



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for May 2nd & May 3rd, 2015 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.26-31, Psalm 22, 1 John 3.18-24, John 15-1-8

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit."*



### Week Mass Times 5th Sunday of Easter

Saturday	2nd	7:00 pm	†Paul & Elisabeth Strebel
Sunday	3rd	9:00 am	†Necitas Sasing Ramos
Monday	4th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	5th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	6th	9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	7th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	8th	9:00 am	†Memorial for Ce Midnight
Saturday	9th	7:00 pm	
Sunday	10th	9:00 am	†Necitas Sasing Ramos †Alida Bot

### Ministry Schedule May 9th & 10th, 2015 6th Sunday of Easter

DATE	Saturday, May 9	Sunday, May 10
<b>GREETERS</b>	David & Marj Hemenway	CWL
<b>LECTORS</b>	Christine Tessier Vigil Overstall	CWL
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	Jean Moisey Bob Bresser	CWL
<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  
 Casey Pyper, David Schwab  
*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 25th & April 26th, 2015 – 4th Sunday of Easter  
 Church \$2,008.20  
 School \$5.00  
 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:*  
**Rose, James, Deven, 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 message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ has to be shared – and the community responsible for spreading this message is the Church, the Body of Christ.

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

In the **COMMUNITY** model of the Church, the emphasis is on the life-sharing community. Just as the ministry of Jesus gathered the scattered people (whether through illness, or social status, or gender, or marital relationship), so the Church is responsible for bringing people together under God (and keeping them together). The strength of this model is the simple recognition that we cannot live alone; and from that truth the Church looks at how best to bring out the gifts of every individual so that the needs of all people may be addressed. The weakness can be a romanticized notion of the community that forgets or ignores the struggle necessary to overcome challenges. The Crusades (1096-1270) and the Catholic response to heretics (Inquisitions, 1299 etc.) are dark moments in the Catholic Church's history: protecting the community is important, but at what expense and with what means?

**5<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter. Jesus the Vine.** "Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.", said Jesus (John 15: 4-5) This beautiful image teaches us so much. (1)the vine is first; how do I ensure that God is first? (2)the branches are necessary; do I know how important I am to God? (3)to produce the fruit, struggle and cooperation are essential; how do I prepare myself for the struggles that inevitably will come my way?

**Homework:** The Prayer of St. Francis is a great prayer for community living: *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*

## YOUTH GROUP

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: to be announced!**

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



- May 1 Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker  
Mass with 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 24 Pentecost Sunday
- May 31 Solemnity of the Holy Trinity



### MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CE MIDNIGHT

Let us join in prayer with the family of Ce Midnight in a memorial service which will be held on the **8th of May (Friday) at 1PM** at St. Joseph's Parish. Refreshment to follow in the church foyer.

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord! And Let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."*



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR  
**Development  
and Peace**

Development and Peace is working with Caritas Internationalis and Caritas Nepal to support the efforts of local organizations to meet the needs of victims of this past weekend's earthquake. In the face of this tragedy, our prayers are turned towards our sisters and brothers from Nepal and neighboring India. Please also consider donating online for this emergency at: <http://www.devp.org/en> or <https://www.devp.org/en/articles/earthquake-nepal>

A collection will be taken up next weekend. Additional envelopes are available in the Church foyer for use for cash/cheques. Tax receipts will be issued at year end, as usual.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### VOCATION RETREAT AT CAMP MORICE May 15-17, 2015

Camp Morice, Fort St. James, B. C.  
Facilitated by Father Terry Brock & Most Rev. Stephen Jensen  
For men & women ages 19 and up who are interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Cost \$50  
Space is Limited. Register Early!

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.





**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
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**VIRTUE: GENTLENESS**

*Who do you know that is gentle? How does this person make you feel? Probably there is a feeling of trust among your feelings. We are reminded by Jesus to call God our father. God is a like loving parent whom we can trust with everything and anything. And may we be gentle people of God.*

**PSG GRADE 12 BURSARY**

This year, the PSG established a \$500 bursary for graduating students who have attended St. Joe's for a minimum of four years. If there are only two applicants the bursary will be divided in two, if there is more than two applicants it will be a random draw. For more details, contact the high school awards program.

**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](http://www.cispg.ca) under the employment section. Contact Chris Dugdale, Superintendent, by email at [cis@cispg.ca](mailto: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](mailto:stj@cispg.ca), or dropped off at the school office. Please contact the school office if you have questions at 847-9414.

**SCHOOL AGM**

The school AGM is May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 in the library. All parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.

**EMERGENCY NEPAL**

A massive earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck Nepal on April 25, 2015. More than 4200 people are dead and more than 7500 are injured. In a joint campaign with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Development and Peace is coming to the aid of the earthquake's victims through their Caritas partners in Nepal. The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, all of the donations made by Canadians to support the victims of the earthquake in Nepal until May 25, 2015. Parishioners are encouraged to donate prior to this date. Mailed donations to the campaign should be sent to Development and Peace, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, QC H3G 1T7. Additionally, donations can be made by phone to 1-888-664-3387 or online at [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org). Thank you! *(information from the Chancery)*



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*

### May Activities and Liturgical Schedule

May 3 11:30 AM Mass  
May 10 11:30 AM Mass (CWL Sunday; Mother's Day Raffle)  
May 17 11:30 AM Mass  
May 24 11:30 AM Mass (Soup and Bun Luncheon)  
May 31 11:30 AM Mass (Trinity Sunday)

### Let us pray for Nepal

Our fellow human beings in Nepal are suffering from the recent tragedy that struck them, an earthquake of 7.9 magnitude on April 25 2015. As of April 29, report said death toll could reach up to 10,000. Let us pray for those who died and those who are suffering. For those who can extend help aside from prayer, Please also consider donating online for this emergency at: <http://www.devp.org/en> or <https://www.devp.org/en/articles/earthquake-nepal>

### Church Maintenance

The Church's carpet have been cleaned. A cleaning company had it done last week including the apartment where the staff live. Thank you for the effort of the council especially Eric Bishop who takes care of the maintenance of our Physical Church.

### May—Marian Month

The Blessed Virgin Mary is respected and venerated in the Catholic faith because of her special Role in the History on our Salvation. The Church, in her honor, dedicate this month (May) as Marian month and is celebrated and understood in the wider context of the liturgical season.

We are constantly encouraged to pray with Mary and ask for her motherly guide as we journey towards our heavenly home.

### Adult Faith Formation

Regular session will be on the 7th of May at 2:30 PM  
CWL **Mother's Day Raffle Draw** will be on 10th of May after Mass.



### We pray for the Sick:

*Denise, Helen&Harry, Eric, Sr., Vi, Arsenia, Reginald, Kelda, Georgina, Shirley, and Shaylyn*

### Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, May 3, 2015

**5th Sunday of Easter**

GREETERS	Adrian Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	1. Glenn Farrell 2. Patricia Farrell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Harry and Helen Doyle
Collection Counter	Eric Bishop
Church Cleaning	(May 4-9) Kelly Family and Carm

### COLLECTION REPORTS

#### Sunday Collections (April 26, 2015)

Loose	\$ 17.00
Envelope	\$285.00
	\$302.00

### Catechism Corner (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

#### Article I

#### II THE STAGES OF REVELATION The Covenant with Noah

**56** After the unity of the human race was shattered by sin God at once sought to save humanity part by part. The covenant with Noah after the flood gives expression to the principle of the divine economy toward the "nations", in other words, towards men grouped "in their lands, each with [its] own language, by their families, in their nations".

**57** This state of division into many nations is at once cosmic, social and religious. It is intended to limit the pride of fallen humanity united only in its perverse ambition to forge its own unity as at Babel. But, because of sin, both polytheism and the idolatry of the nation and of its rulers constantly threaten this provisional economy with the perversion of paganism.

**58** The covenant with Noah remains in force during the times of the Gentiles, until the universal proclamation of the Gospel. The Bible venerates several great figures among the Gentiles: Abel the just, the king-priest Melchisedek - a figure of Christ - and the upright "Noah, Daniel, and Job". Scripture thus expresses the heights of sanctity that can be reached by those who live according to the covenant of Noah, waiting for Christ to "gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad".