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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 17th & 18th, 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7.10-14, Psalm 24, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-24

"Jesus was born of Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, son of David."



Week Mass Times 4th Week of Advent

Saturday	17th	5:00 pm Mass † Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	18th	9:00 am Mass † Victorino Pacheco
Monday	19th	9:00 am
Tuesday	20th	6:15 pm
Wednesday	21st	9:00 am
Thursday	22nd	11:15 am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	23rd	9:00 am Mass Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	24th	5:00 pm Mass Int. for Roy & Sylvia Francis
Sunday	25th	9:00 am Mass † Jerry & Gwen Zank † Dolores Krauskopf

Ministry Schedule December 24th & 25th, 2015 Solemnity, The Nativity of the Lord

DATE	Saturday, Dec.24	Sunday, Dec.25
GREETERS	<u>5pm: Vigil Mass</u> Jim & Marie Ziegler Johanna Habjan <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Rita Coupe, Ciril Habjan Johanna Habjan	<u>10am: Christmas Mass</u> Johanna Habjan Ciril Habjan
LECTORS	<u>5pm: Vigil Mass</u> Katriona Barralon, Tamika Ramos-Butschle <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Gemma Gillis Christine Tessier	<u>10am: Christmas Mass</u> Vigil Overstall Vigil Overstall
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	<u>5pm: Vigil Mass</u> Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Eileen Ramos-Lychak Johanna Habjan <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Tina Gemmell Maria Sowa Dave Hemenway Mary Stroet Johanna Habjan	<u>10am: Christmas Mass</u> Al Bruintjes Lu Blackburn Johanna Habjan

Ministry Schedule Christmas

December 31st & January 1st, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Marjorie & David Hemenway, June Philpot Jim & Marie Ziegler, Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Emily Buenten, Vigil Overstall Suzanne Brabant, Marj Coupe
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Janna Delany, David Hemenway Maria Sowa, Lu Blackburn, Eileen Ramos- Lychak
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS- December 10th & 11th, 2016

Church \$2,008.90 School \$ 30.00 EFT \$ 1,615.00
Development and Peace (Haiti) \$ 50.00
Roof Repair Fund \$ 900.00 (current total \$19,130)

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 \$23,859 (105%)

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



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Katelynn, 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

Learn to ask the deep questions. Doubt and confusion are not unique to us, even in matters essential to our faith. People have long asked for signs from God when they are in turmoil. Joseph's deep question about Mary is the focus of today's Gospel. His moving forward on the strength of answers given in a dream should be a source of deep encouragement for us. Serious questions are not inappropriate; in fact, they can lead to amazing answers and events. **Homework:** Take time to prepare for reconciliation.

D&P - The 90s {see full excerpt from the D&P publication 50 Years of Solidarity' on bulletin board.} Networks are strengthened searching for alternatives to economic growth models. Climate change is recognized as a real and human-caused phenomenon. The 9/11 attacks make peace more elusive and the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan heighten regional tensions and make peace more elusive. Development and Peace expands its program in the Middle East as the crisis intensifies. The participation of the most excluded, including women, is encouraged. The economic model of growth and consumption spurs the unfettered exploitation and control of natural resources. Peasant and Indigenous communities experience forced evictions from their lands, impoverishment, violence and destruction of their natural environment. In addition to mining and the patenting of seeds, the commodification and privatization of water galvanizes Development and Peace members into action on corporate social accountability.

Reconciliation Times: please use the enclosed examination of conscience to prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation. The times are: Tuesday 4:30 -6:00, and 7:00-8:30pm; Friday 4:30 -6:00, and 7:00-8:30pm.

Advent emphasis at mass: concentrating that God is speaking to us in Scripture, we are using the Book of the Gospels and we are 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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON: we celebrate Christmas (Dec25), Mary the Mother of God (New Years Jan01), Epiphany (coming of Magi, Jan08), and Feast of the Holy Family (Jan09). Each celebration brings out more of mystery of Emmanuel (God-With-Us).

upcoming EVENTS

- Dec 19 Lay Formation Retreat #4—7pm
- Dec 20 Reconciliation Times— 4:30-6:00pm and 7:00-8:30pm
- Dec 23 Reconciliation Times— 4:30-6:00pm and 7:00-8:30pm
- Dec 24 Children's Mass 5pm, Midnight Mass-10pm
- Dec 25 Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day-10am
- Jan 1 New Year, Celebration of Mary the Mother of God
- 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 \$367,411 (91.9%) of goal... 1,459 people have donated. The Diocese thanks St. Joseph's Smithers for achieving it's goal (We are at 105%) There continues to be an opportunity to make a pledge. *Bulletin Board has pledge forms.*

DYC 2017

Save the Date! DYC 2017 will be April 1 21-23, 2017 in Prince George. Mark your calendar. More details to come

PARISH EVENTS

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.*

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.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

As the project reaches its final phase, we have opportunity to make a donation before year end. They are just under \$20,000 away from their goal...every donation counts!!!

ROOF UPDATE

The final cosmetic work on the church roof will be completed this week (the cold weather delayed the project one week)

RECONCILIATION TIMES

The following times Fr. Pier will be available for the sacrament of reconciliation: Tuesday, Dec 20 and Friday, Dec 23 at 4:30pm-6pm and 7-8:30pm each day. The church will have reflective music, the attached insert will be available for an examination of conscience. Come when you are ready.

Father Pier reminds us that the sacrament of reconciliation

- (1) Gives us sacramental grace, (2) Helps us to experience being humble, (3) And gives us an opportunity to know ourselves better.

Enclosed find an examination of conscience that can help you prepare; consider praying it as a family.



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

VIRTUE FOR DECEMBER: LOVE

God so loved the world, God sent his son, Jesus to live among us. Jesus came to be in our world to teach us how to be loving – towards others and to God's creation. Christmas is when we celebrate this blessed event.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

An Admissions Committee has been struck by School Council. This committee, working within the policies of Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George (CISPG), will address items of business to do with registration and tuition. The Admissions Committee will consist of the Principal, a School Council member as chair of the committee, the book keeper, the school secretary, and the Pastor and other staff members as required for specific issues. The School Council member heading the committee is Mr. Jim D'Andrea.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Thank You to the Parent Support Group for donating \$4,000 to our Playground Equipment Fund. We are now less than \$20,000 away from our goal of ordering new equipment before Christmas. If you are interested in donating, or would like to fill out a pledge payment (donation due by February 1st), please see Arlene in the office or call Mindy at 250-917-8178 after Friday. Thank you again to everyone who has donated thus far! Mindy Stroet

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert this past weekend was a huge success! Moving some people to tears, others to reflection and everyone to a warm round of applause.

Thank you to Teresa Witkowskyj, Shaunalea Vgliegenthart and the Grade 7's as well as all the students of St. Joseph's that warmed our hearts with their talents and their message.

(Father Pier comment) The atmosphere of the church did help bring out the Christmas message in solemn and sacred fashion. In particular the drama of Christmas, the Incarnation of God with us, is played out every Sunday when God comes to us in the Scriptures, the community, and the Eucharist. I apologize if anyone was inconvenienced, I thank everyone for their cooperation, specifically I want to thank the students and their conduct while practicing in the church,

The staff would like to wish everyone
 a safe and happy holiday season.
 All the best in the New Year.
 Blessings!



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Christmas Party. We wish our members and all our parishioners a very Merry Christmas!



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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. 24th **Christmas Mass** 7:30 PM Mass
Jan. 01st **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** 11:30 AM Mass

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 18th, 2016 4th 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. 18=Dennis G. Dec. 25=Eric B.
Church Cleaning	Dec. 19 - Dec. 23 = Kelly Family & Carm Dec. 26 - Dec. 30 = Tammy

COLLECTIONS:

Dec. 04, 2016 Envelope \$ 575.00 Loose \$25.00
Dec. 11, 2016 Envelope \$ 805.00 Loose \$27.25

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

A Journey Through the Mass

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Lord's Prayer: Appropriate for its themes of bread (Give us this day our daily bread), forgiveness (forgive us our trespasses), and peace (graciously grant peace in our days)

Rite of Peace: 'Let us offer each other a sign of peace.' Based on Mathew 5:23-24, 'first be reconciled before you offer your gift';

Breaking of the Bread: Based on 1 Cor 10:16-17, 'Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ. Because the loaf we break is one, we though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.'

Lamb of God: Since the breaking of the bread could have taken a long time for large celebrations, the Lamb of God was introduced as a litany to fill the time; rooted in John 1:23.

Private preparation of priest and people: Introduced in the 13th century to foster the devotion of the priest before communion, the moment of silence is now shared between the priest and the congregation.

Invitation to communion: 'Behold the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9). The priest and people respond, 'Lord, I am not worthy...' (Mt 8:9), remembering the humility of the Centurion.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

"PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

Prayer as covenant:

2564 Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man.

Prayer as communion:

2565 In the New Covenant, prayer is the living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is good beyond measure, with his Son Jesus Christ and with the Holy Spirit. The grace of the Kingdom is "the union of the entire holy and royal Trinity . . . with the whole human spirit." Thus, the life of prayer is the habit of being in the presence of the thrice-holy God and in communion with him. This communion of life is always possible because, through Baptism, we have already been united with Christ. Prayer is Christian insofar as it is communion with Christ and extends throughout the Church, which is his Body.



We pray for the Sick:

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