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SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 28th & 29th, 2015 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year B)

Isaiah 50.4-7, Psalm 22, Philippians 2.6-11, Mark 14.1-15.47
 "The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ."



Week Mass Times Palm Sunday

Saturday	28th	7:00 pm	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Sunday	29th	9:00 am	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia †Dolores Krauskopf
Monday	30th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	31st	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	1st	9:00 am	
Thursday	2nd	11:00am @ Bulkley Lodge-Prayer Service 7:30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	3rd	2:00 pm	Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Saturday	4th	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	5th	9:00 am	Easter Sunday

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia

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Ministry Schedule

Thursday - Saturday, April 2-4, 2015
 Easter Triduum

	Thursday, Apr 2	Friday, Apr 3	Saturday, Apr 4
GREETER	Jean Miller Eileen Bouvier		Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Marj Coupe	Mary Ellen Kallio Katriona Barralon Christine Tessier	Gemma Gillis Michael desHarnais David Schwab Nilda Hudson Jim Schwab
E.M.C.*	Willy Koldyk Dave Hemenway Johanna Habjan	Willy Koldyk Dave Hemenway Johanna Habjan	Mary Stroet Dave Hemenway Johanna Habjan

SUNDAY, April 5, 2015

Solemnity, The Resurrection of the Lord

Greeters	Lectors	E.M.C.
Theo & Corrie Sikkas Jean Miller	Cara Polanin Christine Tessier	Lou Blackburn Foziea Loki Bob Bresser Johanna Habjan Al Bruintjes

COLLECTION REPORTS

March 21st & March 22nd, 2015 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Church \$ 1,726.35

School \$ 20.00

Development & Peace \$ 1,241.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call the parish



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: Because we juggle so many responsibilities, we often get caught up in the moment; with-out time to reflect on what is happening, our 'Hosanna in the highest' at the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem quickly becomes the 'crucify Him' with the crowd condemning Jesus at his trial. Today's liturgy helps us to see the importance of taking time to make good decisions so that good people do not get hurt. No matter how busy we are, we have to take time... Homework: pray, 'Jesus, no matter how busy my day is, help me to take time to be with you.'

Holy Week: Please see the schedule for our celebrations.

Reconciliation: On Monday March 30, from 5-8pm, Fr.Pier, Fr.Tom Shymko, Fr.Jomar
On Tuesday March 31, from 7-8pm, Fr.Pier.

Examination of Conscience:

Teaching by example: Isaiah 50:4 "that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word". How does my example bring support to the tired? Am I kind to the people I meet every day, my family, my friends, people I work with, my neighbors? Do I share my possessions with strangers? Do I see them as human beings like myself, or do I judge them by their appearance or some gossip I have heard about them? Have I visited someone sick, lonely, or in the hospital, or do I stay away from them? Do I work to save the lives of the unborn, or better the lives of our seniors? Do I lie? Serving with Humility: Phil 2:6 "Jesus did not regard equality with God something to be exploited, but emptied Himself". How do I serve humbly? Am I generous in offering my gifts and talents to the service of God and others, or do I hide them? Do I try to improve and grow in my abilities? Do I take responsibility for my own words and actions? Am I trying to control my moods, temper and bad habits? Do I give in to my addictions? Do I serve my family? Praying with conviction: Mark 15:34. "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Can I pray even when life appears grim? Do I take the time to speak and listen to God in prayer? Do I thank God for calling me to be a member of his people of praise? Do I attend mass regularly? Do I bring the Word of God into my everyday life? Am I ready to speak out for my faith in the challenges of today's society? Does my language always show respect for God and others?



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=VLgLITNlbT8&feature=youtu.be>.

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



- March 30 Reconciliation 5-8pm
- March 31 Reconciliation 7-8pm
- April 2 Holy Thursday 7:30pm
- April 3 Stations of the Cross (around church & school) 2pm
- April 3 Good Friday Service 3pm
- April 4 Easter Vigil 8pm
- April 5 Easter Sunday 9am
- April 20-23 Father Pier away
- April 26 Sacramental Prep—Eucharist 2-4pm

Holy Week

Please be guided with our Holy Week Liturgical activities schedule. Invite others to come and join us in our observation and together pray in this and be more aware of God .

This is the week which precedes the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The observation of the Holy Week includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. It is on this week that we, as church, celebrates the mystery of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with the messianic entrance to Jerusalem. (words patterned from the ORDO).

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday is also often referred to as "Passion Sunday." it marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday.

In the Bible, when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

The biblical account of Palm Sunday can be found in Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; and John 12:12-19.



THANK YOU... to all who participated in the cleaning of the church on Monday, March 23rd. It is clean and fresh for our Easter Season!



Thank You!



Flowers for Easter. We are looking for donations of mum plants and cut flowers for the Easter Season. If you would like to make your flower donation in memory of someone, please attach a small card with their name. Flowers can be dropped off at the parish office before Wednesday, April 1st Thank you!



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

A quote from Ella Fitzgerald: "Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there's love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong." Sometimes in our lives, it is important to remember that God loves and values each of us equally, even if we don't feel valued or loved by others. We can stay true to ourselves.



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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday some of our grade two and three students received their Sacrament of Reconciliation. *First Reconciliation*
Congratulations Riley Pederson, Kelcie Blackburn, Reuben Bruintjes, Eric Malbeuf, Daniel Oberlader, Owen Puentes, Gwen Mitchell, Callum Turner and Tamika Ramos-Butschle.



First Reconciliation



St. Joseph's School has these teaching positions open for September 2015:

- Full-time grade 7 for one year limited duration contract
- .8 to full-time Learning Assistance teacher
- .5 one year limited duration contract for intermediate French as a Second Language.

For further information, or to fill out an application form, please go to Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George Diocese website at www.cispg.ca under the employment section. Contact Chris Dugdale, Superintendent, by email at cis@cispg.ca or by telephone at 250-964-5642 if you have questions.

St. Joseph's School also has a **part-time flexible hours book keeper position open** (approximately one day a week except for school start-up and year-end.) Training and experience required, but on-the-job training will also be provided. Resumes can be forwarded to The Hiring Committee, Box 454, Smithers, BC, V0J 2N0, or by email to stj@cispg.ca, or dropped off at the school office. Please contact the school office if you have questions.



The students and staff of St. Joseph's will be on spring break from March 30th—April 10th. May they take this time to regenerate and enjoy the Easter season which promises renewal & growth. God Bless!

Condolences (from Wednesday weekly)

It is with sadness we announce that Lawrence Beaudette, father of Rev. Richard Beaudette, OMI, passed away Tuesday, March 24th at the age of 87. A Funeral Mass will be held this Saturday, March 28th, 2015 in Vegreville, Alberta. As we pray for the repose of his soul, we also offer our condolences and prayerful support to Fr. Richard and his family.



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. Student receiving this bursary must meet the following criteria:



- Graduated from St Joseph's School, Smithers
 - Attended St Joseph's School, Smithers for (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



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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

April Liturgical and other activities

2Thursday	Holy Thursday Mass at 5PM
3Friday	Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3PM at St. Anthony's ground; followed by the veneration of the Cross at St. Anthony's Church
4Saturday	Easter Vigil at St. Joseph's Church 8PM . Everyone is invited to participate
5Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass at 11:30 AM
12Sunday	Mass at 11:30 AM
16Thursday	Adult Faith Formation at 2:30 PM
19Sunday	Mass at 11:30 AM
26Sunday	Mass at 11:30 AM

Thank you!!

To those who joined us in the Chrism mass and witnessed our priests in the Diocese of Prince George renew their priestly commitment, thank you!

Potluck lunch

Please join us down stairs after mass for a potluck lunch praying for Mr. Ronnie Cruz and bidding him all the best as he prepares to return to the Philippines.

Adult faith formation

Due to our celebration of the Holy Thursday, Adult faith formation will be cancelled on April 2. We will resume the session on April 16 (Third Thursday of the month).

Registration for Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist

For those parents and guardians of children ages 7 and up , you can enroll them to undergo the process of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. For further information and questions, please see Dennis Gonia, our Pastoral Assistant.

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, April 5, 2015

The Resurrection of the Lord

GREETERS	Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	Vic and Gail James
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Dawn Bishop Ronnie Cruz
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Harry and Helene Doyle
Collection Counter	Eric Bishop (April 5)
Church Cleaning	Bishop Family (March 30-April 4)

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

DONATIONS FROM March 22, 2015

Loose	\$ 30.00
Envelope	\$ 275.00
	\$ 305.00

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (from the CCC)

IV. HOW CAN WE SPEAK ABOUT GOD?

39 In defending the ability of human reason to know God, the Church is expressing her confidence in the possibility of speaking about him to all men and with all men, and therefore of dialogue with other religions, with philosophy and science, as well as with unbelievers and atheists.

40 Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

41 All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, "for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator".