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SUNDAY BULLETIN for November 27th & 28th 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13.11-14, Matthew 24.37-44

"Keep awake, you must be ready."



Week Mass Times 1st Week of Advent

Saturday	26th	5:00 pm Mass	†Hedy Surtel
Sunday	27th	9:00 am Mass	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Monday	28th	9:00 am Mass	
Tuesday	29th	6:15 pm Mass	†Blanche Maillot
Wednesday	30th	9:00 am Mass	
Thursday	1st	11:00 am Mass	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	2nd	9:00 am Mass	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	3rd	5:00 pm Mass	People of our Parish
Sunday	4th	9:00 am Mass	People of our Parish

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: Pederson Family

Development & Peace: Marj Coupe

Catholic Women's League: Mary Ellen Kallio (Acting President)

Knights of Columbus: James Schwab

School Council Co- Chairperson: Kelly Ehalt & Etienne St-Onge

Parish Finance Committee

Finance Vice Chairperson: Wayne Callison

Casey Pyper, David Schwab

Maintenance: Vacant

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Fr. Pier Pandolfo

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie MacIsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer

Ministry Schedule

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 3rd & December 4th, 2016 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dave & Marj Hemenway, Carol Buckna Jim & Marie Ziegler, Jean Miller
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Tina Gemmell, Jim Schwab Kristi Pederson, David Schwab
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Carlene Dingwall, Johanna Habjan Al Bruintjes, Tina Bruintjes, Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer

COLLECTION REPORTS

November 19th & 20th, 2016

Church \$1,615.85 **Diocesan Appeal** \$ 200.00

Roof Repair Fund \$ 1,420.00

Roofing Update: *Flat Roof Update:* Repair work continues; Cost ~\$55,000. Collected \$8,330.00 on reserve \$40,000
Sloped Roof Update; Work scheduled for Spring 2017. Cost ~\$71-75,000. Loan from the Diocese will be requested.

Diocesan Appeal: *Goal of \$22,721 Achieved \$20,983*

Assistance Stam Family *Those who wish, can make donations to help the Stam family with Medical Expenses.*

Please remember the following in your prayers:



Kelly, Adrian, Danielle, Scott, Lori, Sabrina, Antonio, Maurice, Marie, Rachael, Ernest, Leland, Barb, Tanya, Ron, Little James, Nelson, Lucia and Tristan

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

Advent: listen attentively, speak encouragingly

Listen attentively for the hidden cry of the poor. As we begin this Advent season, we focus on the universal spiritual practice of being awake—deeply aware. It's not that we're sleeping, but that it's so easy to become distracted by the ordinary demands of life—especially in this holiday season. It is so easy to overlook what is truly most important, but staying alert is hard. God is always present to us; Jesus comes in many guises, many ways. If we're not alert, we miss it all. What will it take to keep us focused? **Homework:** Quietly find the eye color and shape of your children/parents.

D&P Celebrating 50YEARS. At Vatican II (1962-65), the Bishops from the global south helped the Catholic Church see the poverty, hunger and disease that was killing millions of people. The Vatican Council responded with the remarkable document 'The Church in the Modern World'. Pope Paul VI in 1967 wrote 'The Progress of the People' which contained the proposal (#76-77) 'Development is another name for PEACE.' This urged the Canadian bishops to create in 1967 the Canadian Catholic Organization for **Development and Peace** (D&P for short).

D&P - The 70s {see full excerpt from the D&P publication '50 Years of Solidarity' on bulletin board.} The Vietnam War galvanizes the world's attention for more than a decade. It ends in 1975, but this does not signal an end to all conflicts. The Cold War between the USA and the USSR is acted out through regional and country conflicts. Most Latin American dictatorships express loyalty to one side or the other of the conflict. Elsewhere, countries are forced to choose sides. In all parts of the Global South, governments violently suppress dissent. One-party rule silences opposition in Communist Eastern Europe. Death squads roam the streets of El Salvador. Apartheid openly denies equality between white and black South Africans. The dictator Marcos declares martial law in the Philippines. To resist these forms of oppression, people's movements rise up and seek global solidarity. Development and Peace takes a stand with the poor and oppressed in their struggles for liberation. Allies include Church leaders Dom Helder Camara of Brazil, Oscar Romero of El Salvador, Bishop Labayan of the Philippines, Bishops Tutu and Hurley of South Africa and the Peruvian priest Gustavo Gutiérrez, who publishes A Theology of Liberation. The understanding that underdevelopment is a provoked phenomenon guides a new approach to development work. Development and Peace draws on the principles of Catholic social teaching to guide its work, particularly the preferential option for the poor, which becomes the heart of its action.

D&P Fall ACTION: read the D&P insert information on urging the Canadian government to donate the allocated monies to the global south to help fight CLIMATE CONTROL issues.... and consider signing the political action card.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 4-8 Father Pier in Prince George
Dec 5 Lay Formation, Parish Session #3—7pm
Dec 8 Mass 6:15PM Oblates 200th Anniversary.
Dec 15 Finance Meeting, Parish Centre—7pm

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17 The Diocese THANKS YOU for having reached 92.4% of our goal from 860 households. There is still an opportunity to make a pledge. *Bulletin Board has pledge forms.*

LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED

Dates for Session #3 is Monday, Dec 5th at 7pm. Anyone not registered but would like to participate, call the office 847-2012 for more info. *Educational Bulletin Board, feel free to take information.*

CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has closed the Holy Doors today in Rome. We are grateful for the graces received. We have 4 posters of the Holy Doors available to be given away. Call office if interested.

EMERGENCY RELIEF—D&P COLLECTION OPPORTUNITY

Addressing the disaster in Haiti from Hurricane Matthew. *More Information on the D&P Bulletin Board.*

200 YEARS OF OBLATES IN CANADA

To celebrate the Oblate bicentennial on December 8, 2016 the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart Cathedral will host a mass at 7PM, St. Joseph's will host a mass at 6:15PM.

PARISH EVENTS

SPIRITUAL AIDS AVAILABLE

As ADVENT begins next week, it is a good time to renew our commitment to begin people that grow in our understanding of GOD's WORD, made flesh in Jesus. The Church makes available the publication '**the WORD Among Us**'; you are invited to take a copy.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL ACTION

Please read the bulletin insert and prepare to sign the card after mass at the Development & Peace table

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE HAITI FUNDRAISER

Items leftover from the CWL Bazaar will be available for purchase and/or donation; all monies raised will go to Haiti Relief

CWL BAZAAR THANK YOU

To the CWL for organizing the event, & to the many volunteers from the various groups who assisted in this parish event.

RECONCILIATION RETREAT THANK YOU

To the participants and to those who helped put on the retreat Gemma, Cara, and our grade 3 student Marco.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

Next meeting for MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th beginning at 7pm in Gymnasium of St. Joseph's School.

BIBLE SHARING

Tuesdays at 10:15am in Parish Center. Come join us in enriching our spiritual selves with the word of God over a cup of coffee.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Opportunity to financially assist needy families in the school with tuition is available. *See Bulletin Board for details.*

SMITHERS HOMELESS SHELTER

Please keep the clients of Broadway Place in mind this winter season; here is an update of their needs. Any new or good clean used clothing will be appreciated including winter jackets, warm tops and pants, boots, long johns, pajama bottoms and **especially mitts/gloves and socks**. Items can be placed in the wooden boxes in the foyer. Thank you



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"

VIRTUE FOR NOVEMBER: Peacefulness

Peace in the world starts with peace in your heart. No matter what **one's situation is, one can create inner peace with regular, reflective prayer.** In the Catholic prayer tradition, this is called centering prayer.

CAROLFEST NOTE – NEW TIMES

All the choir members will be bringing home a note today regarding the new times that we just received late yesterday. With Carolfest on a Thursday this year, SSS decided to start earlier so the bus students could still catch their buses. Our students will walk back to the school at around 1:15 and we will all dismiss at the regular time of 2:05. Please read over the note, sign, and return the bottom portion to the school so we are sure that all parents have read it. Thank you
 -Just a reminder to please have your child practice the words for our songs and listen to the music which can be found on the website under Student Resources. All choir members need a white shirt and black pants or skirt for the performance. Donations of food or cash will be collected at the door. All ticket requests should be in the office by this Friday. Thank you, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Witkowskyj and Mrs. Cachia

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The PSG had a good turn-out of parents. It was nice to see! Executive positions have been filled are as follows:
 Julie Chaplin, Chairperson, Christine Konst, Vice Chairperson, Seonaid Davies - Treasurer, Monica Howard –Secretary. Sandy Nixon remains on as the Hot Lunch Coordinator. We thank the outgoing executive for all their hard work and dedication: Shannon Malbeuf, Rhonda Leach, and Rachel Lecher. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend PSG meetings.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DAY- in the church this year!!

*The concert will be on December 15th with a show in the morning at 10:30 and a show in the evening at 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to the morning show. For the evening performance, children should report to their classrooms by 6:15 PROMPTLY to ensure enough time to dress in their costumes so the performance can begin on time. **Please let your child's teacher know if he/she won't be here for either performance.***

WREATH & POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER- \$3300 is going

to the playground fund! THANK YOU!
 Poinsettias are expected to arrive on Wednesday, November 30th (depending on weather and road conditions). You are responsible to pick up your whole order and deliver to the people on your list. We are looking for parents to help organize the orders when they arrive. If you can help with this please call the office at 250-847-9414. I will be here until 6:30 on Wednesday night (if the plants arrive) if you are not able to pick up after school. Thank you, Arlene



Thank You to all who helped in any way to make our bazaar such a big success. God bless the working hands.

Winners of Raffle prizes:

- 1st prize: \$150 gift certificate BV Wholesale-Rachele Lecher
- 2nd prize: \$100 gift certificate -Alpine Plant World-Karen Gage
- 3rd prize: 10 punch card swimming pool pass - Herb Dietrich
- 4th prize: \$50 gift certificate Steakhouse on Main-Alan Rudkavich
- Barbie Doll and clothes - Ava Bucher
- Pixie Dolls - Jackie Hoskins
- Jar of pickles - Dorothy Cardinal

Door prizes:

- Adult – Susan Urban Girl – Quinn Bulloch Boy - Casey Flynn

Please return your completed election form to the CWL box in the foyer by December 4.



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Visit to the Sick at Home: By appointment



SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Pier Pandolfo

Pastoral Assistant/Caretaker:

Dennis Gonia

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &
Finance Committee Members

*Eric Bishop · Georgina Dotto · CWL
Representative*

Dec. 11th **3rd Sunday of Advent** 11:30 AM Mass

2017-2018 SUNDAY MISSAL is available at the Church foyer for \$5.00 each. Please ask Liz Gerei for assistance.

FOOD BANK. Please continue supporting Houston Food bank by bringing donations for our donation basket. Any food donation you bring would be greatly appreciated by our needing brothers and sisters in need.

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, December 4th, 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Volunteer
LECTORS	See volunteer board
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	See volunteer board
Altar Servers	See volunteer board
Gift Bearers	Volunteer
Collection Counter	Nov. 27=Dennis G. Dec. 04=Eric B.
Church Cleaning	Nov. 28 - Dec. 02 = Tammy Dec. 05 - Dec. 09 = Claudine

COLLECTIONS:

Nov. 13, 2016

Envelope \$ 225.00

Loose \$33.90

DIOCESAN APPEAL: GOAL \$4,878.00, COLLECTED: \$2,420

A Journey Through the Mass

Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus took the basic form of a Jewish meal and transformed it when **he added the words "This is my body", "This is my blood"**. The apostles who gathered after the death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated these same Jewish-rooted meals of praise, thanksgiving and supplication but there was new meaning.

The early Church did not have liturgical books for the Eucharist, instead the presider would improvise based on the Jewish model of praise, thanksgiving and supplication. We now have 4 Eucharistic Prayers approved for general use and others for specific uses (reconciliation, children, holidays, etc)

Reflection The

Eucharistic prayer, being "the center and summit of the entire celebration" (Gl 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. In language which is poetic and biblical the priest, addressing the Father in the name of Christ, speaks to and on behalf of the whole assembly which professes its faith and manifests its participation by joining in the initial dialogue and the acclamations.

Questions

What is happening in the Eucharistic prayer?

What is the role of the priest/the role of the gathered community in the Eucharistic prayer?

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church
"PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

Paragraph Introduction

2558 "Great is the mystery of the faith!" The Church professes this mystery in the Apostles' Creed (Part One) and celebrates it in the sacramental liturgy (Part Two), so that the life of the faithful may be conformed to Christ in the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father (Part Three). This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer. WHAT IS PRAYER? For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.

Prayer as God's gift

2559 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted: 4 humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God."

We pray for the Sick:



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