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SUNDAY BULLETIN for January 2nd and 3rd, 2016

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king."



Week Mass Times *Epiphany of the Lord*

Saturday	2nd	5:00 pm	
Sunday	3rd	9:00 am	†Necitas Sasing Ramos
Monday	4th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	5th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	6th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Thursday	7th	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	8th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday	9th	5:00 pm	
Sunday	10th	9:00 am	†Father Pier Intentions

Ministry Schedule January 9th & 10th, 2016 Baptism of the Lord

DATE	Saturday, Jan 9	Sunday, Jan 10
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	CWL
LECTORS	Emily Buenten Gemma Gillis	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Bob Bresser David Hemenway	CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

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

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Maintenance: Pete Stroet

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

COLLECTION REPORTS

December 26th & December 27th, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family

Church \$1,422.20

Christmas Offering \$4,264.35

School \$25.00

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, 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

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
for the
pastor



Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord:

Epiphany: The baby Jesus was born in obscurity, but he was born for all of God's creation. Today on the Feast of the Epiphany, a feast which marks the coming of the three Magi from the Gentile world, we are celebrating that the whole world comes to pay homage to God. An unusual star in the customary constellation of the skies brings a message from God to the Gentile astrologers and shocks them to listen. In contrast, the Jewish people were accustomed to God's Word, and choose to remain undisturbed in the normal course of their tradition. It is this choice between being disturbed or undisturbed that confronts our Church today. The disturbing question of the Magi ('where is the newborn king of the Jews?') can cause us **embarrassment** ('I do not know.') or **fright** ('This new power can hurt me'). **Homework:** Research a saint who 'shocked' the church to listen and pray for the grace to be disturbed.

(*St Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) ... In 1376 she traveled to Avignon and persuaded **Pope** Gregory XI to **return to Rome**; **St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) ...** 1209, Francis led his first eleven followers to Rome to seek permission from Pope Innocent III to found a new religious Order).*

Thank you: for the cards and gifts and prayers I received this Christmas, I am very grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Church books: the books have been tagged 'A gift from St. Joseph's: return it or pass it on.' The idea is to make good Christian Catholic literature available and accessible. Keep the book as long as you want to, then return it or pass it on to something who you think would enjoy it.

The Cure d'Arç by George William Rutler, **St. Martin of Porres** by Giuliana Cavallini, **Damien the Leper** by John Farrow.

Bible Sharing: Every Tuesday 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.



upcoming
EVENTS

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

January 10: Knights of Columbus 4th degree 1:30pm
January 13: Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting 7pm
January 17-24: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
February 02: Ending of the Year of Consecrated Life

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 17-24, 2016. The theme for the week is inspired by St. Peter's early reminder to the ancient Christian communities that all who live in Christ form "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people": Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord. (cf. 1 Peter 2.9). Christians bear witness to God's mighty acts in a variety of ways: by healing wounds of division, by searching for truth and unity, and through common social and charitable projects that uphold human dignity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment for prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to recognize the richness and value that are present in the other, the different, and to ask God for the gift of unity. Worship materials for the 2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by a working group of ecumenical leaders from Latvia and activities for the week are meant to have a distinctly Latvian flavour.

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.

Epiphany of the Lord

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Thank you!!!

- ...to all who brought flowers and poinsettias for the Church.
- ...to all who helped decorate our Church.
- ...to the musicians, choir and all who helped out to realize a prayerful liturgy for Christmas.
- ...to our dear parishioners, friends, and guests who came and celebrated us the Christmas Eve Mass.
- ...to those who brought goods for the food bank and those who share their blessings with those who have less.

Reminder

Donation envelope for 2016 is already out in the Church Foyer. You can now pick them up. Your donation to the Church helps a lot for us to be able to keep up with the financial obligations and responsibilities that are needed for the continuation of our efficient and effective service to the people of God in Smithers and in Houston. Thank you for your kind donations.

In the feast of the Holy Family, we pray that you and your family will be blessed by God for your generous hearts.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Lord Jesus Christ, who, being made subject to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate domestic life by Thine ineffable virtues: grant that we, with the assistance of both, may be taught by the example of Thy holy Family and may attain to its everlasting fellowship. Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION: Reconciliation, Holy Confession. Congratulations to the following who on December 06 celebrated the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time: Casey Flynn, Liam MacIsaac-Turner, Mason Gale, Marco Cruz, Aaron Lewis.
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: HOLY COMMUNION. In our Diocese, those who are baptized and have received preparation for the sacrament of reconciliation are permitted to register to prepare for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please register for the spring preparation sessions by calling the Church Office (847-2012).



The Catholic Women's League is the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada. It is an organization that has been going strong in most parishes across Canada since 1920 and here at St. Joseph's since the 1980's. The Catholic Women's League is all about family. We actively fight for the rights of women and families at all levels of government, passing resolutions and working hard to understand and then act on complex political and social issues that affect all Canadians. As well, through fundraising activities, we support many groups that embody gospel values.



Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Exemplification will take place on Sunday January 10th
 Place: St Josephs Church
 We will gather for Registration at 1:30 pm at the parish centre.... the actual start of the Exemplification of the degree will be at 2:00 pm allowing sufficient time for Fr. Pier to safely return from Houston to participate as part of the degree team.

The 4th degree of the order is open to all 3rd degree knights in good standing.



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Visit to the Sick at Home: by a



SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am

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Dennis Gonia
Pastoral Assistant

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee
Members

Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative



JANUARY 2016 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2016

10SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass	Parish Gathering
17SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass	
24SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass	
31SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass	

What does Solemnity of Mary Means?

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a liturgical celebration observed on January 1st. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, meaning that Mass attendance is required.

The use of the word "Solemnity" here is not a statement about Mary's personality. It is a designation used for certain days within the liturgical (church-based) calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. **By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary's motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her part in the life of Jesus, and emphasizes that he is both human and divine.** Pope Paul VI, in his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus* (1974), called the Solemnity of Mary "a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace." bustedhalo.com/questionbox/what-does-the-solemnity-of-mary-mean

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Let us celebrate...as family belonging to the Parish of St. Anthony, we are all invited for a potluck lunch to celebrate the feast of Epiphany on the 10th of January 2016. Come and join this yearly feast...Emmanuel—God with us!

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, January 10, 2016 Baptism of the Lord

GREETERS	Adrian and Jo Meeuwissen
LECTORS	Glenn and Patricia Farrell
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Adrian Meeuwissen Dawn Bishop
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Bill Goold and Yolande Binner
Collection Counter	Eric Bishop
Church Cleaning	Jan 4-9 (Bishop Family)

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!)

Sunday Collections

December 25, 2015		December 27, 2015	
Loose	\$ 86.00	Loose	\$ 42.00
Envelope	<u>\$600.00</u>	Envelope	<u>\$190.00</u>

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH SECTION TWO: PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH THE CREEDS

185 Whoever says "I believe" says "I pledge myself to what we believe." Communion in faith needs a common language of faith, normative for all and uniting all in the same confession of faith.

186 From the beginning, the apostolic Church expressed and handed on her faith in brief formula normative for all. But already very early on, the Church also wanted to gather the essential elements of her faith into organic and articulated summaries, intended especially for candidates for Baptism:

This synthesis of faith was not made to accord with human opinions, but rather what was of the greatest importance was gathered from all the Scriptures, to present the one teaching of the faith in its entirety. And just as the mustard seed contains a great number of branches in a tiny grain, so too this summary of faith encompassed in a few words the whole knowledge of the true religion contained in the Old and the New Testaments.

187 Such syntheses are called "professions of faith" since they summarize the faith that Christians profess. They are called "creeds" on account of what is usually their first word in Latin: *credo* ("I believe"). They are also called "symbols of faith".