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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 20th and 21st, 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5a, Psalm 80, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45

"Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?"



Week Mass Times 4th Sunday of Advent

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| Saturday | 19th | 5:00 pm | † <i>Oblates deceased and living</i> † <i>Esther Patrick</i> |
| Sunday | 20th | 9:00 am | † <i>Michelangelo & Concetta Sia</i> † <i>Victorino Pacheco</i> |
| Monday | 21st | 9:00 am | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Tuesday | 22nd | 6:15 pm | |
| Wednesday | 23rd | 9:00 am | <i>Souls in Purgatory</i> |
| Thursday | 24th | 5pm/10pm | † <i>Dolores Krauskopf</i> |
| Friday | 25th | 10:00 am | † <i>Bresser Family</i> |
| Saturday | 26th | 5:00 pm | † <i>Brianne Svab</i> |
| Sunday | 27th | 9:00 am | † <i>Manuel & Cecilia Garcia</i> † <i>Necitas Sasing Ramos</i> |

Ministry Schedule December 24th & 25th, 2015 Solemnity, The Nativity of the Lord

| DATE | Thursday, Dec.24 | Friday, Dec.25 |
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| GREETERS | <i>5pm: Vigil Mass</i> Jim & Marie Ziegler Willy Koldyk <i>10pm: Vigil Mass</i> Rita Coupe, Yarah Ford Cyril Habjan | <i>10am: Christmas Mass</i> |
| LECTORS | <i>5pm: Vigil Mass</i> Children <i>10pm: Vigil Mass</i> David Schwab Christine Tessier | <i>10am: Christmas Mass</i> Norma Stumborg Nilda Hudson |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | <i>5pm: Vigil Mass</i> Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Bob Bresser Johanna Habjan <i>10pm: Vigil Mass</i> Tina Gemmell Maria Sowa Dave Hemenway Mary Stroet Johanna Habjan | <i>10am: Christmas Mass</i> Al Bruintjes Lu Blackburn Johanna Habjan |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Volunteer Servers | Volunteer Servers |

Ministry Schedule December 26th & December 27th, 2015 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

| DATE | Saturday, Dec.26 | Sunday, Dec.27 |
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| GREETERS | Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson | Johanna Habjan Jean Miller |
| LECTORS | Sarah Sia Angela Sia | Brian Burrill David Schwab |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Willy Koldyk Johanna Habjan | Mary Stroet Lu Blackburn Dorothy Cardinal |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Volunteer Servers | Volunteer Servers |

COLLECTION REPORTS December 12th & December 13th, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

Church \$2,313.50
 School \$220.00

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| Parish Goal | = | \$ 21,674.00 |
| Amount to Goal | = | \$ 2,557.00 |
| Actual to Date | = | \$ 19,117.00 |



Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Kees, Ron, Dan, Vienna Hunter, Agnes, Patti, James, Nelson, Charlie, Nolan, Marie, Thomas, Nyla, Jules, Sandy, James, Janet, Francis, 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."

PASTOR'S NOTE

Advent: let us praise the good deeds done:

My friends, hope is incredibly powerful, often something very simple and bubbles up in the reality of daily life. Today it is written small in the visit of a young pregnant Mary to her older cousin, Elizabeth. Mary brings Christ to another person in that simple gesture, and it's more than enough for Elizabeth to offer praise. Jealousy can prevent us from speaking praise of other people's good deeds. But from God who speaks of Jesus ('You are my beloved Son') and continued in the biblical characters such as Elizabeth speaking of Mary ('Blessed are you among women'), down to us today, we are called not to be jealous but to praise the good things that happen to others. **Homework:** Think of three people who have something that you would **want** (not necessarily **need**) and pray a Glory Be for their good fortune and blessing.

Thank you to Volunteers: I can never say thank you enough to the volunteers in the Church. Too many times, tasks are found done without a request from me or a peep from them. So many times I am given a gentle reminder of announcing some gathering, but the organization of the gathering is done by others. I am deeply appreciative of all the volunteers.

Welcoming people: Please join me in welcoming people to our Christmas celebrations and be sure to help them feel comfortable.

Octave to Christmas December 17-23: The '**O Antiphons**' are composed of a title for Christ and a corresponding petition beneficial for our conversion and salvation.

December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness. *Reflect on asking for sight to see beyond the passing things of this world to the things that last forever.*

December 21: O Rising Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. *Reflect on the beauty of each morning's light, and the beauty of all creation.*

December 22: O King of nations and keystone of the Church: come and save humankind, whom you formed from the dust! *Reflect on praying for leaders of nations to work for justice.*

December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God! *With Christmas two days away, share with someone what you are hoping for this Christmas.*

upcoming EVENTS

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

Dec 19 Bring in your flowers/poinsettia's for the church
Dec 20 Decorating of the Church - starts at noon
Dec 21 Children's Mass Rehearsal 10AM
Dec 24 Christmas Eve : 5PM Children's Mass
10PM "Midnight" Mass
Dec 25 Christmas Day : 10AM Mass
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Mass: 5PM Mass
Jan 1 New Year's Day Mass: 9AM Mass

Rehearsal for Children's Mass

Children attending 5:00 p.m. Mass on December 24, Christmas Eve, are invited to take part in the nativity scene and dress as shepherds or angels. Names of children who would like to participate can be left at the parish office so we know how many costumes to prepare. There will be a rehearsal for those taking part immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 20th.



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.

ATTENTION FORMER FRONTIER APOSTLES

What does it mean for descendants of residential school staff to reconcile with Canadian history? To explore this question, Caroline Crocker, a graduate student at the University of Victoria, is reaching out to other Canadians like herself - people whose parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or other relatives worked in the Indian Residential School System - to ask them to join a focus group on Saturday, **January 30, 2016** to discuss the topic. Caroline's research project is on reconciliation (improving relationships and healing) in Canada between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, specifically in regards to the Indian Residential School system. If you worked at an Indian Residential School and you think possibly your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews would be interested in participating in this discussion, contact Caroline by phone at 613-986-2276 or by email at crocker@uvic.ca for further information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (OEC) is seeking for a full-time assistant to the Directors in the implementation and administration of programs and projects. Formation Program

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to:

vicargeneral@pgdiocese.bc.ca

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Catholic Schools: "Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts"

VIRTUE FOR DECEMBER: Generosity

Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. God is abundance. You can choose to give what you have. It is one of the best ways to show joy and friendship. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving. It is part of God's circle of love.

PLAYGROUND AND RESORATION PROJECT

"We are humbled by the outpouring of support that we have received so far for the Field Restoration & Equipment Replacement Project. Thanks to all of you who have supported this cause we have raised over \$107,000.00. Phase I & II are 95% complete. The light poles for the basketball court will be moved next to the court in the spring. We are continuing to raise the funds over the winter months so Phase III & IV (resurfacing the field and replacing the playground equipment) can be completed Spring/Summer 2016. Thank you again for all of your support. If you want to learn more or to get involved please contact Mindy Stroet at mindystroet@gmail.com or 250-917-8178."

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

BOARDING FOR BRANT (B4B): Boarding for Brant was created to carry on the legacy of Brant Holenstein. He loved the outdoors and was an avid snowboarder. His presence and generosity are missed on Hudson Bay Mountain. It is our mission to assist with gear, lift passes, lessons and sponsorships for camps to those who otherwise cannot afford the experience. This assistance is not limited to snowboarders! Down Hill skiers and Cross Country Skiers are welcome to apply for assistance as well. Application forms and further information can be found on the B4B website: www.boarding4brant.com Questions can be directed to Brooke Bandstra at 250.877.0498 or email boardingforbrant@gmail.com

BV REGIONAL POOL AND RECREATION CENTRE

CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER REMAX SWIM

Saturday Dec 19th, 2:30-4:30pm. Bring the kids and a non-perishable food item or unwrapped toy as a donation to the Smithers Community Food Hamper Program and enjoy a Swim or Soak.

WINTERWONDERLAND SWIM

Tuesday December 29, 2-4pm. Join us for a fun filled afternoon filled with reindeer games, polar bear dip and snowman building contest. Regular Admission.

For more information about our programs or to register please call 250-847-4244 or visit www.bypool.com

Merry Christmas!!!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
 We wish to greet everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas. May peace and love reign in everyone's heart and to all families.

-from St. Joseph Parish Staff



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.

2015-2016 Missals are still available at a cost of \$5 each.



"Keep Christ in Christmas? Surely that's what the season is about...?"

Sadly, with the rush to get ready for festivities and the rampant commercialization of Christmas, the birth of Christ is forgotten or ignored by many. The Knights of Columbus run the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign each year to help remind society that at Christmas we honour the birth of Jesus Christ.

Magnetic nativity scenes are available which can be attached to your car refrigerator, metal front door. They are available from the Knights for \$5.00.

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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

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| 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 |

REMINDER: confession will be made available on the **20th of December and the following day (21st—Monday)** as part of our advent Reconciliation Service. Mass is also celebrated on Monday the 21st at 8:30 AM with Fr. Pier. Everyone is welcome to join.

Church Decoration for Christmas will be after mass today. Please stay and help. Thank you!

Christmas Mass will be at 7:30 PM on Dec. 24th. There will be singing of Christmas Carols 30 minuets before the Mass.



We are asking parishioners to please bring in donations of flowers and poinsettia's 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: \$2,930.00
Amount to Goal: \$2,099.00



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 27, 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

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| GREETERS | Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen |
| LECTORS | Glenn and Patricia Farrell |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Vic and Gail James |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Lucas and Alicia Bishop |
| Gift Bearers | Molly Luszcz and Yolande Binner |
| Collection Counter | Dennis Gonia |
| Church Cleaning | (Dec. 21-26) Bishop Family (Away) Volunteers welcome! |

December 24 Ministries 7:30 PM Mass

Readers: 1. Steve Rose 2. Susan Hak
EMC: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteer Gifts bearers: Harry and Helen Doyle

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

Loose \$ 2.60
Envelope \$295.00

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)
CHAPTER THREE
MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD
ARTICLE 2 WE BELIEVE
III. ONLY ONE FAITH

174 "For though languages differ throughout the world, the content of the Tradition is one and the same. The Churches established in Germany have no other faith or Tradition, nor do those of the Iberians, nor those of the Celts, nor those of the East, of Egypt, of Libya, nor those established at the center of the world. . ." The Church's message "is true and solid, in which one and the same way of salvation appears throughout the whole world."

175 "We guard with care the faith that we have received from the Church, for without ceasing, under the action of God's Spirit, this deposit of great price, as if in an excellent vessel, is constantly being renewed and causes the very vessel that contains it to be renewed."