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SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 7th & 8th, 2015 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Exodus 20.1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18. 22-25, John 2.13-25
 "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."



Week Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	7th	7:00 pm	†Elisabeth Strebel
Sunday	8th	9:00 am	†Maria Sibau
Monday	9th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	10th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	11th	9:00 am	
Thursday	12th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	13th	9:00 am	
Saturday	14th	7:00 pm	†Jesse Eileen Towns
Sunday	15th	9:00 am	†Victorino Pacheco

Ministry Schedule March 14th & March 15th, 2015 4th Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, Mar 14	Sunday, Mar 15
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway Eileen Bouvier	Wayne & Andrea Callison Jean Miller
LECTORS	Emily Buenten Gemma Gillis	Cara Polanin Mary-Ellen Kallio
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Willy Koldyk Bob Bresser	Foziea Loki Lu Blackburn Johanna Habjan
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 MacIsaac
Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

COLLECTION REPORTS

Feb. 28th & March 1st, 2015 – 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Church \$ 2,304.00
 School \$ 235.00
 Catholic Missions \$50.00

*Do you have a desire to support your church financially?
 Multiply your current annual bequests by managing your
 current and future tax obligations!*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Ce, Rose, James, Deven, Clare, Janet, Gloria,
 Francis, Gwen, Esther, Frank, Don, Lucia,
 Zenny, Patty & Ricardo**



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."



- Please mark your March calendars for the following meetings and events:**
- March 8 Sacramental Prep -Retreat #2 2-4:30pm
 - March 10 CWL General Meeting
 - March 23 Reconciliation Celebration 7pm
 - March 24 Finance Meeting 7pm

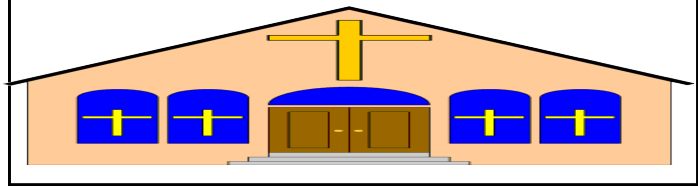
RESTING in Lent: Continuing with this theme, we draw attention to the instrumental music during the offertory which helps us to focus on the actions at the altar, to the simple recessional hymn, and to the efforts to move our conversations after mass out to the foyer.

Gospel theme: The Peace (and Restfulness) of Jesus is disturbed when he experiences that temple prayer has been replaced with temple commerce, and when faithfulness has been replaced by requests for proof of his authority. Restfulness is restored when we are faithful to prayer, as described in the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy". Restfulness is restored when we live lives faithfully believing in the power of the cross rather than joining the group who sees the cross as 'a stumbling block' (the opposite of powerful authority) or as 'foolishness' (the opposite of wisdom). **Homework:** pray 'Jesus help my busyness not to be an excuse to rest with you.'

Thank you to Sr.Jude, and to Fr.Jack and John Connolly: To help us begin our Lenten time, Sr.Jude gave a reflection on Feb 22 and Fr.Jack and John Connolly gave a mission on March 1-2. We were challenged to allow God to transform us. Thank you to the presenters, and thank you to everyone who came out.

Stations of the Cross: one Lenten devotion: The early Christian pilgrims travelled to the Holy Land to visit the sites where Jesus lived, suffered and died. And many who could not travel would listen to these pilgrims who would come back with inspirational stories of faith and obedience. This led to a devotion that traced the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his tomb, what we now call the Stations of the Cross. At the heart of this devotion is Jesus' obedience unto death, our sorrow for our sins, and God's abiding love for His children. This devotion can be prayed by an individual or by a group. Check the Friday schedule for when St.Joseph's will host the group recitation.

March 08, 2015. Smithers Christian Reform Church (SCRC) first time sharing our building. The new SCRC building will be ready this summer. Until then, the SCRC will be holding their services in St.Joseph's Church; they will have access every Sunday from 11am to 1:30pm. We welcome them to our facility.



Stations of the Cross for Lent 2015 - Fridays during Lent

- 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

Responding to the cry of the rural poor with the bishops of Brazil

In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: "We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countryside – landless, homeless, lacking food and health care – to the detriment of their rights. Seeing their poverty, hearing their cries and knowing their sufferings, we are scandalized because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income." – Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*, 191.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE has been working with the Brazilian bishops for many years to respond to the cry of the poor. Your generosity helps fund our partnership with their Pastoral Land Commission, which works to support the rural poor through agricultural development and land reform. You can learn more about our work by picking up Share Lent materials at the back of the Church or by visiting devp.org. The Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22nd.

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

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 meeting is March 15th.

LOST & FOUND A ladies broach has been found in the church last week....If this is yours, please call the office. There are also gloves, caps, scarves and an umbrella that has been left behind in the last 6 months. Please claim if any of these items are yours.



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: Perseverance

Perseverance is being purposeful and steadfast. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you. We need perseverance during Lent to help us through those tough days. A belief in what is the right thing to do and the ability to ask God for help will help us persevere.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

The grade 7 class is having a garage sale. If you would like to help the grade 7 class raise money, please send in your donations of GOOD used household items, sports equipment, furniture, toys, etc. **No clothes please.** Call the school office if you have any questions. **The garage sale is Saturday, April 18th from 8:00am-11:00am. Do not send in anything that is junky.**

*The school will be closed for Spring Break from March 28th – April 13th. You may send in your items before or after those dates.

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?>



A **bursary of \$500** from St Joseph's Council of the Catholic Women's League, Smithers is being offered to a student graduating from Smithers Secondary School, to be used for further education at an accredited college/ university within two years.

The student receiving this bursary must meet the following criteria:

- Graduated from St Joseph's School, Smithers
- Attended St Joseph's School, Smithers for at least three (3) years
- Shows high academic standing
- Shows financial need
- Is a Christian - preference will be given to a member of St. Joseph's Church, Smithers

Applicant must write a letter applying for the bursary to:

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL
BOX 454, SMITHERS, BC
VOJ 2N0



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Deadline for application is May 1, 2015



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.



Knights of Columbus Council 7973
Fr. Callaly Council Monthly Meeting

Date: March 8th, 2014
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre.



LET US WARMLY WELCOME...

Our brothers and sisters from the Smithers Christian Reformed Church as we share our space with them until the summer.

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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

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!

Thank you

To all who joined the Parish Mission in Smithers last Sunday and Monday—thank you, and may what you received, you share with others. Thank you too Fr. Jack and Mr. John for animating us to determine that which is truly essential and necessary. Thank you for leading us and introducing us to "Jesus prayer" and reconnect with our God in this time of Lent.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT APRIL 24-25 2015: An

international event that will inspire thousands of Catholics to be engaged in the New Evangelization. **You can attend in Terrace, B.C!** This two day conference will bring together speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the fundamental mission of the Church. Speakers include: Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin, Ken Yasinski and Fr. James Mallon.

The annual NES will be held in Ottawa and live-streamed to 13 host-sites, including Terrace. The simulcasting of the event will provide a way for Catholics from around North America to participate in the Summit. Thus approximately 5000 like-minded Catholics from across the continent will be united in one goal – to be formed as evangelists and be part of a network of Catholics evangelists. Please go to <https://www.newevangelization.ca/#price> to register and explore more about the speakers.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, March 15, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	1. Liz Gerei 2. Elaine Kaszas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian Meeuwissen and _____
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	(March 8-14) Kelly Family and Carm

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!
DONATIONS FROM March 1, 2015

Loose	\$ 3.00	Catholic Missions in Canada	\$10.00
Envelope	\$785.00		
	\$788.00		

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (from the CCC)

II. WAYS OF COMING TO KNOW GOD (Continuation)

35 Man's faculties make him capable of coming to a knowledge of the existence of a personal God. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with him, God willed both to reveal himself to man and to give him the grace of being able to welcome this revelation in faith. The proofs of God's existence, however, can predispose one to faith and help one to see that faith is not opposed to reason.

III. THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD ACCORDING TO THE CHURCH

36 "Our holy mother, the Church, holds and teaches that God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason."¹¹ Without this capacity, man would not be able to welcome God's revelation. Man has this capacity because he is created "in the image of God"