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SUNDAY BULLETIN for May 7th & 8th, 2016

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1.1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1.17-23, Luke 24.46-53

"Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven."



Week Mass Times *Ascension of the Lord*

Saturday	7th	5:00 pm	Intentions of St. Joseph's Parish
Sunday	8th	9:00 am	†Willy Koldyk
Monday	9th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	10th	6:15 pm	People of the Parish
Wednesday	11th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Thursday	12th	11:00 am	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	13th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday	14th	5:00 pm	†Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	15th	9:00 am	†Jerry & Gwen Zank

Ministry Schedule Vigil of Pentecost

May 14th, 2016 (5PM) and May 15th, 2016 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	David & Marj Hemenway, June Philpot Knights of Columbus
LECTORS : 5 PM 11AM	Trevor Bruintjes, Vigil Overstall Etienne St. Onge, Michael desHarnais
EMC: 5 PM 11AM	Johanna Habjan, Tina Gemmell Knights of Columbus
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer

COLLECTION REPORTS - April 30th & May 1st, 2016

Church \$ 2,202.00 **Popes Pastoral Works** \$ 150.00
School \$ 340.00

Food for thought! Charitable giving through the gift of a life

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 MacIsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek



Actual to Date

\$ 20,852.00

Amount to Goal

\$ 822.00

Parish Goal

\$ 21,674.00

Last date to receive pledges is June 30, 2016



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Barb, Roger, Matt, Tanya, Peter, Ron, Little James,
Nelson, Lucia, Charlie, Nolan, Tristan, 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."



Pastor's Note

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

Easter 50 Days: celebrating love that takes the first step. Today's readings recount a startling and dramatic event: Jesus left his disciples. Their first reaction must have been: What now? Immediately they knew there was work to be done and not much time for pondering or sentiment. We can only imagine the details as they gathered their meagre forces and moved forward; we can only imagine how the task seemed overwhelming; and we reflect in amazement at all that has transpired from the modest beginnings of the church. They say 'the longest journey begins by taking the first step.'

Homework: We need people to step forward and take on ministries in the Church – we come to Church anyway, so can we offer to help with reading, being Extra-ordinary minister of the Eucharist, hospitality, alter serving, etc. TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

Feast of the Lord's Ascension: from the Preface: "he ascended not to distance himself from our lowly state, but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.

Mother's Day: From pope Saint John Paul II we have: "Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the mother's womb. The mother is filled with wonder at this mystery of life, and 'understands' with unique intuition what is happening inside her. In the light of the 'beginning', the mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings – not only towards her own child, but every human being – which profoundly marks the woman's personality." And from Debra Ginsberg we have "Through the blur, I wondered if I was alone or if other parents felt the same way I did - that everything involving our children was painful in some way. The emotions, whether they were joy, sorrow, love or pride, were so deep and sharp that in the end they left you raw, exposed and yes, in pain. The human heart was not designed to beat outside the human body and yet, each child represented just that - a parent's heart bared, beating forever outside its chest."

EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
 May 9-21 Father Pier away in Kitimat, then Study Days
 May 10 CWL Spring Tea 7PM
 June 07 Finance Council Meeting, 7pm
 June 13 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7pm
 June 25 Year of Mercy Pilgrimage,

FAMILY

Senior's Retreat in PG: on Thursday May 12 from 9:45 to 3:30 at the Renewal Center Grounds in Prince George. Lunch included.

National Week on life and family, May 08-15: This week has been set aside by the Canadian Church to bring attention to the family. A letter from the president of the CCCB is available in the foyer

COMMUNICATIONS

New Diocesan Website: on World Communication Day, May 08, the Diocese of Prince George is launching their new website. Please visit the site at [www.pgdiocese..bc.ca](http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca).

This is a challenge to our parish to improve our website by committing resources to it. www.stjosephsmithers.com

PARISH ACTIVITY

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE
June 25

In line with the celebration of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, St. Joseph's Parish is organizing a Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy at Annunciation Parish in Prince Rupert on Saturday, June 25th.

It will be a one day bus trip with stops in Moricetown and New Hazelton to view historical sites and 5 pm mass in Prince Rupert at the Church of Annunciation.

If interested, please register by calling the parish office at (250) 847-2012.

LIFE ISSUES

ProLife Society Board: thank you to **Norma Stumborg** for joining the Society Board after the AGM of April 15.

ProLife Newsletter: the newsletter has been included in our bulletin. Draw attention to the next scheduled events: May 24, Stephen Woodworth speaking on "Protecting Your Children's freedom". June 04, Garage Sale fundraiser at St. Joseph School, 7:30am.

Hospice Society AGM: this meeting is on June 07 at the Healthy Living Center, 7-9PM. This is a very worthy organization to get involved with as it provides a valuable service for our dying.

Dying with assistance: as we move forward with legislation on this issue, we want to ensure that the vulnerable are protected by legislation that advocates for them, and that the process protects the freedom of conscience for those who work in the medical field.; we want to encourage support for palliative care.

FINANCE

Roof: we are preparing a report on the condition of our roof, in particular to protect against the winter build up of ice. We are planning for the repair work to be done before winter.

FUNERAL

Kazimira Dobek passed away on Tuesday, May 03, Funeral mass is on Thursday, May 12, at 11am. Rest in peace.



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
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
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Catholic Schools: "Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts"

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

Yearbook Advertising: Businesses are invited to advertise and to support the year book through the purchase of a business card size advertisement in the yearbook. The cost is a \$25.00 (or more, if you wish) donation.

PRE K REGISTRATION 2015/2016 – first-come, first-served format

Registration for Pre K is on Friday, May 27th starting at 8:00am. There will be a Monday, Wednesday, Friday class (\$170.00 per month) and a Tuesday, Thursday class (\$115.00 per month). The classes run from 8:30-11:30am. These rates are pro-rated for the year. Your child must be 4 by December 31, 2016. Please bring in **your child's care card and immunization records along with the first month's fees.**

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM RE-REGISTRATION:

Families with children currently enrolled in the After School Program have the opportunity to re-register now. Registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please drop your registration in the SCHOOL OFFICE. On June 1st registration will open to the general public.

SCHOOL YARD MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER

NEEDED: we need individuals who would be willing to take care of the weed eating around our newly erected fence. The lawn is being taken care of, but we need someone to do the weed eating. Machines can be provided. If interested, please call the Office: 847-9414.

SUMMER FAMILY AND YOUTH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP MORICE, STEWART LAKE by Ft. St. James

For more information, please visit their website: www.campmorice.com or call telephone number: 250-964-5641 or ask Fr. Pier Pandolfo.

TEEN CAMP

Sun, Jul 3, 3PM—Jul 8, 11:30 AM
 Registration \$275.00

LEADERSHIP WEEK

Sun, Jul 10, 3PM—Fri Jul 15, 11:30AM
 Registration N/A

TWEEN CAMP #1

Sun, Jul 17, 3PM—Fri, Jul 22, 11:30AM
 Registration \$245.00

KIDS CAMP

Sun Jul 24, 3PM—Fri, Jul 29, 11:30Am
 Registration \$245.00

TWEEN CAMP #2

Sun, Aug 7, 7:30PM—Fri Aug 12 11:30AM
 Registration \$ 245.00

CANA CAMP

Sun, Aug 14, 3PM—Fri, Aug19, 12PM
 Registration \$ 320.00

RAFFLE: The **Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973 of St. Joseph's Parish** will be raffling, one Family and one Youth registration for the Camp. Interested parties, please submit name to office. Draw date will be on June the 1st.



The CWL Annual Spring Tea will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm in the church foyer.



All ladies of the parish are invited, please consider bringing a friend. Many guests from other churches will be attending. This years' theme is "Pray, Play with Friends"



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973

The Knights monthly meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday May 11th.

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre

Please provide a helping ride to your Brother Knights so they can attend the meeting.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make our parish barbecue such a success. Thank you to all for an excellent job in cleaning up.

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Visit to the Sick at Home: by appointment



SUNDAY MASS TIME 9:00am



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Pier Pandolfo

Pastor

Dennis Gonia

Pastoral Assistant

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee
Members

Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto ·

MAY	1	6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Mass
	8	Ascension of the Lord 11:30 AM Mass
	15	Pentecost Sunday 11:30 AM Mass
	22	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 11:30 AM Mass
	29	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 11:30 AM Mass

PARISH RECTORY CLEANING

In preparation to welcome Dennis and his wife and daughter, we have done necessary refreshing of the Parish Rectory. **THANK YOU** to those who organized and participated in painting, cleaning, and organizing the work.

PASTORAL ASSISTANT AWAY UNTIL MAY 16

Dennis returns around May 16. Any parish demands are to be directed to Fr. Pier (847-3175).

PARISH ACTIVITY

We have a need for ministers within the St. Anthony's Parish. Please consider being a Lector, Greeter or Eucharistic Minister

EASTER GIFT:

The parish would like some feedback on the Easter CD gifts of the Scott Hahn Conversion or the Rosary and Divine Mercy Teaching.

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, May 15, 2016

Vigil of Pentecost

GREETERS	Claudine Ketchell & Tammy Hiebert
LECTORS	Adrian Meeuwissen & Liz Gerei
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Vic & Gail James
Altar Servers	Alicia & Lucas Bishop
Gift Bearers	Bill Goold & Yolande Binner
Collection Counter	Volunteer
Church Cleaning	Volunteer

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT

April 17th, 2016

Loose \$ 45.00 Envelope \$ 460.00

April 24th, 2016

Loose \$ 7.00 Envelope \$ 360.00

Thank you for your support!

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH SECTION TWO: THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH CHAPTER ONE

ARTICLE I

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

Paragraph 1. I Believe in God

212 Over the centuries, Israel's faith was able to manifest and deepen realization of the riches contained in the revelation of the divine name. God is unique; there are no other gods besides him. He transcends the world and history. He made heaven and earth: "They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment...but you are the same, and your years have no end." In God "there is no variation or shadow due to change." God is "HE WHO IS", from everlasting to everlasting, and as such remains ever faithful to himself and to his promises.

213 The revelation of the ineffable name "I AM WHO AM" contains then the truth that God alone IS. the Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and following it the Church's Tradition, understood the divine name in this sense: God is the fullness of Being and of every perfection, without origin and without end. All creatures receive all that they are and have from him; but he alone is his very being, and he is of himself everything that he is.

We pray for the Sick:

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

