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SUNDAY BULLETIN for January 9th and 10th, 2016

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42.1-4, 6-7, Psalm 29, Acts 10.34-38, Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

“When Jesus had been baptized & was praying the heaven was opened & the Holy Spirit descended upon him.”



Week Mass Times *Epiphany of the Lord*

Saturday	9th	5:00 pm	†Ed Hudson
Sunday	10th	9:00 am	†Michelangelo & Concetta Sia
Monday	11th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	12th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	13th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Thursday	14th	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	15th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday	16th	5:00 pm	†Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	17th	9:00 am	†Dolores Krauskopf

Ministry Schedule January 16th & 17th, 2016 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	Saturday, Jan 16	Sunday, Jan 17
GREETERS	Dave & Marj Hemenway June Philpot	Wayne & Andrea Callison
LECTORS	Sarah Sia Angela Sia	Marj Coupe Mary Ellen Kallio
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Willy Koldyk Bob Bresser	Johanna Habjan Lu Blackburn Dorothy Cardinal
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

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Parish Finance Committee

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Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

COLLECTION REPORTS

January 2nd & January 3rd, 2016

Epiphany of the Lord

Church \$1,779.20

New Year Offering \$819.65

School \$250.00

Parish Goal	=	\$ 21,674.00
Amount to Goal	=	\$ 2,012.00
Actual to Date	=	\$ 19,662.00



Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Peter, Ron, Vienna, Patti, James, Nelson, Lucia, Rose, Charlie, Nolan, Rachel, Thomas, Nyla, Jane, Jules, Sandy, James, Janet, Francis, Tristan, Marie, Cheryl, Roy, Gordon, 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

Christmas, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord: Baptism of the Lord:

we are reminded that Jesus' ministry began just as ours does: by his baptism. By entering into the waters of baptism, he was identified as God's own son and filled with the Holy Spirit. That baptism unleashed **great power** in his life that enabled him to fulfill his calling through unimaginable demands. Jesus' relationship to God was unique, but in our own baptism, we too are claimed as God's own and filled with the Spirit to fulfill whatever is asked of us. Today ends our Christmas Season and the Church's celebrations of God being revealed to humanity. We will be entering into a time period where the Scriptures will help to convince us that Jesus is God-with-us.

Homework: One way of looking at the role of the Godparent is to give them the responsibility of helping the baptized child to experience this 'great power'. Make contact with your Godchild(ren).

Baptism Catechism: The symbols of baptism are: water to wash away sin, the formula containing the invocation of the Trinity (baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit) to invite us into a life with the Trinity, the candle to let Christ be our light, the white garment to cloth us with purity for a life in heaven, and the Crism Oil for anointing to the mission of being a Priest, Prophet and Shepherd (sanctifying, teaching, guarding). The Godparents symbolize the community that commits itself to helping the child to grow 'in wisdom and in stature, before God and humans.' (Luke 2:52)

Upcoming canonization of Mother Theresa of Calcutta:

Pope Francis accepted the proof for the miracle credited to the intercession of Mother Theresa, and thus signed off on the last condition for her canonization. While no date has been confirmed for the celebration, it is speculated that it will be in the first week of September to coincide with the date of her death. Read about the inexplicable cure of a Brazilian man suffering from a viral brain infection who unexplainably sat up in bed cured while his wife was praying for Mother Theresa to intercede.

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

ATTENTION: Catholic students attending post-secondary education Institutions.

Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation

Annual British Columbia and Yukon bursary program known as The Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger OMI Memorial Bursary Program for 2016 program is now receiving applications. Once again we are privileged to offer the 30 bursaries of \$500 each to Catholic students across the province of British Columbia. The bursaries are made available on a one time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in their second or subsequent year of post secondary education. The terms of reference can be found at http://kofcbc.org/files/2013/08/Bursary_2015-16.pdf

Requests for applications should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC and Yukon
ATTN: Koon Ming Lau, Bursary chairman
2456 E. 20th Ave. Vancouver, BC VTM 2T6

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).

This Sunday (January 10th), We will have our clean up and taking down of Christmas decorations at Noon. Please come and help. We need more hands to finish the work faster. Thank you!

THANK YOU!!!

My name is **Jacqueline Koldyk**. I would like to take this time to thank all of you who have prayed for me, while I was going through a difficult time this past year.

Thank you also for believing in me, to getting where I need to be. It was a long haul and without your thoughts and prayers I could not have done it.

Best wishes for 2016



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.



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Catholic Schools: "Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts"

VIRTUE: Trust

Trust is believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Sometimes it is hard to trust when life brings painful experiences. God is with us in every instance in life. We can therefore trust that there is some good in everything that happens.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK- more information coming home soon

We are blessed to have a Catholic School in Smithers. It was built by volunteers with donated materials and money and Department of Indian Affairs funds. It opened in 1958. Well into the 1970s the school was staffed by nuns, brothers, and young, volunteer "frontier apostles" from the United Kingdom and Eastern Canada. Also in the late 1970s, most of our many Catholic students from Moricetown moved to the Moricetown School when it opened. Many other big and small changes have happened throughout the years and here we are: one of eight schools in the Prince George diocese and of 79 in B.C. Our students are part of the over 21,000 students enrolled in Catholic Schools across the province.

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.

ATTENTION FORMER FRONTIER APOSTLES:

The Frontier Apostolate, established by Bishop O'Grady in 1956, will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of its founding with a reunion of former Frontier Apostles on August 19-21, 2016 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre. For more information contact PGFAreunion@gmail.com



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 1946. 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 Monthly Meeting
 Date: Wednesday January 13th
 Time: 7:00 pm

Annual dues for 2016, please pay at the meeting.

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SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am

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Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative

JANUARY 2016

10SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
	Potluck Parish Gathering
17SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
24SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
31SUNDAY	11:30 AM Mass
	Fr. Pier Houston House Visits

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we reencounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him. *(Joseph Ratzinger, Jesus of Nazareth, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18). Excerpted from the Congregation for the Clergy*

Potluck Luncheon. Today after Mass. Please join us as we gather as community to celebrate Christmas and in thanksgiving the year that has been, and in anticipation with heart full of hope for the year that is now.

Restoration of Christmas Decoration will be done after the luncheon downstairs. We need all the help that we get to have the task done faster. Thank you.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

THE CREEDS

191 "These three parts are distinct although connected with one another. According to a comparison often used by the Fathers, we call them *articles*. *(Continue next page)...*

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, January 17, 2016 2nd Sunday in OT

GREETERS	Claudine Ketchell and Tammy Heibert
LECTORS	Vic and Gail James
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Volunteer Needed
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	See Board for assignments
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	(January 11-16) Kelly Family and Carm

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!) Sunday Collections

<i>January 1</i>	<i>January 3</i>	<i>DAA update</i>
Loose \$ 25.00	Loose \$ 15.00	Goal: \$5,029.00
Envelope <u>\$ 85.00</u>	Envelope <u>\$725.00</u>	now: \$2,930.00

Indeed, just as in our bodily members there are certain articulations which distinguish and separate them, so too in this profession of faith, the name *articles* has justly and rightly been given to the truths we must believe particularly and distinctly." In accordance with an ancient tradition, already attested to by St. Ambrose, it is also customary to reckon the articles of the Creed as *twelve*, thus symbolizing the fullness of the apostolic faith by the number of the apostles.

192 Through the centuries many professions or symbols of faith have been articulated in response to the needs of the different eras: the creeds of the different apostolic and ancient Churches, e.g., the *Quicumque*, also called the Athanasian Creed; the professions of faith of certain Councils, such as Toledo, Lateran, Lyons, Trent; or the symbols of certain popes, e.g., the *Fides Damasi* or the *Credo of the People of God* of Paul VI.

193 None of the creeds from the different stages in the Church's life can be considered superseded or irrelevant. They help us today to attain and deepen the faith of all times by means of the different summaries made of it.

Among all the creeds, two occupy a special place in the Church's life:

194 *The Apostles' Creed* is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is "the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith".

195 *The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed* draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day.