



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 10th & 11th, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

*Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10, Psalm 146, James 5.7-10, Matthew 11.2-11*

*"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?."*



### Week Mass Times 3rd Week of Advent

<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>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>11:15 am Mass</b>	<b>@ Bulkley Lodge</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17th</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass</b>	<b>† Jessie Eileen Towns</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>† Victorino Pacheco</b>

### Ministry Schedule

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 17th & December 18th, 2016 (9AM)**

<b>GREETERS:</b> 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson Knights of Columbus
<b>LECTORS :</b> 5 PM 9 AM	Trevor Brintjes, Gemma Gillis Knights of Columbus
<b>EMC:</b> 5 PM 9 AM	Johanna Habjan, Tina Gemmell Knights of Columbus
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	

### COLLECTION REPORTS- December 3rd & 4th, 2016

**Church** \$2,453.66      **School** \$ 230.00  
**Development and Peace (Haiti)** \$ 260.10  
**2016 Parish Bazaar** \$2,111.63  
**Roof Repair Fund** \$ 200.00 (current total \$10,130)

**Flat Roof Update:** roof covered, cosmetic work to do  
Cost ~\$55,000. Collected \$10,130.00 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 \$21,889 (96%)

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

### 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 & the Echo Kids

*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

**Patience begins with patience for yourself.** We are still waiting for the world we long to see. Like our ancient ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing and restoration. Today we are told that the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us, if we know how to see them. We hear in the Gospel the signs we are to look for, especially when we are distracted or doubtful, confused or disappointed. The good news is that there is even more to come. We live in an impatient world, but today we are told: "Be patient!" **Homework:** Pray with St. Francis deSales "Have patience with all things but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being."

**D&P - The 90s** (see full excerpt from the D&P publication 50 Years of Solidarity' on bulletin board.) Despite the success in overthrowing oppressive regimes, numerous countries experience a new oppression: debt. By the mid-1990s the countries of subSaharan Africa are paying \$10 billion each year on debt interest alone—4 times as much as they spend on health care and education combined. The IMF and World Bank promote structural readjustment programs that force countries to pay their debts by privatizing public works and natural resources. In Bolivia, this leads to the Cochabamba Water War, a rebellion by the local population against attempts to privatize public water systems. D&P programs include: 1990 – Nelson Mandela is released from prison. 1990-93 – Rebuilding the Americas is a three-year program that reflects on the meaning of the 500th anniversary of the "discovery" of America. 1994 – Genocide in Rwanda results in the deaths of 800,000 children, women and men, including Development and Peace partners. 1995-97 – People First This campaign calls on Nike and Levi-Strauss to enforce and monitor Codes of Conduct in "sweatshops" where their apparel is made. 1998 – Hurricane Mitch kills 20,000 Central Americans - an emergency appeal raises \$11million. 1998-99 – Debt Cancellation of Developing Countries - 640,000 signatures are collected, the largest number collected in Canadian history.

**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 11 Decorating of the church for Christmas—noon
- Dec 19 Lay Formation Retreat #4—7pm
- Jan 9 Youth Group—7pm St. Joe's School Gym
- Jan 9 Lay Formation Retreat #5—7pm
- Jan 12 Finance Meeting, Parish Centre—7pm

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

**DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17** The Diocese THANKS YOU for having reached \$353,491 (88.4%) of goal... 1,393 people have donated. There is still an opportunity to make a pledge. *Bulletin Board has pledge forms.*

### **200 YEARS OF OBLATES IN CANADA**

Great celebrations at the Cathedral and throughout the Diocese, including ours at St. Joseph. Thank you to those who helped organize and all who participated. Keep the oblates in our prayer.

### **DYC 2017**

Save the Date! DYC 2017 will be April 21-23, 2017 in Prince George. Mark your calendar. More details to come

## 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 #4 Parish gathering is Monday, Dec 19th at 7pm and Session #5 Parish gathering is Monday, Jan. 9th 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.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP**

Next meeting for MONDAY, JANUARY 9th 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, we have opportunity to make a donation before year end.

### **ROOF UPDATE**

All the roof material has been installed; cosmetic work continues depending on the cold. Financial contributions to this project (\$55,000 total) will be appreciated.

### **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**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
 Our school website:  
[www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)  
 Phone: 250-847-9414

*Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"*

VIRTUE FOR DECEMBER: LOVE

*If you can love yourself, then it is easy to love others. If God loves us no matter what, we can love ourselves. Here is a quote from Mother Teresa that we all should try live by, "Spread love everywhere you go, first in your own house."*

DESPERATELY SEEKING A COSTUME FOR THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are looking for a donkey costume (it could be a grey or brown onesie or something close to a donkey that we could fix up) for a grade seven student. If you are able to lend or donate this item please call the office asap. Thank you.

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 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.**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT- DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

We ask that everyone to be respectful of the church as a sacred space. Please do not bring in beverages, gum, or food. Also, we ask that you remove your hat while in the church. Cell phones need to be turned off for the performance.

HERE ARE A FEW SAFETY CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE SO PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW:

BEFORE THE CONCERT: To ensure safe supervision of all children, we ask that students (except the grade 7s who are the main actors) not be brought to the school before 6 pm. We will open the doors at 6:00 pm and students will wait in the foyer with a supervisor until their classroom teacher comes to get them. Teachers will be arriving at 6:00 to pick up any foyer students and then unlock the classrooms.

AFTER THE CONCERT: we ask that members of the audience remain in their seats for five minutes after the show is over to allow the students to cross the parking lot to the school. It is not safe for vehicles to be backing out with children still crossing the parking lot in the dark! This is a huge safety concern for us.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Thank you to Nature's Pantry for donating \$3,000 to our playground fund and Howson Timber Frames for donating \$1,500. We are now less than \$35,000 away from our goal of ordering new equipment! It is not too late to donate. Arlene has donation cards in the office or call Mindy @ 250-917-8178 to learn more about this project/discuss how your business can get involved. Thank you again to everyone who has donated to this important and exciting project.



Reminder: Tuesday, Dec. 13th.  
 CWL Christmas Party starting 7:15,  
 following results of election. ALL  
 Ladies of the parish are invited to



**come and have fun singing Christmas carols. Don't forget to bring an exchange gift (\$10 or under) and also an unwrapped gift for the passage house.**



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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**  
Dec. 24th **Christmas Mass**

11:30 AM Mass  
7:30 PM

**HELP NEEDED:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 18th after mass, please stay and help. We will also be accepting Christmas flowers & poinsettias for the holiday season after Dec. 18th. Thank you for your generosity.



### Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, December 11th, 2016 3rd 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. 11 = Adrian M. Dec. 18 = Dennis G.
Church Cleaning	Dec. 12 - Dec. 16 = Bishop Family Dec. 19 - Dec. 23 = Kelly Family & Carm

## A Journey Through the Mass

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Starting with the seventh century various forms of purifying the priest's mouth, fingers, and the chalice arose at Rome and elsewhere. The functional task of cleansing is now simplified and may even take place after the celebration to allow both ministers and people an opportunity for prayerful silence or common song before the prayer after communion which serves to conclude the rite.

Even the restoration of the communion procession and communion song is to emphasize the communal dimension. The offering the **community has brought to the altar (God's fruit and our work) has been accepted, and we receive as a response of communion.**

#### Reflection

The rites of preparation for communion are a structural link between the eucharistic prayers and the reception of the eucharist. They are to **"lead directly to the communion of the people"** (Gl no. 56). Their purpose is to prepare the whole assembly for its participation in the **Lord's body and blood. Mutual love and reconciliation are the seeds** and fruits of the sacrament shared in communal fashion by ministers and people. Just as the elements of bread and wine have been changed, so we commit to being part of a change that brings peace and unity to all of life.

#### Questions

What is the purpose of the rites preparing for communion?  
To what extent do these rites actually "lead directly to the communion of the people" (Gl no. 56)?  
What texts are primary in the communion rite?

### 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"

Prayer as covenant

2562 Where does prayer come from? Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain.

2563 The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; according to the Semitic or Biblical expression, the heart is the place "to which I withdraw." The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant.



### We pray for the Sick:

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