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SUNDAY BULLETIN for September 5th & September 6th, 2015 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35.4-7, Psalm 146, James 2.1-5, Mark 7.31-37

"He makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak"



Week Mass Times 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5th	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	6th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	7th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	8th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	9th	9:00 am	
Thursday	10th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	11th	9:00 am	
Saturday	12th	7:00 pm	†Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	13th	9:00 am	†Jerry & Gwen Zank

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 (Acting)

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

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 12th & Sept. 13th, 2015

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	Saturday, Sept. 12	Sunday, Sept. 13
GREETERS	Sid & Marg Sikkes Liesel Cleveland	Jim & Marie Ziegler Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS	Emily Buenten Gemma Gillis	Brenda Pyper Tina Gemmell
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Willy Koldyk Bob Bresser	Al Bruintjes Johanna Habjan Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

August 29th & 30th, 2015 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$2,093.65

School \$40.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Would you like to leave a lasting legacy?...Consider the gift of a life insurance, your only costs are the monthly premiums, which are if properly arranged tax deductible!

Please remember the following in your prayers:

**Nelson, Nyla, Rose, Jane, Jules, Sandy,
 James, Janet, Francis, Esther, Frank, Lucia,
 Zenny, Ricardo and Shelley**



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

Ephphatha: be opened: Humanity's hope has always been that the future will be free of division, pain, illness and suffering. Healing may not always come when and how we wish it, but we are assured today that God's healing is not limited to certain groups or a privileged few. The prophet Isaiah links the human healing (".. the ears of the deaf unstopped .. the tongue of the mute sing..") with the healing of all creation ("..waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;..). The miracle in the Gospel can be seen also as a parable of the spiritual healing offered by our God, a healing rooted in hearing as God hears and speaking as God speaks. The parable suggests that it is our own hard of hearing and muteness of speaking that renders us incapable of experiencing the 'freedom of the children of God.'

Ephphatha: be opened: As every September our Diocese begins with the invitation to participate in the Diocesan Appeal, we at St. Joseph can take this time to reflect on how the Diocesan Appeal is helping to 'OPEN' the way for God's grace to bring healing to the people of Smithers. Our personal task becomes how am I being called to serve this year at St. Joseph's. Homework: be ready to respond generously to the call to serve in one of the ministries. (Suggestions: reader, communion minister, hospitality, grounds keeper, maintenance, bible study leader or host or participant... member of Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus).

Church Buildings & Grounds: we need to say **thank you** to all the parishioners who have helped to keep the Rectory and the Church looking beautiful: those who have mowed the lawns and have gardened the flower beds and washed the vinyl siding on the Rectory; those who cleaned the Church rooms and those who made each liturgy beautiful with flowers and fresh linens. Thank you for your selfless volunteering.

Office and Ministry: I need to say **thank you** to those who made my being away from the parish for most of the summer possible: the Office staff who responded to the summer needs and those in ministry who helped keep St. Joseph a place of prayer for the weary traveler. Thank you for your selfless commitment.

Regional Diocesan Study Days, in Terrace Oct 01/02: Our Bishop Jensen has prepared a TEAM to help us enter into the coming YEAR of MERCY called by Pope Francis. I strongly encourage as many people as can come to attend the sessions held in Terrace. The Parish is willing to help with gas and accommodations. SEE BULLETIN BOARD

DIOCESAN APPEAL: (1) Proper Stewardship invites us to offer our TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE for the work of building up the Reign of God; (2) the APPEAL works on the plan that we (a) are GRATEFUL for God's blessings to us, (b) TRUST that God will continue to provide, and (c) respond with GENEROSITY to the current demands. The schedule for the Diocesan Appeal this year is:
Sept 13 – KICK-OFF
Sept 20 – EDUCATION
OCT 25 – COMMITMENT

Smithers Christian Reformed Church As the SCRC move into their new church building for September, we send our prayers for their ministry in Smithers and we send our thank you for the wonderful way in which our two communities witnessed working together in building the reign of God.

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

Sept 9 School Begins 8:34am —Early dismissal at 11:30 am
Sep 13 Diocesan Appeal Kickoff
Sep 19 Diocesan Appeal Education
Sep 23 School Council Meeting—7pm (School)
Sep 29 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting –7pm (Parish Centre)
Sep 30 Finance Council Meeting—7pm (Parish Centre)
Oct 1-2 Diocesan Formation Study Days—Fr. Pier away

INVITATION FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH THROUGH SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Greetings to the churches of the Bulkley Valley,
My name is Betty Bandstra & I attend the Smithers Christian Reformed Church. I am co-leader of a Coffee Break Women's Bible Study group that meets in the church on Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00pm. For the last two years the evening group has changed its format to a Beth Moore DVD on one Tuesday, followed by a discussion of the homework assignments on the next Tuesday.

This year our season will start on September 29 and Beth Moore will lead us through a study of the book of Esther. I hope that you would be willing to mention to the women in your congregation that this opportunity for spiritual growth is available to any woman, regardless of their faith or church 'status'. This is not an attempt to compete with other women's ministries, it is, instead, an attempt to present an evening study option for those who cannot participate in the timeslot of other Bible Studies.

Women may register or ask for more information by emailing one of the two leaders:

Claudia Perry – buttonp@telus.net

Betty Bandstra – bband55@telus.net

Thank-you for your willingness to help others grow in their faith and knowledge of God's word.

In Christ, Betty Bandstra.

Labour Day Celebration (September 7th)

Let us pray for all laborers around the world, especially in our beloved Canada, as we celebrate Labour Day on Monday (September 7th).

It is because of those who continue to work in the different aspects of our society that we continue to live life as what we have known today.

May we learn to respect the value, effort and sacrifices of our working class and remember them in our prayers as we enjoy our long week

FROM SAINTS TO US...

"Whether, therefore, we receive what we ask for, or do not receive it, let us still continue steadfast in prayer. For to fail in obtaining the desires of our heart, when God so wills it, is not worse than to receive it; for we know not as He does, what is profitable to us."

-St. John Chrysostom



Bible Sharing will resume Tuesday, Sept. 8/15 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: to be announced!



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
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Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

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 on this day. We look forward to a new school year with our students and their families!

THE FAMILY AS THE CONDUIT OF FAITH (From the Vatican Information Service)

The family as the conduit of faith was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis during September's first general audience.

Francis remarked first that Jesus, both in His words and His signs, frequently presented family bonds as an example of our relationship with God. These bonds "within the experience of faith and God's love, are transformed and acquire a higher meaning, and are able to go beyond themselves, to create a broader paternity and maternity, and to welcome as brothers and sisters those who are at the margins". To this purpose, the bishop of Rome cited the Gospel passage in which Jesus responded to those who said that His mother and brothers were seeking him outside: "Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother".

"The wisdom of affections that cannot be bought or sold is the finest quality of the family. It is precisely in the family that we learn to grow in that atmosphere of emotional wisdom. ... When family affections are allowed to be converted by the witness of the Gospel, they become capable of unimaginable things, the actions that God works in history, like those that Jesus achieves for the men, women and children he encounters. A smile miraculously snatched from the despair of an abandoned child, who starts to live again, explains to us God's work in the world better than a thousand theological treatises. One man and one woman, capable of risking and making sacrifices for the child of others and not only their own, tell us things about love that scientists are not able to understand".

"The family that responds to Jesus' call restores the rule of the world to the alliance of man and woman with God", Francis emphasised. "Let us imagine that the helm of history (of society, the economy, politics) is finally passed to the alliance between man and woman, so that they might govern with a view to the generation to come. The themes of the earth and the home, the economy and work, would play a very different tune!"

"Effectively, the alliance between the family and God is called upon to oppose to the community desertification of the modern city. But our cities have been desertified through a lack of love, a lack of smiles. There is so much entertainment, so many things to pass the time, to make us laugh, but there is a lack of love. The smile of a family is able to conquer this desertification of our cities. And this is the victory of family love".

"No form of economic or political engineering is able to substitute the contribution families make", he concluded. "The project of Babel builds lifeless skyscrapers. The Spirit of God, instead, makes deserts bloom. We must leave the towers and strongholds of the elites, in order to frequent once more the homes and open spaces of the multitudes, open to the love of the family".



The Regional Meeting hosted by St. Joseph's Parish
CWL is rescheduled to take place on **October 3rd, 2015.**

CWL General Meeting is schedule on **September 8, at 7PM**

Please participate in Be League, the monthly electronic newsletter at cwl.ca by submitting information about your council. Register for the online forum at forum.cwl.ca for CWL member-only conversations. Contact your prayer partner. You can find out who she is at the back of the most recent issue of the Canadian League magazine.



Knights of Columbus Council 7973

Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting
Sunday September 13th
Time 7:00 pm
Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre

Please bring your Ideas and thoughts to help jump start our 2015-2016 fraternal year.



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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



September Activities/Liturgical Schedule

6 11:30 AM Mass
13 11:30 AM Mass
20 11:30 AM Mass
27 11:30 AM Mass

St. Anthony's Annual Silent Auction will be at the at the mall from September 11th —26th at 8AM -6PM. Fridays will be from 8AM to 9PM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to sit in the mall with our silent auction items. If interested, please see Georgina Dotto.(845-7775).

ST. ANTHONY'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY update

The Annual Garden Party held by St. Anthony's Catholic Church every September is cancelled this year, but our silent auction will still be held at the mall (please see above schedule/notice). We appreciate your support for the Church. Thank you.

Unis'to'ten Issue follow-up:

Last week the parishioners of Houston were invited to hear and ask questions about one side of the discussion on the issue that is in the news regarding the Unis'to'ten nation, or more accurately, one clan within the Unis'to'ten nation. For the purposes of being informed of other sides to the issue, I have been forwarded the following link which people may want to look at: <http://www.genuinewitty.com/2014/06/26/five-things-every-journalist-and-potential-participant-needs-to-know-about-the-unistoten-camp/>. It is important to know that the Catholic Church, or me personally, do not have an official position on the issue, except for the general position of being committed to justice. To do this, the intention is to become better informed of the issues that affect the people in our area. I apologize if anyone was hurt by my action of welcoming the group last week, yet I found the discussion after mass informative. Thank you to those who were able to participate.

We pray for the Sick:

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



Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, September 13, 2015 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	1. Vic James 2. Gail James
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian Meeuwissen Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Harry and Helen Doyle
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	(Sept. 7-12) Kelly Family and Carm

COLLECTION REPORTS

Sunday Collections August 30, 2015

Loose \$ 33.00
Envelope \$300.00
\$333.00

Catechism Corner (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church) Article 3

THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE The unity of the Old and New Testaments

128 The Church, as early as apostolic times, and then constantly in her Tradition, has illuminated the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology, which discerns in God's works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son.

129 Christians therefore read the Old Testament in the light of Christ crucified and risen. Such typological reading discloses the inexhaustible content of the Old Testament; but it must not make us forget that the Old Testament retains its own intrinsic value as Revelation reaffirmed by our Lord himself. Besides, the New Testament has to be read in the light of the Old. Early Christian catechesis made constant use of the Old Testament.¹⁰⁶ As an old saying put it, the New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.

130 Typology indicates the dynamic movement toward the fulfillment of the divine plan when "God [will] be everything to everyone." Nor do the calling of the patriarchs and the exodus from Egypt, for example, lose their own value in God's plan, from the mere fact that they were intermediate stages.