



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 14th & 15th, 2015 4th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23, Psalm 137, Ephesians 2.4-10, John 3.14-21  
 "God sent his only-begotten Son so that the world might be saved through him."



### Week Mass Times 4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday	14th	7:00 pm	†Jesse Eileen Towns
Sunday	15th	9:00 am	†Victorina Pacheco /†Gwen Zank
Monday	16th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	17th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	18th	9:00 am	Special Intention for Ce Midnight
Thursday	19th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	20th	9:00 am	
Saturday	21st	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	22nd	9:00 am	†Victorino Pacheco †Michelangelo & Concetta Sia

### Ministry Schedule March 21st & March 22nd 2015 5th Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, Mar 21	Sunday, Mar 22
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Knights of Columbus
<b>LECTORS</b>	Patty Spicer Gemma Gillis	Knights of Columbus
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Janna Delany Jean Moisey	Knights of Columbus
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	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

March 7th & March 8th, 2015 – 3rd Sunday of Lent  
 Church \$ 1992.05  
 School \$ 50.00  
 Catholic Missions \$30.00  
 Electronic Funds Transfer for March \$1070.00  
 Thank you for your generosity!

Would you like to leave a lasting legacy?...Consider the gift of a life insurance, your only costs are the monthly premiums, which are of properly arranged tax deductible!

### *Please remember the following in your prayers:*

**Joe, 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."

## Note from the pastor



**RESTING in Lent:** At the end of the opening announcements, the Lector invites us to a few moments of prayerful silence; it is intended as a time to focus on the three instruments that shape our lives: ourselves, our neighbors, our God, and to prepare to be changed. From our lives, we push away what is distracting us and we focus on something we want; from our neighbors, we push away any obstacles and prepare to be open to what they might teach us; and with God, we push away any distractions and prepare for God to tell us something during the mass celebration either in scripture, in the ritual, or in the priest/presider. We do this resting the whole year through.

**Gospel theme:** The readings focus on God's love, a constant theme, but one that should never exhaust our attention. God's judgement comes only after a very long time of committed patience, and even when the judgement comes, the consequence is of limited duration precisely because God does not desire the downfall of any sinner, but rather that they turn to him and live. It is God's love that is the source of both the patience and the salvific goal for us humans. The question is 'are we willing to receive God's love so that it can effect changes in us?' Homework: ask a few people in your life how they love you, and reflect on how open you are to receiving their love.

### **March 19 FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY**

Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us and for all families. Mass will be celebrated at the Bulkley Lodge @ 11am. ALL ARE WELCOME. On March 20th, the school will lead the mass at 9am with St. Joseph as the theme.

**Lenten Mission:** The annual mission sponsored by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council is again taking place on Vision TV on March 30 and 31...titled Beware the Holy Spirit, and led by Fr. Gittens C.S.Sp., it is something that will benefit our Lenten journey. See bulletin in foyer for more information.

**Euthanasia Prevention:** A new website, <http://giveustime.ca/> has been created by the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition of B.C. in response to the recent ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada on assisted suicide and euthanasia. When the Supreme Court struck down Canada's assisted suicide law, it gave Parliament one year to replace it. The GIVE US TIME postcard campaign urges the Federal government to give Parliament more than one year. Please refer to the website for further information and add your voice to this important cause.

**CNEWA – Syria.** Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) Canada is collecting funds to assist Assyrian Christian communities in Syria where there have been recent abductions and displacements. The Christian community is increasingly threatened by extremist groups. Anyone wishing to support the Assyrian Christians can make a donation to CNEWA Canada by mailing a cheque (payable to "Emergency Syria") to CNEWA Canada, 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 6K9, visiting [www.cnewa.ca](http://www.cnewa.ca) or calling toll free 1-866 322-4441. Please go to their website for more information. **Ukraine.** Close to home also is the situation in the Ukraine and the involvement of Russia. The Bishops of the Ukraine on their visit to Pope Francis made a special plea. This indicates the seriousness of the issue.



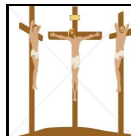
### **Please mark your March calendars for the following meetings and events:**

March 13-15 Youth Summit & Ski Retreat  
March 16 Choir Practice 7PM  
March 19 Feast of St. Joseph  
March 22 Reconciliation Celebration 3pm  
March 23 Cleaning of the Church 9am  
March 23 Chrism Mass 7PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George  
March 26 Finance Meeting 7pm

### **Stations of the Cross for Lent 2015 - Fridays during Lent**

March 20 – 7PM Knights of Columbus  
(Jim Schwab)

March 27 – 7PM 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.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development  
and Peace**

### The Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

is next Sunday – Solidarity Sunday!

*Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect, and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and to the return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favors human beings.* – Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 58

Next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday when the annual Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be held. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and our ability to help, respect, and promote the poor. Please be sure to bring your Share Lent envelope for your gift. To find out how you can make a difference, be sure to read our Share Lent materials, which you'll find at the back of the church. Thank you for your support! [devp.org](http://devp.org)

### **HOLY WEEK-TRIDUUM MUSIC PRACTICE**

In preparation for our celebration of the Triduum, we are going to have our music practice on the **16th of March, 7PM (Monday)**, at St. Joseph's Church. Calling all musicians and choir members to please come and prepare with us.



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.



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.



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie  
Our school website: [www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)  
Phone: 250-847-9414

**Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"**

### **VIRTUE: Perseverance**

Often it is not the huge projects or special events that require perseverance. It is the daily duties of "life" that require attention: cooking supper for the family, doing our job faithfully, sitting down to chat with our children or parents, doing the laundry, fixing the appliances, or buying groceries. What we do matters. God is there always to help us persevere.

### **FIELD RESTORATION AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

"Phase 1 is almost complete! THANK YOU to everyone who has generously donated to our Field Restoration & Equipment Replacement Project. So far we have raised \$54,053.00 of our \$75,000.00 Phase 1 goal. These funds are currently being leveraged in grant applications, corporations and individuals to ensure that all \$250,000.00 is raised. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, pledge cards can be found at the School Office. Alternatively, cheques can be dropped off in the Sunday collection—please indicate that it is for the Field Project." Thanks very much—Mindy

### **BURSARY (From Wednesday Weekly)**

The Sisters of St. Ann are offering a Bursary named in honour of their foundress, Blessed Marie Anne Blondin. This bursary offers assistance to women seeking education in theological and ministry studies that promote justice, peace, integrity of creation, healing, holistic living and a healthy life style. Priority will be given to a candidate from BC, the Yukon or the Northwest Territories. Preference will be given to a candidate on limited income and who sees the educational opportunity as a means of employment training or personal growth. For an application form, please contact [administration@ssabc.ca](mailto:administration@ssabc.ca) or 250-592-3133. **Deadline: April 2015.** Further information about the Sisters of St. Ann is available on their website at [www.ssabc.ca](http://www.ssabc.ca).



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  
V0J 2N0

Deadline for application is May 1, 2015  
A letter from the pastor will be requested



The CWL Diocesan Convention is being held in Prince George, April 10th—12th. If you wish to attend please contact Johanna (847-4504) or Mary-Ellen (847-8857) for registration forms.

**We need you help in preparing the Church for Easter celebrations by arriving at church on March 23 @ 9:00 am ready to clean. This will not include regular maintenance such as vacuuming or cleaning toilets, rather dusting and polishing. Bring your own rubber gloves.**



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Visit to the Sick at Home: by a



## 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*

**Irish Stew on the 22nd of March (Sunday) is cancelled** to give way for a *potluck celebration on the 29th of March (Sunday)*. Let us join and wish Mr. Ronnie Cruz farewell as one community as he prepares to go back to the Philippines. Mr. Cruz had been our Pastoral Assistant for 3 years at St. Anthony's Parish.

### Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7pm 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. We need your confirmation before March the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Dinner and Discussion on Euthanasia

Houston Pro Life is hosting Dinner and Discussion on Euthanasia with the Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition on March 21 at the basement of Houston Reformed Church. Dinner will be served at 6PM. Everyone is welcome to participate.

### Joint PPC and Finance Meeting

March 22 is set for Saint Anthony's Joint PPC and Finance Meeting. The said meeting will happen at St. Anthony's meeting room downstairs after the mass.

### Adult Faith Formation

We are now in Chapter 3 of the "Joy of the Gospel" Exhortation of Pope Francis. For those who are animated to join us on March 19 Adult Faith Formation, please read in advance for more lively discussion.

### MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (from the CCC)

#### III. THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD ACCORDING TO THE CHURCH

37 In the historical conditions in which he finds himself, however, man experiences many difficulties in coming to know God by the light of reason alone: *(continue on the other side)*

### Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, March 22, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	1. Adrian Meeuwissen 2. Paula Kettle
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Dawn Bishop and Jane Wardrop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Carm Brockerville
Church Cleaning	(March 16-21) Tammy Heibert

### COLLECTION REPORTS

*Thank you for your constant support and generosity!*

#### DONATIONS FROM March 8, 2015

Loose	\$ 11.00	Shrove Tuesday	\$10.00
Envelope	<u>\$520.00</u>	Valentine Raffle	\$20.00
	<u>\$531.00</u>	CMIC	\$20.00
		Soup and Bun	\$10.00

Though human reason is, strictly speaking, truly capable by its own natural power and light of attaining to a true and certain knowledge of the one personal God, who watches over and controls the world by his providence, and of the natural law written in our hearts by the Creator; yet there are many obstacles which prevent reason from the effective and fruitful use of this inborn faculty. For the truths that concern the relations between God and man wholly transcend the visible order of things, and, if they are translated into human action and influence it, they call for self-surrender and abnegation. The human mind, in its turn, is hampered in the attaining of such truths, not only by the impact of the senses and the imagination, but also by disordered appetites which are the consequences of original sin. So it happens that men in such matters easily persuade themselves that what they would not like to be true is false or at least doubtful.

38 This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error".