St. Joseph's Parish

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Ministry Schedule September 5 & September 6, 2015 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

| DATE | Saturday, Sept. 5 | Sunday, Sept. 6 |
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| GREETERS | Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson | Wayne & Andrea Callison Jean Miller |
| LECTORS | Christine Tessier Vigil Overstall | Mary-Ellen Kallio Brian Burrill |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | David Hemenway Bob Bresser | Foziea Loki Lu Blackburn Johanna Habjan |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Volunteer Servers | Volunteer Servers |



Week Mass Times 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 29th 7:00 pm People of the Parish
Sunday 30th 9:00 am †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia

Monday 31st 9:00 am Tuesday 1st 6:15 pm Wednesday 2nd 9:00 am

Thursday 3rd 11:00 am @ Bulkley Lodge

Friday 4th 9:00am

Saturday 5th 7:00 pm *People of the Parish*Sunday 6th 9:00 am *People of the Parish*

COLLECTION REPORTS

August 22nd & 23rd, 2015 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$2,162.65 School \$100.00 Papal Charities \$20.00 Holy Land \$20.00

Thank you for your genourosity!



LET US PRAY FOR: Nelson, Nyla, Rose, Jane, Jules, Sandy, James, Janet, Francis, Esther, Frank, Lucia, Zenny, Ricardo and Shelley

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Dennis Gonia



Ministry Schedule SUNDAY September 6, 2015 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

| GREETERS | Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell |
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| LECTORS | Vic and Gail James |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION | Adrian and Dawn Bishop |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Lucas and Alicia Bishop |
| Gift Bearers | Harry and Helen Doyle |
| Collection Counter | Eric Bishop |
| Church Cleaning | (Aug 31-Sept. 5) Bishop Family |

COLLECTION REPORTS Sunday Collections (August 23, 2015)

Loose \$ 12.40 Envelope \$250.00 \$262.40

ATTENTION! To all St. Anthony's Parishioners. It is that time again when we are asking you to contribute \$25.00 to either Dennis or Georgina so they can purchase an item on sale for bidding on at the **SILENT AUCTION** to be held in September.. You have the option to purchase an on sale item yourself. At Canadian Tire this week, they had a Lagostina Wok on for \$20.99 originally costing \$83.99. That is why it is better to buy an on sale item. Thank you—Dennis and Georgina

From Saints to us...

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." -St. Augustine



We pray for the Sick: & Harry. Eric Sr., Arsenia. Rec

Denise, Helen & Harry, Eric Sr., Arsenia, Reginald, Kelda, Georgina, Shaylyn and Max, Fred, and Pol



<u>Wicked designs come from within:</u> In very dramatic terms, Jesus points out that what goes into a person does not defile (or make a person unholy), but that evil comes from within the heart, whether the evil is a thought or an action. Evil is even more evil when it comes out of a heart designed for God to dwell (the first reading of today speaks about the Word of God or the truth that is supreme over all Wisdom). We have all heard of the phrase 'Garbage in, Garbage out', a phrase meant to protect us from exposing ourselves to evil things for fear that they will enter us and defile us (make us unholy). The teaching of today gives us courage to not be afraid to face the things we do because once they enter our hearts, regardless of whether they are garbage or whether they are

good, we can choose with the Wisdom of God not to let them come out. The Eucharist we celebrate and consume becomes the visible way of reminding us that God is in our hearts ready to help us make decisions about what thoughts and actions we entertain. Homework: to connect to the Wisdom of God, periodically read the Wisdom literature in the Bible, especially the Book of Proverbs or Ecclesiastes.

<u>Safe end to our summer</u>: many people will be travelling as summer reaches its end, students, vacationers, explorers, etc. Let us say special prayers for safety.

2015-2016 New School Year

School will reopen for students on Wednesday, September 9th. The first bell will ring at 8:34am and early dismissal at 11:30am. Buses are running.

We look forward to a new school year with out students and their families!

THE FACE OF MERCY

"Diocesan Formation Days"

Bishop Jensen invites you to attend the upcoming "Diocesan Formation Days". It aims to be an experience of prayer and interactive learning and planning to help every Catholic respond to the vocation to be a disciple and witness and explore more deeply the plan of God for us all.

"Diocesan Formation Days" is a new face for the Diocesan Study Days that we have had in the previous years. It is a collaborative initiative of the Office of the Bishop, Catholic Independent Schools, and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

Our keynote speaker will be Fr Basil Burns, PhD., a gifted presenter who has come to the Diocese to assist in the areas of theological formation and faith development. Fr Basil will explore the meaning of the upcoming Jubilee **Year of Mercy** proclaimed by Pope Francis.

"At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective."

There is no charge or registration required. Please bring a lunch, or be prepared to go out to a local restaurant.

Coffee and snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE SCHEDULE

Notre Dame Parish, Dawson Creek: September 27 Parish Session with Fr Basil 7:00 PM

September 28 Mass 8:00 AM **Diocesan Formation Day** 8:45 AM-3:30

Immaculata Parish, Burns Lake: September 30 7:00 PM Parish Session with Fr Basil

Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace:

October I Parish Session with Fr Basil at 7:00 PM

October 2 Mass 8:00 AM

Diocesan Formation Day 8:45 AM -3:30 PM

The Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Prince

George:

October 22 7:00 PM **Evening Session** with Fr Basil

October 23 8:00 AM Mass Diocesan Formation Day 8:45 AM-3:30

Or call Martha Primus at 250-964-4424

The New Testament

124 "The Word of God, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament"9which hand on the ultimate truth of God's Revelation.

Their central object is Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son: his acts, teachings, Passion and glorification, and his Church's beginnings under the Spirit's

125 The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Savior".

126 We can distinguish three stages in the formation of the Gospels:

- 1. The life and teaching of Jesus. The Church holds firmly that the four Gospels, "whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation, until the day when he was taken up."
- 2. The oral tradition. "For, after the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed on to their hearers what he had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."
- 3. The written Gospels. "The sacred authors, in writing the four Gospels, selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form; others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of the churches, the while sustaining the form of preaching, but always in such a fashion that they have told us the honest truth about Jesus."

127 The fourfold Gospel holds a unique place in the Church, as is evident both in the veneration which the liturgy accords it and in the surpassing attraction it has exercised on the saints at all times: There is no doctrine which could be better, more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel. Behold and retain what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds.

But above all it's the gospels that occupy my mind when I'm at prayer; my poor soul has so many needs, and yet this is the one thing needful. I'm always finding fresh lights there; hidden meanings which had meant nothing to me hitherto.



Catholic Women's League

The CWL Executive Meeting will be held in the Parish Center on September 1st at 10 am.

The CWL General Meeting will be held on **September 8th at 7pm** in the Parish Centre.

Knights of Columbus Annual BBQ for Knights, families and guests. **Date: Sunday August 30th**

Location: Paul and Patty Fradettes Farm Time: 2:00 pm to early evening BBQ ribs provided. Please bring a salad or a desert and something to drink

A convoy will leave St Joseph's parking lot at 1:30 for anyone that requires a ride. Iim Schwab

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