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SUNDAY BULLETIN for February 14th & 15th, 2015 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46, Psalm 32, 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1, Mark 1.40-45
"Jesus touched the man with leprosy and he was cured."



Week Mass Times 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	14th	7:00 pm	† <i>Jessie Eileen Towns</i>
Sunday	15th	9:00am	† <i>Michelangelo & Concetta Sia</i> † <i>Susana Cometa</i>
Monday	16th	9:00 am	<i>Special Intentions for Janet Hetherington</i>
Tuesday	17th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	18th	9:00 am	
Thursday	19th	11:00 am	@ <i>Bulkley Lodge</i>
Friday	20th	9:00 am	
Saturday	21st	7:00 pm	† <i>Victorino Pacheco</i>
Sunday	22nd	9:00 am	† <i>Manuel & Cecilia Garcia</i> † <i>Maria Sibau</i>



Ministry Schedule February 21st & February 22nd, 2015 1st Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, Feb. 21	Sunday, Feb. 22
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	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

Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator:

Michael desHarnais

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Liturgy: Gemma Gillis

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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

Feb. 7th & 8th, 2015 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$ 1,616.00

School \$ 115.00

Needs of the Church \$ 5.00

Electronic Funds Transfer \$ 970.00

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:

Gloria, Francis, Gwen, Esther & Frank, Darin, Charlie, Nolan, Roger, 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



Gospel thought - Easter healing every Sunday: The thought from last Sunday continues this week concerning the healing ministry of Jesus. **Homework:** pray 'Jesus heal my broken-heartedness'.

Feb 11: Thank you: to the organizers and participants at the Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. The prayerful atmosphere strengthened the words from the opening prayer "give us healing and courage."

Fr. Pier away from Feb 20 to March 04:

- 1st Sunday of Lent, Feb 22: Layled service with Sr.Jude to give reflection
- 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 01: Mass led by Fr.Jack Michalchuk

LENT: Feb 18: ASH WEDNESDAY: On this day we reflect on ashes as the leftover debris of a fire gone out. Our life without God is like ashes, dead and empty. Similarly, a life with sin leads to death. In using ashes we are acknowledging our desire to turn away from sin and to believe in God who alone can bring us everlasting life. Come to our services at 9:00am or 7:00pm.

LENT: Retreat: Saturday, Feb 21, 10am-2:30pm: Sr.Jude on Lenten Practices.

LENT: Retreat: Sunday/Monday, March 1-2; 7-8:30pm: Fr.Jack and John Connelly on Lent

LENT: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. For 40 days we celebrate Lent to help us prepare for Easter. Prayer helps us to deepen our friendship with God. Fasting helps us to experience how quickly earthly things pass away. And almsgiving helps us to love God and our neighbor 'when you do this to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me' (Mathew 25:40)

Finances: Faith Instruction: "The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity and for the decent support of ministers." (canon 222, §1)

Finances: Thank you. I have heard of your financial generosity for physical things (Church building 1967, expanded foyer 1998, re-staining of pews 2000, leaking roof and steeple repairs 2008-14.) And for spiritual things (Refugee family support, special collections for world disasters Haiti, Philippines, and recent Cambodian Orphanage School collection). And support for the Diocesan Appeal. You are very generous. Thank you.

Finances: Diocesan Appeal request: we are \$2200 short of our goal of \$21,600 ... I would ask parishioners who are still considering on making a donation to do so at this time.

Finances: Parish General Collections. Please consider increasing donations \$5 or \$10 dollars a month, that is \$1.25 or \$2.25 a week. Thank you.

March 08, 2015. Smithers Christian Reform Church (SCRC) sharing our building. The new SCRC building will be ready this summer. Until then, the SCRC will be holding their services at St.Josephs; they will have access every Sunday from 11am to 1:30pm. Many details have been worked out. All of us will be asked to be charitable when unforeseen things surface. We welcome our Christian brothers and sisters.

upcoming EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following meetings and events:

Feb .17	Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday 9am Mass (School) 7pm Mass (Parish)
Feb .21	LENT: Retreat with Sr. Jude



REMINDER - TAX RECEIPTS 2015

Don't forget to pick up your tax receipts for the year 2015 which are found on the table in the church foyer. We are thankful for your donations and contributions which are very helpful for us to continue our church programs and operations.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE brings the Joy

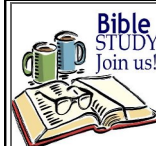
of the Gospel for Share Lent 2015. On Ash Wednesday, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will launch its annual Share Lent campaign with the theme "Sow much love ... to give." This annual campaign raises funds to support its mission in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. This year, each of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE's weekly bulletin announcements features quotations from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel. In each one, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE shares the joy of its mission. We hope the Holy Father's inspiring words will lead you to read the full text, and move you to give generously to the Share Lent campaign. Learn more at devp.org/ share lent. New this year: Lent Calendar app! DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has created a new app for the Share Lent campaign for smartphones and tablets. Guiding you day by day through the Lenten season, the app invites you to take three simple steps everyday: learn, pray, and act. Learn about DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE partners who are working to build a world of justice. Our Lent Calendar app is available for download for free from the App Store or Google Play!

SCENTS AND SENSITIVITIES

There are parishioners who have problems with and have allergic reactions to scents. We are calling everyone's proper judgement and consideration regarding this matter. A little bit of charity, especially during this time of lent, would be very much appreciated. After all, our prayers alone smells sweet enough for God. Thank you!

ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION

Mass for Ash Wednesday will be at 7PM. Marking of the ashes will be done within the mass. Make our observance of the Lenten season be more prayerful and reflective by reading the Holy Scriptures and, when you are ready, go to confession and experience God's love and healing. A Blessed Lenten Season to all!



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 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 gathering is February 15th.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

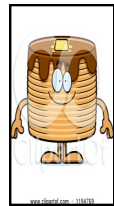
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca
Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

VIRTUE: LOVE

Without love, people feel alone. When we don't feel we matter to anyone, we become unhappy. Sometimes we act angry and don't let others be close. At these times, as hard it is, we need to realize that God loves every single person equally. We are loved and we are valued – even if not in the eyes of our fellow humans. Let us try to love others and ourselves.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCH



Lent starts with **Ash Wednesday on February 18th**. To mark the end of ordinary time, we participate in Shrove Tuesday with a yummy pancake lunch. We have a parent to organize now **we just need the helpers!** If you can help in any way please call the school office or contact Nicole Clausen.

CHRISM MASS EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7 pm on Monday, March 23rd, 2015 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In this diocesan celebration, the Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are blessed and consecrated and the priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.

Parishes are invited to send two representatives to accompany their pastor to the Mass of Chrism and to a dinner beforehand at 5:00 pm in Sacred Heart cathedral's lower hall. Please contact Jennifer Foster at Sacred Heart Cathedral before March 20th, 2015 by telephone at (250)564-5225 or by email at shcath@shawcable.com to confirm your parish attendees.

MESSAGE FROM The Most Reverend Bp. Stephen Jensen to the People of the Diocese of Prince George

The recent Supreme Court decision that struck down the law preventing doctors from helping their patients commit suicide is another dark chapter in the spread of the "culture of death", to use St. John Paul's vivid expression. The false argument claiming this as a compassionate way to treat the dying is the ultimate disrespect of people at the end of life. The dying need care, not killing.

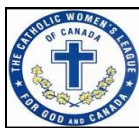
We have an opportunity to build a culture of life by asking our political leaders to ensure appropriate palliative care for all who need it. To support this initiative, I invite everyone to use the coming season of Lent to implore God's mercy on our nation and its civil leaders in this cause.

When the apostles felt powerless in the face of evil, Our Lord told them: "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting" (Mk. 9:29). Let us use the means of prayer and fasting (as we are capable) to ask the Lord to deliver us from the evils that threaten life at its most vulnerable stages.

+Bishop Stephen Jensen



February is Baby Layette Month for Pregnancy Outreach.



A Baby Layette is anything a baby would need in its first year, but more typically items like sleepers, socks, hats and receiving blankets. Please drop off items at the Parish Centre.

LENT RETREAT OPPORTUNITY Sister Jude will be hosting a workshop on "Lenten Practices to Lead Us to the Joy of the Gospel" on Saturday, February 21st, from 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church so we know how much food is required for lunch.

Knights of Columbus Council 7973



Charity Appeal Draw Winner.

A ticket sold by Fr. Callay council in Smithers was a winner. Tom Starko of Dease Lake won an early bird prize \$1,000.00

A list of all other winners is found at the web site: <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/kofcdraw/>

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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



Ministry Schedule
SUNDAY, Feb 22, 2015
First Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	1.Liz Gerei 2.Glenn Farrell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Carm B.
Church Cleaning	(February 16-21) Tammy Heibert

Upcoming Events (February 2015)

February 15	Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM Valentine Day Raffle Draw (After the Mass)
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	Mass @ 11:30 AM Soup and Bun Luncheon

Valentines Raffle Tickets

Draw date for the Valentine Raffle will be today 15th of February after the mass. Please stay and have coffee with the community as we draw the winners for our valentine raffle. Thank you for your help and support.

Adult Faith Formation

Session for Adult Faith Formation will resume on Thursday (Feb. 19) at 2:30 in the afternoon. Please read our topic in advance (Chapter 2) of *Evangelic Gaudium*: "The Church's Missionary Transformation"

CWL Reminders

Please start bringing your donation for our Mother's day Raffle which will be on the second week of May.

Ash Wednesday

Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pier at 5PM at St. Anthony's Parish. Marking of ashes will be done within the mass.

To help our observance of Lent become more prayerful and reflective, take time to read the scriptures. With it, we encourage you to come to confession when you are ready and experience God's love and healing through the sacrament. Do not hesitate to approach Fr. Pier when you feel the need. Have a Blessed Lenten Season everyone!

St. Anthony's Pancake Dinner

We invite everyone to our Parish Pancake Dinner on February 17th at 6:30PM. It is by donation.

Ministers for Feb. 18, 5PM Mass, Ash Wednesday

GREETERS: Vic and Gail James
LECTORS: Adrian Meeuwissen and Dawn Bishop
EMCs: Lucas and Alicia
ALTAR SERVERS: Lucas and Alicia

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM:

February 1, 2015

Loose	\$ 49.50	Change for a change	\$67.00
Envelope	\$515.00		
	\$564.50		

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (continuation)

I. The Desire for God

30 "Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice."⁵ Although man can forget God or reject him, He never ceases to call every man to seek him, so as to find life and happiness. But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, "an upright heart", as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God. You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised: great is your power and your wisdom is without measure. And man, so small a part of your creation, wants to praise you: this man, though clothed with mortality and bearing the evidence of sin and the proof that you withstand the proud. Despite everything, man, though but a small a part of your creation, wants to praise you. You yourself encourage him to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.⁶