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SUNDAY BULLETIN for February 27th and 28th, 2016

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15, Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12, Luke 13.1-9
 "Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did."



Week Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	27th	5:00 pm	† Willy Koldyk † Caterino Bortolotto
Sunday	28th	9:00 pm	† Manuel & Cecilia Garcia † Wayne Pastl
Monday	29th	9:00 am	<i>Fr. Pier in Houston—No Mass</i>
Tuesday	1st	6:15 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday	2nd	9:00 am	
Thursday	3rd	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	4th	9:00 am	
Saturday	5th	5:00 pm	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	6th	9:00 am	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Ministry Schedule March 5th & 6th, 2016 3rd Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, Mar 5	Sunday, Mar 6
GREETERS	Dave & Marj Hemenway June Philpot	Andrea & Wayne Callison Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS	Vigil Overstall Jim Schwab	Brenda Pyper David Schwab
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany Bob Bresser	1. Al Bruintjes 2. Tina Bruintjes 3. Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

February 20th & February 21st, 2016
 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Church \$1,999.21
 Catholic Missions \$ 20.00

Parish Goal	=	\$ 21,674.00
Amount to Goal	=	\$ 1,842.00
Actual to Date	=	\$ 19,832.00



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
 Casey Pyper, David Schwab

Maintenance: Pete Stroet

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclaasac



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Roger, Jaret, Matt, Tanya, Peter, Ron, James, Nelson, Lucia, Rose, Charlie, Nolan, Francis, Tristan, Marie, Cheryl, Roy, Gordon, Ricardo, James and Linda

To add someone to the list, please call the Office (847-2012):
 NOTE: the list is refreshed at the beginning of each month.

IF you know of someone sick or shut-in who would like the church to visit or bring communion, call 847-2012

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

Lord throughout these 40 days (the readings).

Today's readings remind us that we live with the "burden" of choice. God is a patient, loving God who hears the cries and suffering of his people. Mercy is unceasingly available to all. And yet, with the freedom to choose, our actions have consequences that sometimes bring pain and suffering to ourselves or others. To these situations let us choose to bring the gifts of repentance and mercy that have first been given to us through Christ. The warning in the parable of the fig tree is that God's patience is never exhausted ('let me fertilize one more time') but that our time to act is limited ('if after a year'). We must act now to bear fruit. **Homework: review your Lenten promises to pray, fast, give alms, and re-invigorate your efforts. If no Lenten promises have been made, consider starting now.**

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS: Intro, Word, Gifts, Eucharistic Prayer, Communion, Conclusion. Find an insert explaining how the preparation of the altar and gifts, although the beginning of the eucharistic celebration, has a secondary character since it prepares for and leads to the eucharistic prayer. The altar is prepared; the gifts are "set apart" and presented as a sign of the community's desire to incorporate itself in the sacrifice of Christ (the rite gradually expanded with the people themselves bringing the gifts to the altar); the bread and the wine are placed on the altar as the presider praises God for his gifts which will become the body and blood of the Lord; finally in the prayer over the gifts the priest sums up the meaning of all that has taken place. The purpose of the rite is to prepare the altar, the gifts, and the community for the offering to come.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING

LENT: Fridays at 7pm. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's last day on Earth. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station a specific event from Christ's last day is recalled and meditated on. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. In our Parish, various groups led this service. See the schedule in the bulletin.

upcoming EVENTS

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

March 6: Pancake Breakfast after mass hosted by Knights

CHRISM MASS 2016

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on **Monday, March 14, 2016** at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In this diocesan celebration the Holy Oils and Chrism used in the Sacraments are blessed and consecrated. The priests will renew their commitment to serve the Church. A reception will follow. Those attending are asked to bring a plate of snacks to share. Please put on the table in the lower hall before Mass. Thank you.

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.

Diocesan Youth Conference 2016 Registration Open!!!

Registration for the 2016 DYC: The Ascent is now open for all those in grades 7-12! You can register online at www.dycpgdiocese.eventbrite.ca. It is \$40 before APRIL 1 and \$60 after APRIL 1.

The Diocesan Youth Conference is a packed weekend adventure filled with dynamic talks, workshops, games, adoration, praise & worship, and a coffeehouse featuring artists from across our diocese as part of an evening celebration. This year, our theme is 'The Ascent'. The Christian journey often feels like a tough climb, but we hope young people will leave ready to take on every mountain. With the help of Face2Face Ministries, we will unpack that which is most central and basic to the Catholic Christian faith.

When: Friday, 29 April at 6:00 PM - Sunday, 1 May, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

Where: 6500 Southridge Ave - Prince George, BC V2N 5P9

Koldyk Family says Thank you!

The family of Willy Koldyk wishes to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers during this difficult time. Willy shared her love joyfully and willingly with all and we have truly felt strengthened by all your support. A blessed thank you to Willy's sisters of the CWL for their generous and wonderful reception following the beautiful funeral mass. God bless you all!



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: GENTLENESS

Only God knows your "story" and the "stories" of others. So when we are tempted to be rough with someone through our words and actions, perhaps a step back could be taken. Maybe some gentleness is a better way? Gentleness may not be the virtue for every situation, but it could be more generously used, especially during this Lenten season.

CERTIFICATES – an ongoing school fundraiser

Just a reminder that we have gift certificates for Bulkley Valley Wholesale(\$25.00), Safeway(\$50.00 and \$100.00) and Extra Foods (\$50.00 and \$100.00) for purchasing. A percentage of certificates sold is given back to the school. We are also collecting Canadian Tire money for any purchases that have to be made by the school. It helps to keep our costs down. Thank you.

Smithers Pro-Life is hosting a movie event on March 12, Saturday at the Smithers Christian Reformed Church. Time is 7:30, Cost \$5:00.

We will be showing "The War Room". This is a brilliant, compelling, faith drama that is filled with humour and heart. It is PG rated movie that is 120 minutes long.



Share Lent Pilgrimage – Building community in Indonesia

The 3rd week of our pilgrimage finds us in Indonesia. The word *kampung* has come to mean 'slum' in the local language, but its original definition is 'community.' Your support for Share Lent means that Try Mopurto, who lives in a *kampung*, has been able to renovate his home for his family, despite suffering from mental illness. The community is coming together to support him and his family. "My home is my heaven," he says, "because here we feel the meaning of brotherhood in the social life of the *kampung*."

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service will take place in the Smithers United Church on the corner of 8th and King St. in Smithers on Friday March 4th, at 7:00 PM . Cuba is the country represented this year. **All** are welcome and refreshments will follow the service.



February is Pregnancy Outreach month. Everyone is asked to bring new baby layette items to the Parish Centre for distribution. All members are being asked to sign up for a committee. Contact Eileen Bouvier. Remember to mail the letters to government regarding assisted suicide. Contact Gemma Gillis.

Please fill out the pledge cards for the Palliative Care Jubilee of Mercy and bring them to the next CWL meeting in March. If you don't yet have one, you can find it on the website www.cwl.ca.



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday **March 6th** following mass.

Admission by donation.

Funds raised will help send youth from St Joseph's parish to Camp Morice.



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Visit to the Sick at Home: by appointment



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

MARCH 2016

06SUNDAY 11:30 AM Mass

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14 **CHRISM MASS AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL IN PRINCE GEORGE (7pm)**

20SUNDAY 11:30 AM Mass **Palm Sunday**
24 5:00 PM Mass **Holy Thursday**

25 **Good Friday**
3:00 PM Stations of the cross at St. Anthony's ground followed by the veneration of the Cross at St. Anthony's Church

26SATURDAY **8PM Easter Vigil** at St. Joseph's Church. Everyone is invited to participate

27SUNDAY 11:30 AM Mass **Easter Sunday**

Mass of Chrism 2016 will be on the 14th of March (Monday) at Sacred Heart Cathedral scheduled at 7PM. We encourage parishioners to come in support of our Priests in the Diocese as they renew their priestly commitment during the celebration.

Diocesan Youth Conference 2016 Registration is open for those who are interested. They are charging \$40 for those who will register before April 1, and \$60 after that date. See page 2 for more details.

SOUP AND BUN LUNCHEON

Please join us for a Soup and Bun Luncheon after mass downstairs. We appreciate you donations, thank you! Thank you for those who prepared the soup and brought the buns for this gathering!

Goodies for Sundays sign up sheet will be provided for those who would like to help us bring something to share for our Sunday gatherings after mass down stairs. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, March 6, 2016 4th Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	Tammy Heibert and Claudine Ketchell
LECTORS	Glenn and Patricia Farrell
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Vic and Gail James
Altar Servers	Lucas and Alicia Bishop, Nicole
Gift Bearers	Harry and Helen Doyle
Collection Counter	Eric Bishop
Church Cleaning	(Feb 29-Mar5) Bishop Family

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!)

Sunday Collection February 21, 2016

Loose	\$ 25.00	Change for change	\$89.00
Envelope	\$ 248.00		

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

ARTICLE I

"I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH"

Paragraph 1. I Believe in God

199 "I believe in God": this first affirmation of the Apostles' Creed is also the most fundamental. The whole Creed speaks of God, and when it also speaks of man and of the world it does so in relation to God. The other articles of the Creed all depend on the first, just as the remaining Commandments make the first explicit. The other articles help us to know God better as he revealed himself progressively to men. "The faithful first profess their belief in God."

I. "I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD"

200 These are the words with which the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed begins. The confession of God's oneness, which has its roots in the divine revelation of the Old Covenant, is inseparable from the profession of God's existence and is equally fundamental. God is unique; there is only one God: "The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance and essence."



We pray for the Sick:

Denise, Helen & Harry, Arsenia, Sara, Bob, Reginald, Juanito, Kelda, Shaylyn, Max and Pol