alicia, Isabelle, Tiffany
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Carm B.
Church Cleaning	(January 12-17) Kelly Family and Carm

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM:

SUNDAY December 28, 2014

Loose \$ 6.50
Envelope \$ 245.00
Total \$ 251.50

Thursday December 25, 2014

Loose \$ 46.00
Envelope \$ 460.00
Total \$ 506.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal \$100.00

2015 Church Donation Envelopes

Church Donation Envelopes for the year 2015 are now ready for pick up. Please have them picked at the table in the church entrance. Please help the Parish of St. Anthony's able to continue our Ministry through your generous and willing donation. Happy New Year!!!



Diocesan Annual Appeal UPDATE

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