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SUNDAY BULLETIN for April 11th & April 12th, 2015 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.32-35, Psalm 118, 1 John 5.1-6, John 20.19-31
"After eight days, Jesus came and stood among them."



Week Mass Times 2nd Sunday of Easter

Saturday	11th	8:00 pm	† <i>Jessie Eileen Towns</i>
Sunday	12th	9:00 am	† <i>Bresser Family/Souls in Purgatory</i>
Monday	13th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	14th	6:15 pm	<i>Intentions for Sr. Jude VanBaalén</i>
Wednesday	15th	9:00 am	
Thursday	16th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	17th	9:00 am	
Saturday	18th	7:00 pm	† <i>Maria Sowa/ †Joe Dobek</i>
Sunday	19th	9:00 am	† <i>Incenzo Napoli</i> † <i>Michelangelo & Concetta Sia</i>

Ministry Schedule April 18th & 19th, 2015 3rd Sunday of Easter

DATE	Saturday, Apr 18	Sunday, Apr 19
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Casey & Alice DenBoer Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS	Emily Buenten Gemma Gillis	Cara Polanin Michael DesHarnais
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Bob Bresser Jean Moisey	Foziea Loki Lu Blackburn Dorothy Cardinal
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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

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Maintenance: Pete Stroet

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie MacIsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

COLLECTION REPORTS

April 4th & April 5th, 2015 – Easter Sunday

Church \$2,782.70

School \$125.00

Holy Land \$917.50

Development & Peace \$160.45

Thank you for your generosity!

***Stewardship of our time, talents and treasure ensures the Church's commitment to spread the Gospel - Christ is Risen. Please consider the Electronic Funds Transfer option.**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

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



Easter Season: the readings show the growth of the Church, the people who gather because they believe that Jesus is risen. No one image can exhaust the Church – each adding an aspect of the mystery. Throughout the Easter Season we will look at different models.

Church Models: **Sacramental** * Institutional * Community * Herald * Service * Discipleship

In the SACRAMENTAL model of the Church, the emphasis is on the Church as the dwelling place of God among humans. As the sacraments are visible signs which make Christ present in the world, so the Church as sacrament makes present in the world the invisible RISEN CHRIST until he comes on the last day – as God is present in Jesus, so Jesus is present in the Church. In this model, the mission of the Church is to be a meaningful sign to the whole world, both believers and unbelievers. The strength is the visible unity in the sacramental liturgies, and the weakness is a possible disproportionate emphasis on the visible liturgical actions rather than on inner conversion.

Mercy Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter. Beginning with April 30, 2000, Saint John Paul II encouraged the second Sunday of Easter to be dedicated to the mystery of the mercy of God. This has origins in the Catholic Devotion of Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska is credited with bringing to the Church. The Divine Mercy devotion is prayed using the Rosary. On the Our Father bead you pray 'Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.' On the Hail Mary bead you pray 'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.' And on the Glory bead you pray three times 'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.' This is particularly important as Pope Francis has declared that beginning with December 2015, we will have a year of Mercy.

Homework: pray 'help me to be a visible sign of mercy to all I meet.'

Pastor Endorsement: I would encourage participation in the upcoming New Evangelization Summit April 24/25, 2015 in Terrace. Registration required.

Pastor Endorsement: I would encourage our young people to participate in the upcoming Diocesan Youth Conference, May 1-3, in Prince George.



Diocesan Youth Conference 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?v=VLgLiTNlbT8&feature=youtu.be>.

Don't miss out this *Conference begins May 1-3rd, 2015*

For more info call Melissa Cachia thru the office at 847-2012



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

- April 20-23 Father Pier away
- April 26 Eucharist Sacramental Prep Retreat #1 - 2-4:30pm
- April 26 World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 1 Feast of St. Joseph, the worker Wine & Cheese Social 7pm
- May 3 Eucharist Sacramental Prep Retreat #2 - 2-4:30pm
- May 24 Eucharist Sacramental Prep Retreat #3 - 2-4:30pm

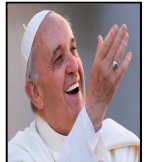


May 2, 2015 Sacred Heart Parish in Terrace.

Peter Thompson, an evangelist, will teach on the **New Evangelization**, the **New Pentecost** needed for it to happen & proclaim the **Gospel** that has the power to change our lives &

enable us to live more fully as disciples of Jesus Christ.

More information on bulletin board .



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
Development and Peace

Thank you for your generous donations of \$3486.05 towards Share Lent, Development and Peace's main fundraiser of the year. Many projects can continue on because of your support. Please keep Development and Peace and their many partners throughout the world in your prayers as they strive to support people in the struggles they face.

Thank you for your ministry!!!

Our Liturgical celebrations become an occasion for us to encounter God in this Season of Lent and Easter. We would like to say thank you to those church members whose dedication to service and whose help made our church activities and prayers all the more an opportunity of meeting God.

To the Ministers (Musicians, Choir, Greeters, Lectors, EMC's and Servers, Collection counters and Cleaners) for your untiring service and commitment to our parish—thank you!

To those who spare time to help us prepare for our Holy Week celebration: from our Holy Thursday Mass; the way of the cross; those who prepared our altar of repose; those who change our linens to appropriate liturgical colors for the celebration—thank you!

To those who brought flowers for our Easter celebration—thank you! They add more color and life to our Church.

To all those who rendered service but were not mentioned—God who sees you in secret will reward you according to his goodness. **Happy Easter!!!**



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"



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.



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 bookkeeper 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 at 847-9414.

Bill C-356 (An Act Respecting a National Strategy for Dementia).
(From Wednesday Weekly)

The Private Member's Bill (C-356), The National Strategy for Dementia Act, was introduced by Claude Gravelle, a Member of Parliament, and calls on the Government of Canada to increase funding for research; to promote earlier diagnosis and intervention; to strengthen the integration of primary, home, and community care; to enhance the skills and training of the dementia workforce, and to improve support for caregivers. The final vote for this bill is scheduled for May 6.

On March 13 the Conservatives announced they would oppose the bill, introducing instead their own motion that focused more on research initiatives and listing some main issues to address moving forward. Research is good but a non-binding motion rather than a law means no mandate to act, no real leadership from Ottawa, no help now for those patients, their caregivers and healthcare providers. As MP Claude Gravelle stated, "What the Conservatives call their national dementia strategy is in fact a research strategy alone, a plan that does not immediately help patients, caregivers, and the dementia workforce. As important as research is, it does not help keep our loved ones with Alzheimer or related dementia diseases in the home."

Parishioners are encouraged to contact their local Member of Parliament if they support Bill C-356. This action has been successful recently with the palliative and end-of-life care motion (M-456) where enough people contacted their Conservative MPs who then voted for the bill, despite their own government's opposition.



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



Knights of Columbus Council 7973
 Fr. Callaly Council Monthly Meeting

Date: Sunday Evening April 12
 Time: 7:00 PM
 Place: St Joseph's parish Centre.

Jim Schwab-Grand Knight

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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

Adult Faith Formation

Adult faith Formation will resume on April 16 (Thursday). Please read in advance Chapter Three (3) of the "Joy of the Gospel" book page 79.

THANK YOU!!!

We experienced God through the Sacraments and Liturgies that we have celebrated throughout the whole season of Lent and in this season of Easter. The community of Saint Anthony's Parish would like to express our thanks to those who actively helped out in making this encounter possible:

To the Ministers (Greeters, Lectors, EMC's and Servers, Collection counters and Cleaners) for your untiring service and commitment to our parish—thank you!

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To all those who rendered service but were not mentioned—God who sees you in secret will reward you according to his goodness.

To those who gave us (Dennis and Fr. Pier) gifts, thank you for your generosity.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Continues reminder...children ages 7 and up are now accepted to undergo the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, please see our Pastoral Assistant Dennis Gonia or call telephone number 250-845-2841 or 778-816-0512 (cellular phone).

PPC and Finance Meeting

Heads up to all members of the Parish PPC and Finance Council. Our next meeting (preliminary meeting for budget) will be on April 19, Sunday, after mass.

God is alive Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, April 19, 2015 *3rd Sunday of Easter*

GREETERS	Catholic Women's League
LECTORS	Catholic Women's League
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Catholic Women's League
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	Catholic Women's League
Collection Counter	Carm Brockerville
Church Cleaning	April 13-18 Tammy Heibert

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!

Donations from April 5, 2015

Loose	\$ 34.80	Holy Land	\$75.00
Envelope	<u>\$925.00</u>		
	<u>\$959.80</u>		

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (from the CCC)

IN BRIEF

44 Man is by nature and vocation a religious being. Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.

45 Man is made to live in communion with God in whom he finds happiness: When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrow or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete (St. Augustine, *Conf.* 10, 28, 39: PL 32, 795).

46 When he listens to the message of creation and to the voice of conscience, man can arrive at certainty about the existence of God, the cause and the end of everything.

47 The Church teaches that the one true God, our Creator and Lord, can be known with certainty from his works, by the natural light of human reason (cf. Vatican Council I, can. 2 § 1: DS 3026).

48 We really can name God, starting from the manifold perfections of his creatures, which are likenesses of the infinitely perfect God, even if our limited language cannot exhaust the mystery.

49 Without the Creator, the creature vanishes (GS 36). This is the reason why believers know that the love of Christ urges them to bring the light of the living God to those who do not know him or who reject him.