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SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 5th & 6th, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5.9a, 10-12, Psalm 34, 2 Corinthians 5.17-21, Luke 15.1-3, 11-32

"This brother of yours was dead, and has come life."



Week Mass Times 4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5th	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	6th	9:00 pm	†Willy Koldyk
Monday	7th	9:00 am	†Betty Kennedy
Tuesday	8th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	9th	9:00 am	†Italo Sguazzin
Thursday	10th	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	11th	9:00 am	
Saturday	12th	5:00 pm	†Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	13th	9:00 am	†Dolores Krauskopf
Monday	14th	Fr. Pier in Prince George for Chrism Mass	
Tuesday	15th	Fr. Pier in Prince George	
Wednesday	16th	Fr. Pier in Prince George	

Ministry Schedule March 12th & 13th, 2016 5th Sunday of Lent

DATE	Saturday, Mar 12	Sunday, Mar 13
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	CWL
LECTORS	Emily Buenten Christine Tessier	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Dave Hemenway Maria Sowa	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

Casey Pyper, David Schwab

Maintenance: Pete Stroet

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac

Saturday and Sunday Masses COLLECTION REPORTS

February 27th & 28th

Church	\$2,310.70
School	\$ 80.00



Parish Goal

\$ 21,674.00

Amount to Goal

\$ 1,842.00

Actual to Date

\$ 19,832.00



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Roger, Jaret, Matt, Tanya, Peter, Ron, James, Nelson, Lucia, Rose, Charlie, Nolan, Francis, Tristan, Cheryl, Roy, Gordon, Ricardo, Zenny, 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 FORTY DAYS

(readings explained) Laetare Sunday, celebrated half way through Lent, calls us to rejoice, and we hear profound reasons for joy in the story of the prodigal son, or more accurately, the prodigal Father. Even when we make life choices that cause great pain, God is always there, ready to forgive us. How deep is God's mercy? Today's readings say that the only limits are the ones we place on God's infinite love. **Homework: review the attached examination of conscience and home prayer.**

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MASS: Intro, Word, Gifts, Eucharistic Prayer, Communion, Conclusion. Find an insert explaining the centrality (and therefore the importance) of the Eucharistic Prayer, from the Preface to the GREAT AMEN. The Eucharistic prayer, being "the center and summit of the entire celebration" (GI no. 54), is a summary of what it means for the church to celebrate the eucharist. It is essentially a statement of praise and thanksgiving, a proclamation of wonder, for God's works of salvation as well as an action that makes the eucharist, rendering present both the body and blood of the Lord and the Lord's great redeeming actions. These 'great redeeming actions' (the work of the Spirit) are made present for us to experience conversion (change) in our lives, turning away from evil and towards the good. **IT REALLY IS PRESENT WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY WE BELIEVE IT OR NOT.**

CHRISM MASS: at our Cathedral in Prince George on Monday, March 14 at 7pm. This yearly celebration invites the whole Diocese of Prince George to gather with our Bishop Jensen. This feast of the Diocesan Church celebrates the priestly role of all the baptized. For the ministerial priests, we renew the vows made at our ordination. For the priesthood of the laity, you join with the bishop and priests in the blessing of the oils that will be used in our churches to celebrate the sacraments.

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE: please note the various times that this sacrament will be made available. At the very least, consider coming into the church to spend a moment before the Blessed Sacrament reflecting on where in your life you would like healing and forgiveness.

upcoming EVENTS

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

March 6: Pancake Breakfast after mass hosted by KofC
March 14: Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral (7PM)
March 17: Palliative Care presentation by Sandra Stanley
Church Foyer at 6:30PM
March 20: Palm Sunday 9AM
March 24: Holy Thursday—Mass at 7:30PM Washing of the feet
March 25: Holy Friday—2PM Stations of the Cross
3PM Veneration of the Cross
March 26: Easter Vigil Mass at 8PM
March 27: Easter Sunday 9AM

INVITATION FOR CHRISM MASS 2016

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on **Monday, March 14, 2016** at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

We encourage parishioners to come and support the priests of our diocese with your presence and prayer as they renew their commitment to serve.

Diocesan Youth Conference 2016 Registration Open!!!

The Ascent (Diocesan Youth Conference 2016) 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**.

(see Bulletin board for more info)

INVITATION TO: PALLIATIVE CARE

presentation by Sandra Stanley

When: Thursday,
March 17th 2016

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: St. Joseph's
Church Foyer.

What does a Palliative Care mean for those in Smithers? What is the difference between Palliative Care, Hospice, and Home Care? How to access them as well as costs? What equipment is available? and more. The whole parish and anyone interested is welcome."

For rides to & from this session, please call **250-847-8847**.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Teaching Positions

Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George is accepting applications for Continuing and Limited Duration Teacher positions beginning September 2016. For a complete listing of all teacher postings please go to www.cispg.ca

Sacrament of Holy Communion Preparation Reminder

On March 13, Sunday, at 2PM, participants are meeting at the St. Joseph's Parish for continues education. Thank you!



Reflecting on Sunday Scripture: Let us reflect in advance on Sunday Readings every Tuesday at 10:15am in the Parish Center. Come & join us, and in the process, widen and deepen our understanding and love for God through praying, listening to others and sharing our reflections over a cup of coffee or tea.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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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.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL –
 SEEKING NEW
 MEMBERS—something
 to think about**

We have two council members whose terms are up. We are looking for two candidates to replace them. Nominations will be accepted until **April 20th** for these positions. School Council nominees must be Catholic and the candidate does not need to be a parent of a student at St. Joseph's. If

you are interested, but not sure about the positions, you are welcome at any council meeting. The meetings are held once a month, usually on a Monday night, at 7:00 in the library. Nomination forms for School Council will be available in the school office.

SPRING FUNDRAISER

Thank you to Jodi Blackburn for spearheading this fundraiser. Each student will receive a plant order form this week. Your family name will be on your form. Cheques are made out to St. Joseph's School. All orders must be in by April 6th so we can have our plants here by April 27th. The plants and baskets make a wonderful Mother's Day gift. If you do not wish to participate in this fundraiser, please return your form to the office. All funds raised will go to safety and first aid supplies and student equipment and activities. For more information call the office at 250-847-9414.



Share Lent Pilgrimage – Helping nuns serve their people in Bethlehem

Now our pilgrimage takes us to the Holy Land. Development and Peace is supporting Salesian nuns in the Cremisan Valley in Bethlehem in their struggle to remain close to their people. Their ability to provide schooling to over 450 children has been threatened by the construction of a separation wall which will cut them off from the people they serve. Your support helps to provide them with crucial legal support to fight the construction in the courts. Next Sunday is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection. Please be generous!



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 Council
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday **March 6th**
 following mass. *Admission by donation.*

COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday **March 9th**
Time: 7PM, at St. Joseph Center



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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 Gonias
Pastoral Assistant

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee
Members

Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative

MARCH 2016

06SUNDAY 11:30 AM Mass
13SUNDAY 11:30 AM Mass
14 **CHRISM MASS AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL IN PRINCE GEORGE (7PM)**
20SUNDAY 11:30 AM Mass **Palm Sunday Soup and Bun Luncheon**
24 **Holy Thursday** 5:00 PM Mass
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**

ATTENTION MINISTERS:

Ministries for March 6 is mixed up with Ministries for March 13. We have the CWL sponsoring for This Sunday. Sorry for the confusion.

SOUP AND BUN LUNCHEON

This monthly activity for this month's of March will be **rescheduled on the 20th** instead of the 27th which is Easter Sunday. Please see the board for particular tasks.

Goodies for Sundays sign up sheet is still on the foyer for those who are interested to volunteer. Thank you for your generosity.

Monday Mass is celebrated at the St. Anthony's Parish once a month at 9AM or as frequent as Fr. Pier stays over for Pastoral Visit. Everyone is invited.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, March 13, 2016 5th 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	Dennis Gonias
Church Cleaning	(March 7-12) Kelly Family and Carm

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT Feb 28, 2016

Loose	\$ 34.55	Soup and bun	\$95.00
Envelope	\$ 270.00		

Thank you for your support!

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) Paragraph 1. I Believe in God

201 To Israel, his chosen, God revealed himself as the only One: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."⁴ Through the prophets, God calls Israel and all nations to turn to him, the one and only God: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other... To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 'Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.'"

202 Jesus himself affirms that God is "the one Lord" whom you must love "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength". At the same time Jesus gives us to understand that he himself is "the Lord". To confess that Jesus is Lord is distinctive of Christian faith. This is not contrary to belief in the One God. Nor does believing in the Holy Spirit as "Lord and giver of life" introduce any division into the One God: We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal infinite (immensus) and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence,

We pray for the Sick:

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

