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SUNDAY BULLETIN for May 16th & May 17th, 2015 Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1.1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1.17-23, Mark 16.15-20
"The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sits at the right hand of God."



Week Mass Times Ascension of the Lord

Saturday	16th	7:00 pm	† <i>Jessie Eileen Towns</i>
Sunday	17th	9:00 am	
Monday	18th	No Mass	
Tuesday	19th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	20th	9:00 am	
Thursday	21st	11:00am	@ <i>Bulkley Lodge</i>
Friday	22nd	9:00 am	
Saturday	23rd	7:00 pm	† <i>Victorino Pacheco</i>
Sunday	24th	9:00 am	† <i>Michelangelo & Concetta Sia</i> † <i>Necitas Sasing Ramos</i>

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Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia
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Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Ministry Schedule May 23rd & 24th, 2015 Pentecost Sunday

DATE	Saturday, May 23	Sunday, May 24
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford	Knights of Columbus
LECTORS	Sarah Sia Angela Sia	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany Tina Gemmell	Knights of Columbus
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

May 8th & May 9th, 2015 – 6th Sunday of Easter
 Church \$2,053.60
 School \$125.00
 Development & Peace (Nepal) \$3,810.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Diocesan Appeal Update:

Parish Goal : \$ 21,666
Received: \$ 19,915



Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Janina, Sandy, 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 DISCIPLESHIP model, the mission of the church is to be a faithful disciple of Jesus in the world. The major strengths of this model are the composite of the strengths of the previous models: structure, availability of the Spirit, rich theology of Scripture, and commitment to social action. The major weaknesses are related to emphasizing one element to the detriment of another – a poor balancing act. Since our Church is founded on the event of Jesus, what keeps us together is a closeness to the mystery of that original event.

7th Sunday of Easter. Ascension Sunday. “And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them” (Mk16:20) Jesus ascended into heaven, not to distance Himself from our lowly state, but to make us confident of following where he has gone. The disciple of Jesus is someone who walks in the world knowing that Jesus is walking with them. Wherever we are able to do this, there we can find the Church. Whenever we are able to do this, then the Spirit is at work creating communion with God. **Homework:** Pray often “God grant me confidence.” And see what happens.

Summer opportunities out at Camp Morice on Stewart Lake: I have met many who have memories of Camp Morice. I am asking for your help to spread awareness of the Camp. **CAMPING :** if you are a family that enjoys camping, consider checking out the campsite and the beautiful beach. **ORGANIZED CAMPS:** there are camps for children of all ages and there are camps for families. **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** we are looking for a few 18+ people who will help facilitate the children’s camps – great opportunity to deepen your faith witnessing. **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:** we have various levels of volunteering depending on your age, and in exchange for your volunteering time, we give you leadership training and time to enjoy Camp Morice. Contact the Parish Office for more info.

Summer Sunday Donations: people are very good at giving what they can to the Church - thank you. As summer begins, it would be appropriate to make some offering to the Church that you are attending when out of town, and it is necessary to remember to help St. Joseph so we can keep ministering to the people that come through Smithers. If you have not done so, please consider applying for the automatic withdrawal. Call the Office for more info.

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



May 18 No Mass-Fr. Pier away in PG
May 24 Eucharist Sacramental Prep
Retreat #3 - 2-4:30pm
May 24 Pentecost Sunday
May 25-29 No Mass-Fr. Pier with Grade 7 Field Trip
May 31 Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

World Communication Day—May 17

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communications (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.



The media can promote the values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church’s ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

The Pope’s Pastoral Works - May 17

A disastrous flood or earthquake strikes a nation at the other end of the world. Immediately many countries rush in food, medicine, blankets, money and trained people. Prominent among such aids is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. In the name of Catholics everywhere, he displays Christ’s love and compassion for those who suffer.

Each year at this time, Canadian Catholics are asked to give generously to this papal collection, which is passed on to the Holy Father for his use among those stricken by natural disasters.



CANADIAN CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
**Development
and Peace**

Special Collection for Nepal

Thank you!!!! to everyone who donated to the Development and Peace emergency collection for the people of Nepal. If you still wish to donate you can do so through our Parish or with Development and Peace directly by mailing in a cheque, donating on line or by phone. **\$3,810.75** was brought in last weekend by donating through our parish or writing cheques directly to Development and Peace. Again, thank you.

Development and Peace Workshop and Retreat:

In Kelowna on the **May 22-24** weekend, the weekend after the long weekend, retired Archbishop James Weisgerber will be leading a weekend and discussion on “What kind of Church does Pope Francis want to Lead?”. Given the changes the Pope is initiating in Rome, it is a very timely topic. If you want to participate please contact Jeannette Atwell at ljatwell@gmail.com or phone her at 250 861-4242.



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Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

VIRTUE: Modesty

Modesty is being comfortable with yourself. It is knowing you have special gifts and that others do as well. You practice modesty by not letting other people use you. You are respectful of your body and your privacy, and you expect others to be too.

"Thank You! The School Council would like to thank all of the individuals and the following business' and foundation that have graciously donated to our Field Restoration & Equipment Replacement Project thus far:

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We are still accepting donations. If you or someone you know is interested in getting involved please contact Trevor Bruintjes at [250-877-7012](tel:250-877-7012) or trevorbruintjes@hotmail.com.

Special Presentations on Bioethics, End of Life Issues, Euthanasia and Assisted Dying (at Prince George)

Join with members of the Catholic Women's League on Saturday, June 13th from 8:30 am – 1:45 pm to hear keynote speaker, Dr. Moira McQueen, LLB, MDiv, Phd. Speaking on Bioethics and End of Life Issues, Euthanasia and Assisted Dying, Dr. McQueen will provide a Roman Catholic perspective along with guidance into the moral and ethical dilemmas that have arisen because of new developments in science and medicine. All are welcome but advance registration is required. Fee: \$10.00 for presentation and \$20.00 for optional lunch. See poster for further details. Register at Sacred Heart Cathedral in person at 887 Patricia Boulevard, by phone (250)564-5225 or by email shcath@shawcable.com.

**51st International Eucharistic Conference
 January 24-31, 2016**

Every four years, Catholic faithful from around the world gather together to reflect on and celebrate the great mystery of the Eucharist during the International Eucharistic Congress. Youth, families and organizations belonging to the Catholic community are invited to experience the fullness of the Eucharist and deepen their Catholic Faith through the Symposium and Congress taking place January 24-31, 2016 in Cebu, Philippines. International Eucharistic Congress 2016 is also looking for dedicated volunteers from around the world who are willing to help promote the presence of the Eucharist in their Roman Catholic community. Please see the Congress website for online registration, travel details, and further information at: <http://iec2016.ph/>



The Catholic Women's League is the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada. It is an organization that has been going strong in most parishes across Canada since the 1980's. The Catholic Women's League is all about family. We actively fight for the rights of women and families at all levels of government, passing resolutions and working hard to understand and then act on complex political and social issues that affects all Canadians. As we, through fundraising activities, we support many groups that embody gospel values.

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Visit to the Sick at Home: by a



SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am



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Dennis Gonia
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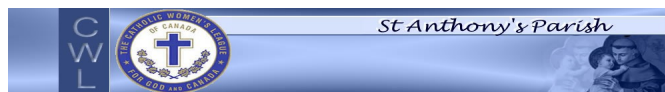
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May Activities and Liturgical Schedule

May 17 11:30 AM Mass

May 24 11:30 AM Mass Pentecost Sunday
(Soup and Bun Luncheon)

May 31 11:30 AM Mass (Trinity Sunday)



Mother's Day Raffle Draw Winners

Announcing the result of the CWL Mother's Day Raffle drawn last Sunday (May 10) at St. Anthony's Church.

1st Prize—\$500 gift certificate **Bill Goold**
2nd Prize—Basket **Bea Paquin**
3rd Prize—Placement **Tony De Sousa**

We made \$1,650.00 out of this Mother's Day Raffle. Our thanks to all those who supported this project. God bless us all.

Help Nepal—Thank you!

Thank you to those who had given their donation for Nepal last Sunday. We have collected \$545.00. this amount will be sent to the Development and Peace together with other collections fathered for the single purpose of helping those who are affected by the earthquake in Nepal. Whatever amount raised will be matched by the Canadian Government. "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. (Gal. 6:9)"

Soup and Bun Luncheon

Soup and Bun Luncheon will be next Sunday (May 24) please refer to the bulletin board for assignments. Let us continue supporting our communal activities.



We pray for the Sick:

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

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, May 24, 2015 Pentecost Sunday

GREETERS	Frank and Liz Gerei
LECTORS	1. Adrian Meeuwissen 2. Stephen Rose
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Bill Goold and Molly Luszch
Collection Counter	Dennis Gonia
Church Cleaning	(May 18-23) Claudine Ketchell

COLLECTION REPORTS

Sunday Collections (May 10, 2015)

Loose	\$ 26.75	Emergency Nepal	545.00
Envelope	<u>\$510.00</u>		
	\$536.75		

Catechism Corner (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Article I

II THE STAGES OF REVELATION God forms his people Israel

62 After the patriarchs, God formed Israel as his people by freeing them from slavery in Egypt. He established with them the covenant of Mount Sinai and, through Moses, gave them his law so that they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God, the provident Father and just judge, and so that they would look for the promised Savior.

63 Israel is the priestly people of God, "called by the name of the LORD", and "the first to hear the word of God", the people of "elder brethren" in the faith of Abraham.

64 Through the prophets, God forms his people in the hope of salvation, in the expectation of a new and everlasting Covenant intended for all, to be written on their hearts. The prophets proclaim a radical redemption of the People of God, purification from all their infidelities, a salvation which will include all the nations. Above all, the poor and humble of the Lord will bear this hope. Such holy women as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Judith and Esther kept alive the hope of Israel's salvation. The purest figure among them is Mary.