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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 5th and 6th, 2015 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9, Psalm 126, Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11, Luke 3.1-6
"All flesh shall see the salvation of God."



Week Mass Times 2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5th	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	6th	9:00 am	†Cor & †Alida Bot †Mary, †Gerry and †Pierre
Monday	7th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	8th	6:15 pm	"Opening Jubilee Year of Mercy"
Wednesday	9th	9:00 am	
Thursday	10th	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge (Service)
Friday	11th	No Mass	- Fr. Pier to Prince George
Saturday	12th	5:00 pm	†Jesse Eileen Towns
Sunday	13th	9:00 am	†Jerry & †Gwen Zank †Necitas Sasing Ramos

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia
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 Michael desHarnais
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Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac
Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Ministry Schedule December 12th & December 13th, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec.12	Sunday, Dec.13
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Alice & Caseu Denboer Jean Miller
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Eileen Bouvier	David Schwab Michael desHarnais
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Dave Hemenway Willy Koldyk	Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

November 28th & November 29th, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent

Church \$1,751.75
 School \$50.00

Parish Goal	=	\$ 21,674.00
Amount to Goal	=	\$ 2,577.00
Actual to Date	=	\$ 19,097.00



Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Vienna Hunter, Agnes, Patti, James, Nelson, Rose, Charlie, Nolan, Marie, Thomas, Nyla, 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. 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

Advent brings signs of hope: On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear more promises of hope. Hope is proclaimed to the exiled people longing to return to Jerusalem, to the Philippians from the imprisoned Paul, to those caught in political turmoil during Jesus' lifetime. And we hear voices all around us yearning for hope. Pope Francis has called for this Year of Mercy to be a time for hope for all of us. Our hearts are open to new possibilities. Reconciliation is a sacrament rooted in hope that relationships be healed and strengthened, relationships with God, self, and others. **Homework:** Take a moment to prepare for reconciliation. Use the enclosed examination.

Description of the logo for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Prayer card: The motto *Merciful Like the Father* serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (Lk 6:37-38). The logo expresses the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

Advent Reconciliation times: This Monday there are numerous times available to receive the sacrament of reconciliation: 3:00-4:30, 5:30-7:00, and 8:00pm onwards. Aids to help prepare for the sacrament are available in this bulletin. The church will have an atmosphere of prayer and quiet reflection. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes in the church to help prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas, and if you want to, I will be available for the sacrament. I personally go to the sacrament for three reasons: (1) grace is given, (2) humbleness is practiced, (3) and I discover who I am and who I am called to be.



Bible Sharing is at 10:15am every Tuesday in the Parish Center. Come & join us in enriching our spiritual selves with the word of God over a cup of coffee or tea.

upcoming EVENTS

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

Dec 6 First Reconciliation Service 2pm
Dec 7 Decorating of the Foyer for Christmas —Noon
Dec 7 Advent Reconciliation (see below for times)
Dec 7 K of C Hour of Prayer -Beginning 7pm
Dec 8 Opening of Year of Mercy-6:15pm Mass
Dec 8 CWL Christmas Party 7pm in Foyer
Dec 19 Bring in your flowers/poinsettia's for the church
Dec 20 Decorating of the Church - starts at noon
Dec 24 Christmas Eve : 5PM Children's Mass
10PM "Midnight" Mass
Dec. 25 Christmas Day : 10AM Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION, as part of our Advent Reconciliation Service, will be made available on the 7th of December from 3PM-4:30PM; 5:30-7PM and 8PM onwards.

May we find God's mercy and consolation as we approach him in the Sacrament of Confession and create a sacred place for him in our lives this advent season.

Thank
You!

KETTLE PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to all who participated and shared their time to volunteer and support the annual Salvation Army Kettle Program.



FLOWER DONATION REQUEST

We are asking parishioners to please bring in donations of flowers and poinsettia's for the decorating of the advent and Christmas season. We will be accepting flowers after December 19th, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Smithers Pro-Life's annual BAKE SALE is happening this year on Dec. 12th, 2015. Please drop off your baking at Henry and Ann Adema's at 1301 Morice Drive. The sale will run from 8:30-3:30. We are so encouraged by your wonderful support & delicious baking! If you wish to volunteer, please call Jenny@250-846-9158

OPENING OF THE JUBILEE OF MERCY.

The Holy Year will open with a Eucharistic Celebration on the 8th of December 2015 the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. At Sacred Heart Cathedral, 7pm, Bishop Stephen Jensen will be the main celebrant with other city priest. At St. Joseph's Parish, Father Pier is the celebrant at 6:15pm mass.

BAPTISM

CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Mike and Cara Polanin with the baptism of Kaleigh. Congratulations to James and Christina Kotai with the baptisms of Cassandra, Aiden & Cohen, Congratulations to Rob and Michelle Stewart with the baptisms of Ella and Marlowe.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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Catholic Schools: "Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts"

VIRTUE FOR NOVEMBER: Generosity

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or gift in return. Giving without thought of what is owed in return is a blessing for both the giver and the receiver. And at Christmas we remember that God sent his Son to be among us. This was a gift of love for us.

CONCERT DAY- in the gym this year!!

The concert will be on December 17th with a show in the morning at 10:30 and a show in the evening at 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to the morning show. For the evening performance, children should report to their classrooms by 6:15 PROMPTLY to ensure enough time to dress in their costumes so the performance can begin on time. Please let **your child's teacher know if he/she won't be here for either performance.**

We are asking everyone to be thoughtful and respectful of the school. Please do not bring in beverages, gum, or food. Cell phones must to be turned off for the performance.

HERE ARE A FEW SAFETY CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE SO PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW:

BEFORE THE CONCERT: To ensure safe supervision of all children, we ask that students (except the grade 7s who are the main actors) not be brought to the school before 6 pm. We will open the doors at 6:00 pm and students will wait in the foyer with a supervisor until their classroom teacher comes to get them. Teachers will be arriving at 6:00 to pick up any foyer students and then unlock the classrooms.

AFTER THE CONCERT: we ask that members of the audience remain in their seats for five minutes after the show is over to allow the students to go back to their classrooms and pick up their things. If you do go down to **your child's class, could you please remove your footwear** in the student foyer to keep the hallways and classrooms clean. Outdoor shoes can be worn in the gym. Young children should be accompanied in the parking lot and drivers are asked to drive very slowly. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

NEEDED: REAL TREES (ASAP)

Our Christmas pageant set would be greatly enhanced by having some real evergreens on stage. Are you able to bring back a few extra Christmas trees from your foray into the **forest for a Christmas tree? If so, we're looking for 5 or 6 trees, 7 to 9 feet tall.** The set is being prepared now so any **time this week or next Monday, we're ready for them.** Call the school to let us know if you're bringing in trees, so we **don't get too many.** Please note that all trees used in the production are donated to individuals or the church for further decorative use. Thank you!



The annual CWL membership fee of \$36.00 is now due. You can place this amount in the collection basket, clearly labeled "CWL", or either hand-deliver or mail it to the parish centre.

Dec. 7th we are looking for help in decorating the foyer. Be there at 10 AM

The "CWL Christmas Party" is on Dec. 8th in the foyer at 7pm following the 6:15pm mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and join us for an evening of goodies and sing along of Carols. **Don't forget your exchange gift (\$10 value) and a small gift for passage house.**

Raffle Ticket Winners

1st Prize—Andrea Callison; 2nd Prize —Debbie Cachowski;
 3rd Prize —Margaret Buenten; 4th Prize—Donna Jones

Door Prizes

Gift Baskets: Linda Bayes and Michelle Larstone
 Boys: Garret Cutler; Girls: Emily

Thank you and Blessings!!!



Funds raised at the pancake breakfast for the Bulkley Valley Syrian Refugee Relief \$464.50. Thank you!!

Knights Christmas Social December 9th 7:00 pm. Recognition and thank you to the Men of the parish for their help with all the many tasks in our parish and community. Meat and cheese dish provided. Please bring your favourite goodies to share.

Calendar of events.

Dec 7th KofC hour of prayer in honour of the holy family 7PM
 Dec 9th KofC Christmas Social for the men of the parish 7PM



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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

DECEMBER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

6—2nd Sunday of Advent 11:30 AM Mass

13—3rd Sunday of Advent 11:30 AM Mass

20—4th Sunday of Advent 11:30 AM Mass

Christmas Decoration after Mass
(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

21—Reconciliation (call office for the time)

24—Christmas Mass 7:30 PM

27—Holy Family 11:30 AM Mass

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Christmas luncheon will be on the 9th of December noon time. It will be at the place of Frank and Liz Gerei at 2970, Olsson, Houston.. Please bring something to share.,

Church Decoration for Christmas will be on the 20th of December after the mass. We make this early announcement and ask for every help possible for this activity. Thank you!



REMINDER:
We are asking parishioners to please bring in donations of flowers and poinsettias for the decorating of Christmas season. We will be accepting flowers starting December 18th, thank you in advance for your generosity.



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2015-2016
St. Anthony's Parish Goal: \$5,029.00
Actual to Date: \$2,780.00
Amount to Goal \$2,249.00



We pray for the Sick:
Denise, Helen & Harry, Eric Sr., Arsenia, Araceli, Sara, Dorothy, Reginald, Juanito, Kelda, Shaylyn, Max and Pol

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, December 13, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	Vic and Gail James
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Adrian Meeuwissen Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Alvaro and Ana Lopes
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	Dec. 7-12 Tammy Heibert

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!)
Sunday Collections November 29, 2015

Loose	\$ 2.25	CWL tithe	\$172.00
Envelope	\$205.00		

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

CHAPTER THREE MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD ARTICLE 2 WE BELIEVE **II. THE LANGUAGE OF FAITH**

170 We do not believe in formulas, but in those realities they express, which faith allows us to touch. "The believer's act [of faith] does not terminate in the propositions, but in the realities [which they express]." All the same, we do approach these realities with the help of formulations of the faith which permit us to express the faith and to hand it on, to celebrate it in community, to assimilate and live on it more and more.

171 The Church, "the pillar and bulwark of the truth", faithfully guards "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints". She guards the memory of Christ's words; it is she who from generation to generation hands on the apostles' confession of faith. As a mother who teaches her children to speak and so to understand and communicate, the Church our Mother teaches us the language of faith in order to introduce us to the understanding and the life of faith.