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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 26th and 27th, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14; Ps 128. 1-2,2,4-5; Col. 3.12-21; Lk 2.41-45

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.



Week Mass Times

Feast of the Holy Family

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia

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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

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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

Ministry Schedule

January 2nd & 3rd, 2016

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

DATE	Saturday, Jan 2	Sunday, Jan 3
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway June Philpot	Jim & Marie Ziegler Jean Miller
LECTORS	Vigil Overstall Jim Schwab	Brian Burrill David Schwab
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jana Delany Willy Koldyk	Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS		

COLLECTION REPORTS

December 19th & December 20th, 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent

Church \$1,880.50

School \$20.00

Electronic Funds Transfer for December \$1140.00

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:

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 from the pastor

Pastor's Note:

Feast of the Holy Family: to be Known and Unknown

to them: Today's readings give us 2,000-year-old guidelines for living together in family. We hear that families take work: They require compassion, kindness, patience and above all, love. Families come in every configuration, and they are often imperfect. But they provide the environment for us to become who we are called to be. People are stretched, often painfully, in the process. It's good to know that Jesus' family was really no different. That it was unknown to Mary and Joseph that Jesus remained in Jerusalem, provided on the physical level the experience of knowing what it feels like to lose someone you love, and provided on the spiritual level the experience of being baffled by the mystery of life. **Homework:** How can Joseph, Mary and Jesus be models for fathers, mothers, and children?

The Knights of Columbus have a yearly Family Hour of Prayer event. We had this event on December 07. It contained some reflections given by our Popes which I share with you.

Pope Francis: **family with open doors.** "God came into the world in a family. And he could do this because that family was a family with a heart open to love, a family whose doors were open. We can think of Mary, a young woman. She couldn't believe it: "How can this be?" But once it was explained to her, she obeyed. We think of Joseph, full of dreams for making a home; then along comes this surprise that he doesn't understand. He accepts, he obeys. And in the loving obedience of this woman, Mary, and this man, Joseph, we have a family into which God comes. God always knocks on the doors of our hearts. " (World Meeting of Families Festival of Families September 26, 2015 (Philadelphia))

St. John Paul II: **family is the first church.** It is the family that reveals a specific image of the Church. "All members of the family, each according to his or her own gift, have the grace and responsibility of building, day by day, the communion of persons, making the family "a school of deeper humanity": this happens where there is care and love for the little ones, the sick, the aged; where there is mutual service every day (Familiaris Consortio, 21)

upcoming EVENTS

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

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

World Day of Peace is a Roman Catholic Feast celebrated on the 1st of January on the Solemnity of the Feast of the Mary, Mother of God. It was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that this will be remembered every year with the hope and promise that peace may dominate the development of events to come .

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace 2016 is entitled: Overcome Indifference and Win Peace.

For those who are interested to read the said message please refer to the link posted below:

[Messages World Day of Peace | Francis - Vatican.va](https://w2.vatican.va/.../en/messages/peace.index.html) <https://w2.vatican.va/.../en/messages/peace.index.html>

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.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This feast is the celebration of Mary's Motherhood of Jesus. She has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's Invitation conveyed by the angel (Lk 1: 36-38).

We invite everyone to come and join us on Thursday (December 31) at mass (please see schedule) for the Celebration of this Solemnity.



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.



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

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.

In the Christmas Season we celebrate the many aspects of the mystery of the birth of Christ. The season is composed of the following feasts: Feast of the Nativity (Dec25), Feast of the Holy Family, Feast of the Mary the Mother of God (Jan01), Feast of the Epiphany, and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. All these help uncover the depth of what it means for God to take on human flesh and dwell among us.



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.



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.

James W. Schwab
 Grand Knight
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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

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, December 27, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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	28-Jan2 (Kelly Family and Carm)

JANUARY 2016 LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

(Dec.)31THURSDAY	New Year's Eve Mass " 7:30 PM
JANUARY 2016	
1FRIDAY	World Day of Peace
3SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
10SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass Parish Gathering
17SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
24SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
31SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!)
Sunday Collections December 20, 2015

Loose \$ 15.00
Envelope \$345.00

Thank you

... to all who helped in decorating our Church for Christmas you are always appreciated.

...to those who brought poinsettias and flowers

...to those who helped out with the music especially Mr. Glenn Farrell for setting up the instruments, microphones and sound system and Mr. Ronnie Cruz for elevating our choir with his help.

...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.

...to those, who donated their time, and resources for a prayerful liturgical celebration this Christmas.

We pray for

...our Parish Members who were not able to join in our church celebration because of sickness, old age or reasons of their own (like travels for family gatherings etc...).

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!

December 31 Ministries 7:30 PM Mass

Readers: Vic and Gail James

EMC: Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

Gifts bearers: TBA (to be announced)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)
CHAPTER THREE: MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD
ARTICLE 2 WE BELIEVE: IN BRIEF

176 Faith is a personal adherence of the whole man to God who reveals himself. It involves an assent of the intellect and will to the self-revelation God has made through his deeds and words.

177 "To believe" has thus a twofold reference: to the person, and to the truth: to the truth, by trust in the person who bears witness to it.

178 We must believe in no one but God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

179 Faith is a supernatural gift from God. In order to believe, man needs the interior helps of the Holy Spirit.

180 "Believing" is a human act, conscious and free, corresponding to the dignity of the human person.

181 "Believing" is an ecclesial act. The Church's faith precedes, engenders, supports and nourishes our faith. The Church is the mother of all believers. "No one can have God as Father who does not have the Church as Mother" (St. Cyprian, *De unit.* 6: PL 4, 519).

182 We believe all "that which is contained in the word of God, written or handed down, and which the Church proposes for belief as divinely revealed" (Paul VI, CPG § 20).

183 Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (*Mk* 16:16).

184 "Faith is a foretaste of the knowledge that will make us blessed in the life to come" (St. Thomas Aquinas. *Comp. theol.* 1, 2).