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SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 21st & 22nd, 2015 5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Jeremiah 31.31-34, Psalm 51, Hebrews 5.7-9, John 12.20-33
"If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit."



Week Mass Times

Saturday	21st	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	22nd	9:00 am	†Victorino Pacheco †Michelangelo & Concetta Sia †Necitas Sasing Ramos
Monday	23rd	No Mass	
Tuesday	24th	No Mass	
Wednesday	25th	No Mass	
Thursday	26th	11:00am@	Bulkley Lodge
Friday	27th	9:00 am	
Saturday	28th	7:00 pm	
Sunday	29th	9:00 am	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia †Dolores Krauskopf

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

Ministry Schedule

March 28th & March 29th, 2015
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

DATE	Saturday, Mar 28	Sunday, Mar 29
GREETERS	Dave & Marj Hemenway	Johanna & Ciril Habjan Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS	Eileen Bouvier Christine Tessier	Brenda Pyper Marj Coupe
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Bob Bresser Willy Koldyk	Mary Stroet Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

March 14th & March 15th, 2015 – 4th Sunday of Lent
 Church \$ 1858.10
 School \$ 20.00
 Development & Peace \$140.00

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:

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, and we begin to rest with the Lord. Our songless procession of gifts is to help us not work but rest. And our simple exit song, again, is to help us not work but rest as we move on with our day.

Gospel theme: The prophet Jeremiah in the first reading assures us of God's love, and this helps us when we hear in the Gospel that the grain of wheat that falls into the ground has to die before it can 'bear much fruit' – we can die only if we know we are loved. There will be a peace and restfulness in us when we learn that our time on earth will expose us to pain and suffering. We will never be able to erase all pain and suffering (Jesus reminds us that 'you will always have the poor' (Matthew 26:11)). Our peace and restfulness comes from the knowledge that carrying the cross and following Jesus' (Mathew 16:24) is what will bring us a death that will bear much fruit. Homework: pray 'Jesus help me to find rest in you'.

Televised Lenten Mission: This is something that has been very well worthwhile in the past; please see the bulletin in the foyer for more information about the televised Catholic Mission on March 30 & 31.

Diocesan Newspaper: There are interesting articles about Fr. Rector and his sabbatical experience, about the Young Adults who were with us last weekend on retreat, about the celebrations in our Catholic Schools during Catholic Education Week, and much more.

Youth Conference in Prince George The keynote speaker is Chris Padgett and he promises to inspire the youth to have their eyes on Jesus. This Diocesan Youth Conference is a wonderful experience for our youth. It combines great catholic content with a vibrant youth community. Please consider encouraging and supporting our youth to attend.



Holy Week: Next week we begin our Holy Week with Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the eucharist and of the priesthood – please consider spending some time in adoration that night. Our Good Friday service begins at 3pm, and for those who are interested, there is the Stations of the Cross beginning at 2pm. The Easter Vigil, a very beautiful celebration of our entire faith begins at 8pm on Holy Saturday. And on Sunday, we begin to celebrate for the next 50 days, the Season of Easter. Our whole lent preparations have led us to these celebrations.



DYC2015

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=VLgLITN1bT8&feature=youtu.be>.



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

March 22 1st Reconciliation Celebration 3pm
 March 23 Cleaning of the Church 9am
 March 23-25 No Mass (Father Pier in PG)
 March 23 Chrism Mass 7PM @ Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George
 March 26 Finance Meeting 7pm
 March 30 Reconciliation 5-8pm



Stations of the Cross for Lent 2015 - Fridays during Lent

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

Today is Solidarity Sunday!
 Support the Share Lent collection for
 DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.

Pope Francis ends his Joy of the Gospel with this prayer to Mary:

*Star of the new evangelization,
 help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
 service, ardent and generous faith,
 justice and love of the poor,
 that the joy of the Gospel
 may reach to the ends of the Earth,
 illuminating even the fringes of our world.*

Today, on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, we join the Holy Father in praying that we may all be radiant witnesses and that through our support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, the joy of the Gospel may indeed illuminate even the darkest corners of our world! Your gift can be placed in the Share Lent envelopes. Thank you for your generosity in helping to meet the needs of the world.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

This afternoon at 3PM, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the first time by the grade two pupils of St. Joseph's School. Let us pray for them, their parents and guardians, that they may truly experience Jesus' love and mercy in this Sacrament. Let us pray too for our priests that they may truly be instruments of Jesus' love and mercy. Confession for those who wish to receive it will also be made available. Fr. Johmer from Hazelton is coming to help Fr. Pier celebrate this wonderful sacrament.



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 April 19th.



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

You practice perseverance by committing to someone or something. When you commit to a task, pace yourself, and be persistent, doing it step by step. Stand by your friends even when they are not fun, or having a hard time. When trouble or doubts come up, be strong and help them persevere through the hard times. Be a loyal and committed friend.



PLANT FUNDRAISER

Spring is in the air! We are selling hanging baskets, tomato plants, herbs, geraniums & petunias as a fundraiser for the school again this year. Each school family was given a note and order form. If parishioners wish to participate please fill out one of the forms at the back of the church & return it to the office by Friday, April 17th. Delivery of plants will be on Wednesday, May 6th. Profits from the sale will go to school activities. For more information, please call Arlene at the school @ 250-847-9414.

Year of Mercy (from Wednesday weekly)

On March 13, 2015 Pope Francis announced the celebration of an "extraordinary Holy Year". This "Jubilee of Mercy" will commence with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and will conclude on November 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Holy Father stated: "This is the time of mercy. It is important that the lay faithful live it and bring it into different social environments. Go forth!"

The opening of this next Jubilee will take place on the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. This is of great significance, for it impels the Church to continue the work begun at Vatican II.

During the Jubilee, the Sunday readings for Ordinary Time will be taken from the Gospel of Luke, the one referred to as "the evangelist of mercy". Dante Alighieri describes him as "scriba mansuetudinis Christi", "narrator of the meekness of Christ". There are many well known parables of mercy presented in the Gospel of Luke: the lost sheep, the lost coin, the merciful father.

The official and solemn announcement of the Holy Year will take place with the public proclamation of the *Bolla* in front of the Holy Door on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast instituted by Saint John Paul II and celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

In the ancient Hebrew tradition, the Jubilee Year, which was celebrated every 50 years, was meant to restore equality among all of the children of Israel, offering new possibilities to families which had lost their property and even their personal freedom. In addition, the Jubilee Year was a reminder to the rich that a time would come when their Israelite slaves would once again become their equals and would be able to reclaim their rights. "Justice, according to the Law of Israel, consisted above all in the protection of the weak" (St. John Paul II, Tertio millennio adveniente 13).



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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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

Pot luck lunch on March 29

We invite everyone to join us in potluck lunch for Mr. Ronnie Cruz on the 29th of March. Mr. Cruz used to be our pastoral assistant for three (3) years at St. Anthony's Parish and St. Joseph's Parish in Smithers. He was doing ministry from 2009-2012. Finishing his work permit and stay here in Canada, he intends to go back to the Philippines by April of this year.

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.

Joint PPC and Finance Council meeting today

We remind PPC and Finance council members of our meeting today after the mass. Thank you!

Church Items

We have three (3) paper towel dispenser left to be given away for those who are interested. One office table is available for sale to those who need it.

Ministries

We continue to encourage members to help us in our church ministries. We need Greeters, Lectors, EMC's, Gift bearers (offer bread and wine), and Servers. Thank you.

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 29, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

GREETERS	Tammy Hiebert Claudine Ketchel
LECTORS	#1 Stephen Rose #2 Glenn Farrell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic & Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	TBA
Collection Counter	Robert P.
Church Cleaning	(March 23-28) Claudine Ketchell

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM March 22, 2015

Loose	\$ 28.75	Diocesan Assemble Expenses	\$30.68
Envelope	<u>\$295.00</u>	Refund	
	<u>\$323.75</u>		

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".