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SUNDAY BULLETIN for November 20th & 21st, 2016

Solemnity of CHRIST THE KING

2 Samuel 5. 1-3, Psalm 122, Colossians 1. 12-20, Luke 23.35-43

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."



Week Mass Times
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	20th	5:00 pm	Mass	†Victorino Pacheco
Sunday	21st	9:00 am	Mass	†Michelangelo & Concetta Sia
Monday	22nd	9:00 am	Mass	
Tuesday	23rd	6:15 pm	Mass	†Blanche Maillot
Wednesday	24th	9:00 am	Mass	
Thursday	25th	11:00 am	Mass @	Bulkley Lodge
Friday	26th	9:00 am	Mass	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	27th	5:00 pm	Mass	†Hedy Surtel
Sunday	28th	9:00 am	Mass	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia

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

1st Sunday of Advent

November 26th, 2016 (5PM) & November 27th, 2016 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson Casey & Alice DenBoer, Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Eileen Bouvier, Jim Schwab Cara Polanin, Brian Burrill
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Dave Hemenway, Tina Gemmell Eileen Lychak, Theo Sikkes, Lu Blackburn
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer

COLLECTION REPORTS

November 12th & 13th, 2016

Church	\$2,291.80	Roof Repair Fund	\$ 1,810.00
School	\$ 70.00	Diocesan Appeal	\$ 300.00

Roofing Update:

Flat Roof Update: Repairs work continues; Cost ~\$55,000.

Collected \$6,910 on reserve \$40,000

Sloped Roof Update: Work scheduled for Spring 2017.

Cost ~\$71,000-75,000. We will request loan from the Diocese

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:

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

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

Our King embraced suffering and death. In today's gospel, the Kingdom and Kingship of Jesus are set in the countercultural context of the cross. As startling as this is, it may be a good shot of realism for those of us who struggle through life. The King we celebrate today bears little semblance to our royal stereotypes. He knew almost no glory in his life, and his Kingdom was hard earned through suffering and death. This is the kind of king we can approach with confidence, for he knows our pain and our need for forgiveness. Purgatory, the required purification (painful) of any remaining stain of sin, is our final participation in the saving action of suffering. **Homework:** no homework, celebrate the kind of KING we follow.

Countdown to Nov 20, end of Extra-ordinary Year of Mercy: Spiritual Work: comfort the sorrowful:

Concrete exercise: give some time to visiting a person grieving. Spiritual exercise: think about how **God is comforting me**; review the moments in life when I was grieving; reflect on John 11:21-35 Jesus comforts Mary and Martha.

Pope Francis brings to a close the Extraordinary Year of Mercy: Why did Pope Francis call this event? "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy," Pope Francis said. In this light, "Merciful like the Father" is the motto he chose for the Jubilee Year. It comes from Luke 6:36, "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." Mercy is the Holy Father's answer to evil. Pope Francis explained, "Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation."

Retreat for those preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9 candidates are preparing. Those enrolled, please come today, Nov 20, from 2 to 4:30. To the parishioners, pray for these candidates. God bless.

Spiritual Aids available: Please pick up **'The WORD Among Us'**; see ad under Parish Events.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: this organization is the social justice arm of the Bishops of Canada and it is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Since Advent and Christmas can be seen as God making His home among us, we will be reflecting on the Christian responsibility to make our home with all people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 21 Youth Group - 7pm at St Joe's Gymnasium
- Nov 27 Advent starts
- Nov 27 Pancake Breakfast following 9am Mass-Hosted by Knights of Columbus
- Dec 5 Lay Formation, Parish Session #3—7pm
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception Feast, Oblates 200th Anniverr.
- 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 in our diocese there will be Mass on December 8, 2016 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The mass at St. Joseph's will be at 6:15pm on Dec. 8th to recognize the oblates who served St. Joseph and area.

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.

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.

SACR. PREP RECONCILIATION Retreat #2 scheduled Nov.20 at 2-4:30pm at Parish Centre

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Smithers Christian Reformed church will be hosting **"One Holy Night" – a Display of Nativities** on Friday, December 9, 2016. Come enjoy the true meaning of Christmas as you tour through the wide array of Nativity scenes. There will be live music, refreshments, and more!



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
 Our school website:
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Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"

VIRTUE FOR NOVEMBER: Peacefulness

"Peace is more important than all justice; and peace was not made for the sake of justice, but justice for the sake of peace." Martin Luther

ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR

We have been invited to sing at the Carolfest organized by School District #54. We will be performing on Thursday, December 1st at the Smithers Secondary School along with many other choirs from the public schools in our district. There will be two performances; one at 5 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. 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. Thank you, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Witkowskyj and Mrs. Cachia

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.**

CHANGES TO THE REPORT CARDS

The BC Ministry of Education has been working for several years on the new curriculum. Teachers have been learning about and implementing the new curriculum these past two years. Now, the Ministry of Education has just released a new document of guidelines for communicating student learning to parents. As per the Minister's letter sent home last month, parents are invited to provide feedback to the Ministry on how you, as a parent, want to be informed of your child's learning by following this link: <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/your-kidsprogress/en/home/>

For the 2016-2017 school year, based on Ministry guidelines, Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George (CISPG) has issued a revised Student Reporting Policy. The recommendations which St. Joseph's School will incorporate this term in our report cards include:

- 1) no letter grades for grade 4
- 2) for grades K and 1, the performance scale will change from NYM (not yet meeting), APP (approaching), M (meeting) and E (exceeding) to B (beginning – student needs direct support), D (developing – student needs minimal support), A (applying – student works independently)
- 3) for grades 2 to 4, the performance scale will be the new one (above) as well, with the addition of E (extending – extends ideas and draws connections to new situations).
- 4) for grades 5 to 7, letter grades are described and not assigned to percentages.



CWL meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Reminder to complete your nomination forms and put in the box under the CWL bulletin board by Dec. 4th.

Election is on December 13th, followed by the Christmas party.

Visit www.cwl.ca for lots of great information



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Why you should become a Knight?

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

***Pancake Breakfast;** November 27th after mass, proceeds for Medical Financial Assistance of Stam Family.

***Join the Knights on December 8, 2016 to raise awareness that life begin at conception. Do something special to mark your conception day.**

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Office Hours:
Variable: By appointment
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. 4th **2nd 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.

A Journey Through the Mass

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The accounts of the Last Supper highlight certain basic actions of Jesus that the Church has made into the 4 actions of: bread and wine taken and blessed, broken and shared. This takes place today as we (a) prepare the gifts of bread and wine (b) pray the Eucharistic Prayer and (c) share in Communion.

Eucharistic Prayer

There are many close connections between the Eucharistic Prayer and the table prayers required at every Jewish meal. Toward the beginning of the meal a Jewish prayer of blessing and praise to God known as the BEREKAH was offered over bread—the bread was shared. Toward the end of the meal, a more solemn triple Berekah was offered over a cup of wine—a Berekah praising God firstly, for all of creation; secondly, thanking God for the whole history of salvation; and thirdly, **supplicating God's continued offering of salvation in the future**, especially by sending a Messiah. At special meals, there was the recitation of the HAGGADAH—making present the liberating deeds of God in the past and thereby applying their saving power in the present to those participating in the meal.

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Volunteer
LECTORS	Vic & Gail James
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Adrian Meeuwissen & Dawn
Altar Servers	Alicia & Nicole
Gift Bearers	Volunteer
Collection Counter	Nov. 20=Adrian M. Nov. 27=Dennis G.
Church Cleaning	Nov. 21- 25 = Kelly Family & Carm Nov. 28 - Dec. 02 = Tammy

COLLECTIONS:

Nov. 6, 2016

Envelope \$ 570.00

Loose \$40.00

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

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

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

Paragraph 3. THE ALMIGHTY

270 God is the Father Almighty, whose fatherhood and power shed light on one another: God reveals his fatherly omnipotence by the way he takes care of our needs; by the filial adoption that he gives us ("I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty"); finally by his infinite mercy, for he displays his power at its height by freely forgiving sins.

271 God's almighty power is in no way arbitrary: "In God, power, essence, will, intellect, wisdom, and justice are all identical. Nothing therefore can be in God's power which could not be in his just will or his wise intellect."

We pray for the Sick:

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

