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**Ministry Schedule
 April 2nd (5PM) and 3rd (9AM) 2016**

GREETERS: 5PM 9AM	Dave & Marj Hemenway, June Philpot Wayne & Andrea Callison, Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS : 5PM 9AM	Emily Buenten, Gemma Gillis Nick Witkowskyj, Teresa Witkowskyj
EMC 5PM 9AM	Maria Sowa, Janna Delany Al Bruintjes, Tina Bruintjes, Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer

**Ministry Schedule
 SUNDAY, April 3, 2016**

GREETERS	CWL
LECTORS	CWL
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	CWL
Altar Servers	Lucas and Alicia Bishop, Nicole
Gift Bearers	CWL
Collection Counter	Adrian Meeuwissen
Church Cleaning	(April 4-9)Kelly Family and Carm

COLLECTION REPORTS—March 20, 2016

Church	\$1,738.20	School	\$ 40.00
Holy Land	\$ 50.00	Development & Peace	\$1,085.00

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Loose	\$30.00	Envelope	\$395.00
Religious Art.	\$12.00	Soup and Bun	\$120.00



**Week Mass Times
 Easter Octave**

Saturday	26th	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	27th	9:00 pm	Easter Sunday †Dolores Krauskopf
Monday	28th	9:00 am	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Tuesday	29th	6:15 pm	†Fr. Brian Ballard, OMI
Wednesday	30th	9:00 am	†Enda McElean
Thursday	31st	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	1st	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	2nd	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	3rd	9:00 am	†Enda McElean

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
 LEAGUE**
 CWL Sunday on **April the 3rd**
 but meeting is cancelled.
 Installation of Officers and
 Farewell for Jane Wardrop
 will be on the same date.

*Jesus Christ is Risen
 Today
 Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter
 to all!!!*

THANK YOU!
 To all who participated in our
 Holy Week Celebrations; to
 those who led us in prayers,
 and to those who brought
 flowers for Easter.

LET US REMEMBER THEM IN OUR PRAYERS:
 Barb, Roger, Matt, Tanya, Peter, Ron, Little James, Nelson, Lucia,
 Rose, Charlie, Nolan, Tristan, Cheryl, Roy, Gordon, Ricardo,
 Zenny, James and Linda

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK:
 Dorothy, Denise, Helen & Harry, Arsenia, Sara, Bob, Reginald,
 Juanito, Kelda, Shaylyn, Max, Apolinario and Pol



Pastor's Note

Fr. Pier Pandolfo
St. Joseph's Parish and
St. Anthony's Mission Parish

"There (in your kingdom) we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good." (Eucharistic Prayer III)

Christ is risen. On behalf of the parishioners and staff of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, I want to extend prayerful wishes of this great HOPE in the power of the resurrection to you and your family this Easter Season. This hope is something we struggle with from the moment we take our first breath and begin to experience goodness and the lack of goodness. At Christmas we welcome Jesus as a gift sent from God the Father to express God's hope that we will work towards making the world a better place. And now at Easter, God raises Jesus from the dead and we are given hope that even death has been conquered. With nothing left to fear, let us courageously hope for the victory of goodness.

Oriana Fallaci, an Italian journalist wrote: "A lot of women ask themselves why they should bring a child into the world? So that it will be hungry, so that it will be cold, so that it will be betrayed and humiliated, so that it will be slaughtered by war or disease? They reject the hope that its hunger will be satisfied, its cold warmed, that loyalty and respect will accompany it through life, that it will devote a life to the effort to eliminate war and disease." I find this quote sobering in its observation that there is real hunger, cold, betrayal and war in our world; but I find it uplifting with its hope for a victory over these sins against goodness. As believers in Christ, we can draw upon God's grace to live such a hope-filled orientation.

Every Sunday at mass we are celebrating Easter and we pray the above line. It reminds us to be hopeful:

- **of joy** ('rejoice, again I say rejoice -Philippians 4:4),
- **of fullness of glory** ('we are heirs with Christ' – Romans 8:17), and
- **of goodness** ('and God saw it was good' –Genesis 1:31). Happy Easter.



Happy 3rd Ordination Anniversary
Most Reverend Bishop Steven Jensen
Diocese of Prince George
April 2,
We remember you in prayer



COME JOIN US

LET US BE NOURISHED SPIRITUALLY. Please accept our Easter gift, a CD of Scott Hahn's Conversion story or a CD on the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Our Parish is committed to increasing our understanding of our faith.



April 03: Divine Mercy Sunday. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the mass at the spot of the homily. Come and experience this beautiful devotion of mercy.

April 13: Discussion on Scott Hahn Conversion Story CD. (7PM) We will listen to some of the CD and enter into a discussion on the topic of CONVERSION. Please come and join us with your thoughts.



April 15: PRO-LIFE AGM and fundraiser dinner. From the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, the Catholic church defends the dignity of life. Aware of the many complicated aspects of life, the Pro-Life group seeks to insert into this discussion a spiritual understanding. Come and support this valuable work.



May 01: Feast of St. Joseph, Parish Feast Day. A day to celebrate our parish patron saint with mass, BBQ, and activities.



May 29: Feast of Corpus Christi, and First Holy Communion. Our candidates for First Holy Communion will celebrate this on this day. Come and join in their joy.



June 23,24,or25: Year of Mercy Pilgrimage. Three tentative dates have been set depending on who will join us for this pilgrimage. In this Year of Mercy, we have been encouraged to make a pilgrimage to one of the 'Holy Doors' in our diocese. Our pilgrimage will take us from Smithers to Prince Rupert and back. Along the way we will stop at historical diocesan sites for prayer. More info to come. the dignity of life. Aware of the many complicated aspects of life, the Pro-Life group seeks to insert into this discussion a spiritual understanding. Come and support this valuable work.



April 29-May 01: Diocesan Youth Conference: calling youth from grades 8 to 12 to join us in Prince George where Face2Face Ministries once again leads this powerful weekend. Please register.



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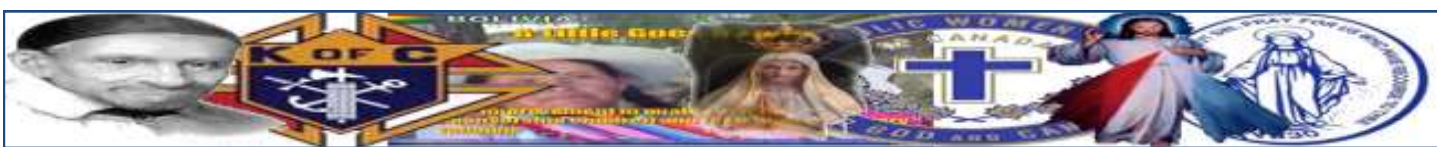
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