



## St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 3rd & 4th, 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 11.1-10, Psalm 72, Romans 15.4-9, Matthew 3.1-12*

*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*



### Week Mass Times 2nd Week of Advent

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>People of our Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>6:15 pm Mass</b>	<b>Oblates 200th Anniver.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass</b>	<b>Int. for George McFarlane</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>†Michelangelo &amp; Concetta Sia</b>

### 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

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 10th & December 11th, 2016 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Etienne & Tiffany St. Onge, Marj Hemenway CWL
LECTORS: 5 PM 9 AM	Brenda Pyper, Vigil Overstall CWL
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Dave Hemenway, Janna Delany CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer

### COLLECTION REPORTS

November 26th & 27th, 2016

**Church** \$1,929.45 **School** \$ 50.00

**Roof Repair Fund** \$ 1,600.00 (current total \$9930)

**Flat Roof Update:** roof covered, cosmetic work to do

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 \$22,721 Pledged \$21,689 (95%)

**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

**When we point a finger at someone else, three fingers are pointing back at us.**

In a chaotic world filled with personal, political and often environmental turmoil, it is easy to long for someone coming from the outside to help us, to "fix" things. But today we are reminded that something is also required of us. Preparing for Christ was and is a serious task, involving our own need for hope and repentance. We can look to Jesus for solace and assistance, but we are called to "make straight his paths" and to "produce good fruit as evidence of (our) repentance." His coming makes great demands on us.

**Homework:** Read Genesis 3 where Adam blames Eve and Eve blames the snake; ask for the grace to see your part in the problems and solutions that exist.

**D&P - The 80s** {see full excerpt from the D&P publication 50 Years of Solidarity' on bulletin board.} The world sees great socioeconomic change due to advances in technology and the start of globalization. As economic liberalization increases in industrialized worlds, many corporations relocate their manufacturing to Asia and Mexico. Developing countries face economic and social difficulties as they endure multiple debt crises, leading them to apply for financial assistance from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Military and dictatorial governments oppress populations in Latin America. Some Church leaders publicly oppose these regimes; the murder of Archbishop Oscar Romero in El Salvador shocks the world and causes an outcry against the brutality of these military dictatorships. A widespread famine forces Ethiopia and other African countries to rely on outside aid to feed their people. At the end of the decade, the global movement against apartheid culminates in actions that target the racist policies of the South African government. D&P starts its first program of education and action, the two pillars of its foundation.

**D&P Fall ACTION:** to encourage Ottawa to send money to global south for CLIMATE CONTROL issues.

**Advent changes to local mass celebrations:** we are highlighting that God is speaking to us in Scripture by using the Book of the Gospels and by singing the Alleluia both at the beginning and at the end of the Gospel reading; we are highlighting the need to listen by praying the Eucharistic Prayer more slowly and with musical accompaniment.

## upcoming EVENTS

Dec 4-8 Father Pier in Prince George  
Dec 5 Lay Formation, Parish Session #3—7pm  
Dec 8 Oblates 200th Anniversary-Mass 6:15PM  
Dec 9 Knights Christmas Social for men of the parish 7-9pm  
Dec 11 Decorating of the church for Christmas—noon  
Dec 15 Finance Meeting, Parish Centre—7pm

### **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17** The Diocese THANKS YOU for having reached \$343,296 (85.5%) of goal. There is still an opportunity to make a pledge. *Bulletin Board has pledge forms.*

### **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**

The periodical 'The Word Among Us' is available in the foyer; also available are other prayer reflections specific to Advent and a few items for children.

#### **LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED**

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

#### **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE FALL ACTION**

Opportunity to sign the ACTION card after mass at the Development & Peace table; information available.

#### **DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PARISH HAITI FUNDRAISER**

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

#### **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.*

#### **SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

As the project reaches its final phase, next week at the end of mass, we will be getting an update and an invitation to make a donation.

#### **ROOF UPDATE**

All the roof material has been installed; all that remains is to re-install the flashing and down spouts this will be done this week); financial contributions to this project (\$55,000 total) will be appreciated.

#### **RCIA WELCOME to Arlene McGibbon**

Come and join the church and the school in welcoming Arlene McGibbon into the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist; the celebration takes place Friday, Dec 9th at the 9am mass.

#### **DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

We will put up the Christmas decorations in the church and foyer, on Sunday, Dec. 11 beginning at noon. Please come & help. Parishioners are asked to bring in donations of Christmas flowers and poinsettias for the Christmas season. We will be accepting flowers after Dec. 18th. Thank you for your generosity.



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

#### VIRTUE FOR DECEMBER: LOVE

Love is a special feeling that fills your heart. There is no better feeling than the love of God, family and friends.  
 Love is thinking about how you want to be treated and treating others the same way.

#### PSG CORRECTION

We had a misprint last week regarding an outgoing PSG member. It is **Sara D'Andrea who needed to be thanked for the PSG Secretary** position she held. Apologies to Sara and thank you for your education and time!

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT DAY- in the church this year!!

The concert will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are looking for a donkey costume (it could be a brown onesie or something close to a donkey that we could fix up) for a student in grade 7 and we also need 22 fake beards for the grade 5 class. If you are able to lend or donate any these items to the school, please call the office asap. If we are not able to get these we will have to make them so time is a factor. Thank you.

#### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPDATE

A note and pledge cards from School Council are being sent home with each family today regarding our Playground Fund. We are very close to finishing this fundraising campaign and ordering new equipment for our school for children and families to enjoy. It is the hope of the School Council that the remaining funds can be raised in the next few weeks and the equipment can be ordered before Christmas, with delivery and installation happening in April/May 2017. We thank you for your consideration of our request. Extra pledge cards are available in the office.

#### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The local council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a poster art contest with the theme, 'Keep Christ in Christmas.' Students aged 5 to 14 years are eligible to enter. Classroom teachers and the school office have the entry forms with contest details. Submission deadline is December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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 brought to the school office or placed in the wooden boxes in the foyer of the church. *Thank you for the donations which have come in so far!*



On Tuesday, December 13th the CWL will host a Christmas Party starting 7:15-7:30pm. ALL ladies of the parish are invited to come and have fun singing carols.



Election results will take place before the party.



#### **Knights of Columbus Men's Christmas Social**

A thank you social in recognition of the time and energy put in by all the men of the parish to help build our parish community.



Date: Friday December 9th

Location: St Joseph's Parish Centre

Time: 7:00 to 10:00

Please bring your favourite goodies and refreshment to share.

Invite your Br. Knights and men of St Joseph's parish.

Join the knights in our social event and help build community.

James W. Schwab

Grand Knight

Fr. Callaly Council 7973

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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. 18th **4th Sunday of Advent**

11:30 AM Mass

**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.

### Share Communion

In the earliest celebrations of the eucharist the bishop had no **fixed formula to say after the people's Amen which concluded the eucharistic prayer.** Once the bread was broken, ministers and faithful received the body and blood of the Lord.

The growing desire to express such dispositions as mutual love, unity, and forgiveness resulted in an initial expansion before the reception of the eucharist. By the 5<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Our Father and the sharing of peace were established rites. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, the people prepared themselves with a short formula which today is preserved in the words **"I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"** (Matthew 8:8). By the 10<sup>th</sup> century there were different prayers for the priest and for the people. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, due to the common practice of receiving communion only at the moment of death (hence outside the mass), prayers of confession and absolution at the bedside of a dying person were developed. These eventually would find their way into the mass as prayers prior to receiving communion.

### 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	Dec. 04=Eric B. Dec. 11= Adrian M.
Church Cleaning	Dec. 05 - Dec. 09 = Claudine Dec. 12 - Dec. 16 = Bishop Family

### COLLECTIONS:

**Nov. 20, 2016 Envelope \$ 467.00 Loose \$20.25**  
**Nov. 27, 2016 Envelope \$ 260.00 Loose \$25.00**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL: GOAL \$4,878.00, PLEDGED: \$2,420**

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

2560 "If you knew the gift of God!"

The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.

2561 "You would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Paradoxically our prayer of petition is a response to the plea of the living God:

"They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water!" Prayer is the response of faith to the free promise of salvation and also a response of love to the thirst of the only Son of 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**