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SUNDAY BULLETIN for September 19th & September 20th, 2015 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2.12, 17-20, Psalm 54, James 3.16-4.3, Mark 9.30-37

"The Son of Man will be betrayed. Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."



Week Mass Times 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	19th	7:00 pm	† <i>Elisabeth Strebel</i>
Sunday	20th	9:00 am	† <i>Michelangelo & Concetta Sia</i> † <i>Victorino Pacheco</i>
Monday	21st	No Mass	
Tuesday	22nd	No Mass	
Wednesday	23rd	6:15pm	* <i>Note Time Change</i>
Thursday	24th	11:00 am	@ <i>Bulkley Lodge</i>
Friday	25th	9:00 am	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday	26th	7:00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	27th	9:00 am	† <i>Manuel & Cecilia Garcia</i>

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: Vacant

Development & Peace: Marj Coupe

Catholic Women's League: Mary Ellen Kallio (Acting President)

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. 26th & Sept. 27th, 2015 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	Saturday, Sept. 26	Sunday, Sept. 27
GREETERS	Margaret Sikkes Liesel Cleveland June Philpot	Knights of Columbus
LECTORS	Vigil Overstall Tina Gemmell	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany Bob Bresser	Knights of Columbus
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS:

September 12th & 13th 2015-24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$2,096.30

School \$90.00

We are reminded of how personal **Building Together in Faith** can be. Your pledge to the appeal truly benefits the ministries and programs throughout the Diocese of Prince George. Thank you to those who have already given their support to the appeal at St. Joseph's Parish.



Parish Goal \$ 21,674

Amount to Goal \$ 21,474

Number of Gifts Received = 1

Actual to Date \$ 200.00

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Allan, Thomas, 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



WISDOM, SKILL, VIRTUE: David Starr Jordan wrote: 'Wisdom is knowing what to do; Skill is knowing how to do it; Virtue is doing it.' Our Scripture is the recorded history of those who have gone before us who share the Wisdom they have learned. Our Church is the community that is committed to helping us gain the skills to be the best we can be. Our examination of conscience each day reveals the personal commitment to virtue or lack of virtue. Each step is important and commands our commitment. The consequence is eternal life and our belief in God. The Gospel puts before us the image of the child at the time of Jesus. It is not the image of endearment we have today; it is the precarious image of someone with no legal status and completely dependent on the 'adult'. The Wisdom offered is twofold: "are we like children before God?", and "are we like God ready to serve the children (the poor)?" How we answer these questions has a direct consequence on eternal life (as we know it), and on the image of God. A recent article by Bishop Robert Baron links atheism to physician assisted suicide: "The denial of God -- or the blithe bracketing of the question of God -- is not a harmless parlor game. Rather, it carries with it the gravest implications. If there is no God, then our lives do indeed belong to us, and we can do with them what we want. If there is no God, our lives have no ultimate meaning or transcendent purpose, and they become simply artifacts of our own designing. Accordingly, when they become too painful or too shallow or just too boring, we ought to have the prerogative to end them. We can argue the legalities and even the morality of assisted suicide until the cows come home, but the real issue that has to be engaged is that of God's existence." (http://www.realclearreligion.org/articles/2015/09/17/what_harvard_wrought_in_california.html)

Homework: Pray for the politicians' elect in the coming election that they have the Wisdom to understand the 'GOD' question, and the consequences. Pray for your own Wisdom. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference."

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 © 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

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, October 1-2. The Parish is willing to help with gas and accommodations. SEE BULLETIN BOARD.

Ministry in St. Joseph: Once a month we will offer training for the various ministry needs at St. Joseph. The first two dates have been set: Oct 14, Nov 4. There will be two times for each date: 4-5pm, and 6:30-7:30pm. Ministry needs are those for our mass celebrations: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality, Altar Servers, Musicians, Sacristans. We have many community needs that are looking for volunteers to serve on pastoral council, finance council, social committee, maintenance committee, etcetera. Please call the Office (847-2012 for more information).

upcoming EVENTS

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

Sep 19 Diocesan Appeal Education
Sep 23 School Council Meeting—7pm (School)
Sep 29 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting –7pm (Parish Centre)
Sep 30 Terry Fox Assembly & Run at school
Sep 30 Finance Council Meeting—7:30pm (Parish Centre)
Oct 1-2 Diocesan Formation Study Days—Fr. Pier away

Walk for Life Early Information

Saturday, October 10th – 3rd annual "Walk for life". Gather at **9:45 a.m. in the St Joseph's church parking lot for further instructions, signs & balloons.** We will be walking a 3.5 km circle route with a time of intercessory prayer in front of the hospital before concluding back at St Joseph's. Please join us in peacefully sharing the message that **"Every life has inherent dignity and is worthy of respect and protection"** from conception to natural death.

DAA (Diocesan Annual Appeal)

Diocesan Annual Appeal Envelopes are already available in the Foyer of the Church. Fr. Pier will talk more about the appeal 2 Sundays in a row after the Mass. Information is also available through posters posted around the foyer. Thank you for your support!



Thank you to those who came and helped clean the church on Tuesday (September 15). It is greatly appreciated.

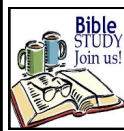
2015 Federal Election Guide from the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is printed and posted in the church Bulletin Board. Please feel free to check it out yourselves or have it photocopied and share.

Need a Break? Come to Coffee Break!

Starting September 29th, Smithers Coffee Break is an interdenominational social and bible study for women of all ages and includes a free Nursery and Story hour program for your 0-5 year olds. Tuesday Sept 29th is our kick off 'Muffin Morning' from 9:30am - 11am -4035 Walnut Dr. Tell a friend and come on out !

Please grab a copy of your **Northern Catholic News** in the foyer (Fall issue 2015) and be informed about what is going on with our Diocese.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: all parents who want to enroll their children for the sacraments of RECONCILIATION and HOLY COMMUNION are required to come to a meeting on September 30. There are two time slots: from 4:00 to 5:00pm or from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Please register by calling the office at 847-2012.



Bible Sharing will **resume Tuesday, Oct.6/15** at 10:15am in the Parish Center. Come & join us in enriching our spiritual selves with the word of God over a cup of coffee or tea.



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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 Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Live The Joy of the Gospel"

VIRTUE FOR SEPTEMBER: Excellence

Excellence is doing your best with your abilities and gifts. God's gifts to us are ours to bless others and this world with.

SCHOOL/PARISH AGM

Our AGM will be coming up this fall. Please watch the newsletter for further information.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES – For new parents and a reminder for others.

- Vehicles are NOT to be parked along fence by the Kindergarten entrance. This is drop off only.
- If the driver needs to get out of the vehicle for any reason the vehicle must be parked in the designated parking areas.
- Vehicles are to follow the one way arrow and drive slowly, single-file in the lane.
- All traffic is to enter via 1st Avenue and exit via Broadway Avenue.
- Vehicles that park by the rectory are to have their headlights facing the school.
- Vehicles may park along the wooden fence, **but must back in.**
- Vehicles are to stop for pedestrians and cyclists. There is a stop sign at the crosswalk.
- Cyclists and pedestrians are to cross the parking lot at the crosswalk. All must walk.
- Crosswalks are to be used to reach parked vehicles in the parking lot.
- No playing in the parking lot.

SD54 is proud to present Dr. Yong Zhao

September 24, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Della Herman Theatre. Dr. Zhao is one of the world's leading thinkers regarding globalization and the transformation of education systems. His critical examination of education will provoke varied responses from the audience, but all will be captivated by his belief in the **talents of every child**. Cost: Adults \$5, Students Free. Pre-register by calling 250-877-6820 or by emailing bobbie.kingsmill@sd54.bc.ca Please feel free share this invitation!

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM- sign up at parent night or at the office

Our Parent Support Group's biggest fundraiser, the hot lunch program, is in need of volunteers. The volunteers are placed on a team of three people and each team prepares hot lunch three times per school year. Most hot lunches are Fridays with the occasional Thursday. If you can volunteer for 3 Fridays or 3 Thursdays a year, it would be greatly appreciated! If you would like to help, but are unable to come into the school, dessert makers are also required. The dessert makers will be on a team of two people and will prepare desserts for three hot lunches per school year. If you are able to volunteer please contact the office. Volunteering for hot lunch is a great way to meet other school parents, raise money for important items requested by the teachers and is loved by the children! A sign up sheet will be available at Parent Night. Thank you from the Hot Lunch Team! Please note that no juice box will accompany hot lunch this year.

Please Note: There will be no Mass on Monday Sept. 21st or Tuesday Sept. 22nd and Wednesday's Mass will be at 6:15pm



CWL 2015 Bursary The recipient of the CWL Bursary is Patty Spicer. Patty plans to become a Speech and Language Pathologist.

CWL Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in helping, please call Willy Koldyk at 847-9130

Holy Land Pilgrimage November 12-23, 2015. Cost is \$2,900.

Contact Melodie Gabriel: mgsbriel@cnewa.org or 1-866-322-4441

CWL Regional Meeting Saturday, October 3rd from 9:30 am-3pm. Includes a spiritual program, coffee, muffins & lunch. Bring a friend.



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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

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.

VOLUNTEER TO SIT IN THE MALL with our Silent Auction items are still need. Please help us with our effort to raise fund to support our church operations through this specific and very doable task. Thank you to those who already have signed up and sat with our items.

NO SOUP AND BUN AND LUNCHEON for this month of September. The CWL have not enough members to help with the task.

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FROM SAINTS TO US...

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

-St. Gregory Nazianzen

Saint Anthony's Parish (2014-2015)

Revenue from the Diocese \$6,000.00
Cathedraticum \$3,750.00



Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal 2015-2016

St. Anthony's Parish \$5,029.00

Fr. Pier will talk about DAA for 2 Sundays in a row after the Mass.

There are posters posted around the Church for additional information.

Thank you for your support!!!



We pray for the Sick:

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

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, September 27, 2015

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	1. Steve Rose 2. Patricia Farrell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Adrian Meeuwissen Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Joe and Fernanda Macedo
Collection Counter	Dennis Gonia
Church Cleaning	(September 21-26) Claudine Ketchell

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!) Sunday Collections September 13, 2015

Loose \$ 60.00 Envelope \$240.00

Catechism Corner (from the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Article 3

THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE IN BRIEF

134 All Sacred Scripture is but one book, and this one book is Christ, "because all divine Scripture speaks of Christ, and all divine Scripture is fulfilled in Christ" (Hugh of St. Victor, *De arca Noe* 2,8:PL 176,642: cf. *ibid.* 2,9:PL 176,642-643).

135 "The Sacred Scriptures contain the Word of God and, because they are inspired, they are truly the Word of God" (DV 24).

136 God is the author of Sacred Scripture because he inspired its human authors; he acts in them and by means of them. He thus gives assurance that their writings teach without error his saving truth (cf. DV 11).

137 Interpretation of the inspired Scripture must be attentive above all to what God wants to reveal through the sacred authors for our salvation. What comes from the Spirit is not fully "understood except by the Spirit's action" (cf. Origen, *Hom. in Ex.* 4, 5: PG 12, 320).

138 The Church accepts and venerates as inspired the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New.

139 The four Gospels occupy a central place because Christ Jesus is their center.

140 The unity of the two Testaments proceeds from the unity of God's plan and his Revelation. The Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament fulfills the Old; the two shed light on each other; both are true Word of God.

141 "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord" (DV 21): both nourish and govern the whole Christian life. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105; cf. Is 50:4).