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SUNDAY BULLETIN for February 28th & March 1st, 2015 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Psalm 116, Romans 8.31b-35, 37, Mark 9.2-10
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."



Week Mass Times 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	28th	7:00 pm <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	1st	9:00am † <i>Strgar deceased family members</i> † <i>Neff deceased family members</i>
Monday	2nd	No Mass
Tuesday	3rd	6:15pm
Wednesday	4th	9:00 am
Thursday	5th	11:00 am @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	6th	9:00 am
Saturday	7th	7:00 pm † <i>Elisabeth Strebel</i>

Ministry Schedule March 7th & March 8th, 2015 3rd Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, Mar 7	Sunday, Mar 8
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	CWL
LECTORS	Patty Spicer Jim Schwab	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany Bob Bresser	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
Youth Ministry: Melissa Cachia
Development & Peace: Marj Coupe
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
 Casey Pyper, David Schwab
RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia
Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac
Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

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Please remember the following in your prayers:
Ce, Rose, James, Deven, Clare, Janet, Gloria, Francis, Gwen, Esther, Frank, Don, Lucia, Zenny & Patty

If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, call the parish office at 250-847-2012. Please note the prayer list will be updated at the end of month.



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

Genesis 22:1-18

Test that strengthens. Just as Abraham was seeing God's promise for him to be the Father of many generations unfolds, a twist of event that shook Abraham's being took place. God asked him to offer the life of Isaac as a sacrifice, his only hope for his offspring to propagate for many generation was asked to be ended.

Amidst all of the uncertainties and emotional and psychological bewilderment, Abraham was set to follow what the Lord has commanded only to find out that everything is but a test, which through his faithful obedience, he passed and was blessed all the more.

Test is one of the many ways when our faith's strength is checked. God does not test us to sin like Satan did, but to ascertain our love and trust to him even in the midst of events when we feel that we have been left out, not being heard, mocked, abandoned etc...the process would be difficult (that is why it is a test).

Our humanity, with all our frailty, concupiscence and limitedness come into play in the course. Many falter, and succumb to temptation, but God also gives us the grace to aid us in our decisions and purify our will that we may be able to choose what it is that is in accordance to His will. In the end, when we remain faithful, we would realize that God is even faithful to his promise—Abraham did!

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus praying in the mountain (not specified but mountains and deserts are places where he goes to pray) with his disciples created an event witnessed by some of his followers: appearance of Moses and Elijah; God's voice was heard saying: "this is my beloved Son, listen to him;" Jesus transfigured with his clothes dazzled in whiteness. All of these gave him courage to decide to take and accept his cross.

In prayer, everything can happen, even the change that we would think is unthinkable or impossible, with God's power, becomes a reality.

We have heard many times of the power of prayer. We have experienced it ourselves and saw others saved through this act of trustful submission. In this time of lent, and in our daily lives, let us take time to pray. Life is difficult and full of challenges as it is exciting and grace filled. Let us pray and thank God for the happy and grace-filled moments that we share with everyone, and let us ask his help and mercy in times of difficulties. Let us not be arrogant, believing and relying in our own limited capacity. Take time to pray and urge and help others to pray. Remember God who never fail to remember us always.

Parish Mission

Let us take time to prepare for lent. One of the ways to do this is to take time to listen to parish mission that is happening at St. Joseph's church this evening from 7PM-8:45PM. Fr. Jack Michalchuk and Mr. John Connelly are directing and leading us into reflection on how to become Christ Disciples Today. Truly, let us experience salvation and nourish ourselves with the words of God, but let us remember that we have responsibility to share the salvation that we received with others through discipleship.

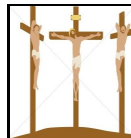


Please mark your calendars for the following meetings and events:

March 1 Youth Group Meeting
March 3 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM
March 6 World Day of Prayer (Anglican Church)7PM
March 8 Sacramental Prep - Retreat #2, 2-4:30PM
March 10 CWL General Meeting
March 23 Reconciliation Celebration

Stations of the Cross for Lent 2015 - Fridays during Lent

February 27 – 7.00 PM Parish Pastoral Council
(Gemma Gillis)
March 6 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
(Anglican Church)
NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS
March 13 – 7.00 PM Youth Group
(Melissa Cachia)
March 20 – 7.00 PM Knights of Columbus
(Jim Schwab)
March 27 – 7.00 PM Catholic Women's League
(Johanna Habjan)



The group leading the Stations should choose the prayers they wish to use and have enough copies for those attending. Before beginning the Stations, assign readers for each Station.



Sowing Seeds of Justice for Women & Girls in Nigeria

Doubly poor are those women who endure situations of exclusion, mistreatment, & violence, since they are frequently less able to defend their rights. Even so, we constantly witness among them impressive examples of daily heroism in defending & protecting their vulnerable families—Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 212.

Supporting women & girls is a priority for DEVELOPMENT & PEACE. When 276 girls were kidnapped by Boko Haram from Chibok in Nigeria, our local Nigerian partner began working for their freedom, & has managed to smuggle three girls to safety. "The 3 girls, who were 17,18, & 19 years old, still seemed to be under the effect of the swirl of emotions generated by the trials they experienced since their abduction," states Raphael Yimga Tatchi, DEVELOPMENT & PEACE program office for Nigeria. "Their voices & lost eyes betray deep pain...glimmers of humanity shine through only when they courageously recount the details of their escape." The Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT & PEACE is on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22nd.



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.



The Youth Group of St. Joseph's Church is a Catholic assembly 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 meeting is March 1st.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
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Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

VIRTUE: LOVE

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong, but rejoices with the truth. Corinthians 13:4-6

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

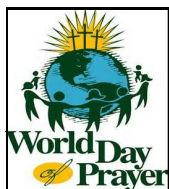
If your child(ren) will not be attending school AT St. Joseph next year for any reason, please let the office know as we are now planning for next year. We do have waiting lists for a number of classes and parents already calling for next year.

Also, a reminder that if you have any change of address, phone numbers or any other family changes please let the office know. It is important that we have the proper information to contact you for any reason.

DYC 2015: ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

All those in grades 7 – 12 are now welcome to register online for the 20th Annual DYC!! Head on over to <http://dyc2015.eventzilla.net/> to get your tickets. The early bird fee is \$50 until April 1, 2015 and \$65 after this date. Check out our promo video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLgLITNlbT8&feature=youtu.be>. We are so excited to see you all in Prince George for this year's DYC! It's sure to be an amazing weekend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (March 6)



We are observing the world day of prayer on the 6th of March this year. We are invited to pause and pray together and recall our Christian responsibilities and be sensitive to the signs of the times that we may bring a more genuine Christian dimension to the concern of our world, country and community.

To assist celebrations of the said event, services have been prepared for adults, youth and children. Copies of these may be obtained from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (the sponsor of the celebration), phone (416) 929-5184; FAX (416) 929-4064).

Parish Mission

We invite you to prepare yourself for lent:



A parish mission, with Fr Jack Michalchuk & John Connelly the Co-Directors of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Prince George Diocese, will be conducted from 7:00 pm to approximately 8:45pm **TONIGHT** March 1st and Monday, March 2nd. All are welcome.

The topic will be on the call of Pope Francis for every Catholic to be Missionary Disciples. We will explore the question...*How can you and I truly practice living as Missionary Disciples today?*



The CWL Diocesan Convention is being held in Prince George, April 10th—12th. If you wish to attend please contact Johanna (847-4704) or Mary-Ellen (847-8857) for registration forms. Further details available at next general meeting on March 10th.

A huge Thank You to Sister Jude VanBaalen and all the people who took part in the "Lenten Retreat" last week.



Knights of Columbus Council 7973

Fr. Callaly Council Monthly Meeting

Date: March 8th, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre. Jim Schwab
Grand Knight



Rest in Peace

Our sincere condolences to the Martens and Zank family, on the passing of Gwendolyn Zank earlier this week.

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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



<u>Upcoming Events (March 2015)</u>	
March 8	Mass at 11:30 AM
March 5	Adult Faith Formation
March 12	CWL Meeting at 12 NN
March 15	Mass at 11:30 AM
March 19	Adult Faith Formation
March 22	Mass at 11:30 AM Joint PPC and Finance Meeting after the mass
March 29	Mass at 11:30 AM

Parish Mission

Happening this evening, Sunday, March 1

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Joint PPC and Finance Meeting (heads up)

March 22 (Sunday) will be the next Joint PPC and Finance Meeting of St. Anthony's Parish. Please save this date.

CWL Meeting

CWL Meeting will be on the 12th of March (2nd Wednesday of the month).

Donation for Mother's Day Raffle

Reminder: please do not forget to bring your donation for the mother's day Raffle which will be happening this month of May. Thank you!

Church Items

There are four (4) used paper towel dispensers that we are giving away and a table that is open for auction. Anyone interested in these items, please see Mr. Eric Bishop for further clarifications and questions.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, March 8, 2015 Third Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	Vic and Gail James
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Dawn Bishop and Jane Wardrop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Eric Bishop
Church Cleaning	(March 2-7) Bishop Family

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!
DONATIONS FROM February 22, 2015

Loose	\$ 11.00
Envelope	\$205.00
	\$216.00

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (from the CCC) II. WAYS OF COMING TO KNOW GOD (Continuation)

33 The *human person*: with his openness to truth and beauty, his sense of moral goodness, his freedom and the voice of his conscience, with his longings for the infinite and for happiness, man questions himself about God's existence. In all this he discerns signs of his spiritual soul. The soul, the "seed of eternity we bear in ourselves, irreducible to the merely material", can have its origin only in God.

34 The world, and man, attest that they contain within themselves neither their first principle nor their final end, but rather that they participate in Being itself, which alone is without origin or end. Thus, in different ways, man can come to know that there exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality "that everyone calls God".