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SUNDAY BULLETIN for April 11th & April 12th, 2015 SOLEMINTY, The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10.34a, 37-43, Psalm 118, Colossians 3.1-4, John 20.1-18
 "According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead."



Week Mass Times Easter Octave

Saturday	4th	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	5th	9:00 am	Easter Sunday
Monday	6th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	7th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	8th	9:00 am	
Thursday	9th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	10th	9:00 am	
Saturday	11th	7:00 pm	†Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	12th	9:00 am	†Bresser Family/Souls in Purgatory

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Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia

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RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie MacIsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Ministry Schedule April 11th & 12th, 2015 2nd Sunday of Easter

DATE	Saturday, Apr 11	Sunday, Apr 12
GREETERS	Sid & Margaret Sikkas Liesel Cleveland	Knights of Columbus
LECTORS	Sarah Sia Angela Sia	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Bob Bresser Dave Hemenway	Knights of Columbus
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

March 28th & March 29th, 2015 – Palm Sunday
 Church \$1,939.21

Diocesan Appeal Parish Goal : \$ 21,666
 Pledges Received: \$ 19,415



***Stewardship of our time, talents and treasure ensures the
 Church's commitment to spread the Gospel - Christ is Risen.
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Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Joe, Ce, Rose, James, Deven, Clare, Janet, Gloria,
 Francis, Gwen, 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



HAPPY EASTER. New life comes out of struggle. Our struggle is with believing that **Jesus Christ**, human, **is**, at this moment, **risen**, in a glorified form. Emerging through this struggle gives us new life.

A child spent hours watching a butterfly struggling to emerge from its cocoon. It managed to make a small hole, but its body was too large to get through it. After a long struggle, it appeared to be exhausted and remained absolutely still. The child decided to help the butterfly and, with a pair of scissors, cut open the cocoon, thus releasing the butterfly. The child continued to watch, hoping that, at any moment, the butterfly would open its wings and fly away. Nothing happened; in fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its brief life dragging around its shrunken body and shrivelled wings, incapable of flight. You see, the tight cocoon and the efforts that the butterfly had to make in order to squeeze out of that tiny hole were Nature's way of squeezing liquids from the body into the wings to prepare them for flight. The gesture of the child to remove the struggle lead to the diminished life of the butterfly.

Our faith tells us that God took on human form and lived among us, the Christmas story. Our faith tells us that God is all the time everywhere. Our faith tells us that an eternal and glorified existence awaits us, the Easter story. We can struggle with each of these. But one lesson the butterfly story teaches is that making the teachings of faith easier is not the answer. **HOMEWORK:** pray "Jesus Christ is Risen, Jesus Christ is truly Risen".

Message from the Bishop: "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."

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Happy Easter!
Bishop Stephen Jensen



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.



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

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 millenio adveniente* 13).



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 SALE



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 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 at 847-9414.



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!



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.** Please call the school office if you have any questions. **Garage sale is Saturday, April 18th, from 8:00am-11:00am in the gymnasium.**



May 2 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. *"Joy of the Gospel"*



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

Next CWL Executive Meeting: April 7th @ 1pm



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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

Easter Message From Bp. Stephen Jensen Diocese of Prince George

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Catholic Women's League

April 8th meeting will be at 7PM.

Reminder: members who had not made their donations for the Mother's day raffle on May, please bring them next meeting.

Thank you!

To all who brought food, those who helped out and participated in our potluck luncheon last Sunday.

To everyone who took part in making our services for Lenten and Easter season more prayerful. **Happy Easter to us all!!!**

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, April 12, 2015 2nd Sunday of Easter

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	1 Elaine Kaszas 2 Paula Kettle
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic & Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia
Gift Bearers	Bill Goold and Yolande Binner
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	April 6-11 Kelly Family

COLLECTION REPORTS

Thank you for your constant support and generosity!
DONATIONS FROM March 29, 2015

Loose	\$ 50.25	Development and Peace	\$25.00
Envelope	<u>\$515.00</u>		
	\$565.25		

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD (from the CCC)

IV How can we speak about God?

42 God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, image-bound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God--"the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable"--with our human representations. Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.

43 Admittedly, in speaking about God like this, our language is using human modes of expression; nevertheless it really does attain to God himself, though unable to express him in his infinite simplicity. Likewise, we must recall that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude"; and that "concerning God, we cannot grasp what he is, but only what he is not, and how other beings stand in relation to him."