



# St. Joseph's Parish

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Secretary: Brenda Pyper

## SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 31st, 2016 & January 1st, 2017

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Numbers 6.22-27, Psalm 67, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.16-21*

*"They found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. After eight days he was named Jesus."*



### Week Mass Times *Octave of Christmas*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>31st</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass</b>	<b>† Manuel &amp; Cecilia Garcia</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Intentions of Parish</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr. Pier in Houston</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>11:15 am Mass @ Lodge</b>	<b>† Sister Mary Shea</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass</b>	<b>Intentions of Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Intentions of Parish</b>

### Ministry Schedule

#### Epiphany of the Lord

January 7th, 2017 (5PM) & January 8th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Marj Hemenway, June Philpot, Carol Buckna CWL
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Brenda Pyper, Jim Schwab CWL
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Janna Delany CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

### 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

### COLLECTION REPORTS- December 24th & 25th, 2016

**Church** \$1,634.00      **Loose:** \$1,527.41  
**Christmas Collection:** \$2,356.40      **School:** \$ 120.00  
**Development and Peace (Haiti)** \$ 50.00  
**Roof Repair Fund** \$ 200.00 (current total \$11,280)

**Flat Roof Update:** roof covered, cosmetic work to do  
Cost ~\$55,000. In savings \$40,000; Collected \$11,280.00.  
**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

**Christmas:** God makes room for us and we make room for Jesus

**Let us first put in the big rocks.** On this first day of the new year, we focus on one of the big stones of our faith, Mary's role in Jesus' birth. We celebrate that she is given a title more exalted than she ever would have imagined: Mother of God! This title reveals the importance God gives to raising up the dignity of His children, and the importance God gives to the act of freely choosing to cooperate with God's will. Mary helps us to ponder the mystery of God born among us as a simple infant and we ponder the meaning of God born of a woman.

**Homework:** identify seven big rocks and then ask if they are in your jar (see story on rocks)

**The Big Rocks of Life.** A teacher walks into a classroom and sets a glass jar on the table. He silently places 2-inch rocks in the jar until no more can fit. He asks the class if the jar is full and they agree it is. He says, "Really," and pulls out a pile of small pebbles, adding them to the jar, shaking it slightly until they fill the spaces between the rocks. He asks again, "Is the jar full?" They agree. So next, he adds a scoop of sand to the jar, filling the space between the pebbles and asks the question again. This time, the class is divided, some feeling that the jar is obviously full, but others are wary of another trick. So he grabs a pitcher of water and fills the jar to the brim, saying, "If this jar is your life, what does this experiment show you?" A bold student replies, "No matter how busy you think you are, you can always take on more." "That is one view," he replies. Then he looks out at the class making eye contact with everyone, "The rocks represent the BIG things in your life - what you will value at the end of your life - your family, your partner, your health, fulfilling your hopes and dreams. The pebbles are the other things in your life that give it meaning, like your job, your house, your hobbies, your friendships. The sand and water represent the 'small stuff' that fills our time, like watching TV or running errands." Looking out at the class again, he asks, "Can you see what would happen if I started with the sand or the pebbles?"

**D&P - The 2010s.** The Arab Spring begins in 2010 with the Tunisian Revolution and spreads to many Arab League countries. In some countries civilian demonstrations and protests are met by government violence. In Syria, thousands of people die and millions flee civil war, creating the largest refugee crisis since WWII, affecting not only the entire region but many European nations. In 2011, funding for D&P work is cut, and in March 2013 the restructuring of the Canadian government again challenges the funding for D&P work. The encyclical of Pope Francis 'On Care for Our Common Home' inspires D&P to support a campaign on the awareness of climate change and its impact on the poor and most vulnerable.

## upcoming EVENTS

Jan	2	No Mass—Fr. Pier in Houston
Jan	3	St. Joseph's School resumes
Jan	9	Parish Youth Group—7pm at St. Joe's School Gym
Jan	9	Lay Formation Session #5 - 7pm
Jan	10	CWL Meeting -7pm (Parish Centre)
Jan	12	Finance Meeting, Parish Centre -7pm (Parish Centre)
Jan	17	Knights of Columbus Meeting -7pm (Parish Centre)

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

**DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17** The Diocese THANKS YOU we have reached \$374,886. (93.7%) of its total in pledges, coming from 1364 donors across our Diocese. 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.*

#### **APPEAL TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax receipts will be enveloped and forwarded from Prince George for distribution with 2016 Parish Tax Receipts.

#### **DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 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**

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.*

#### **PARISH 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.

#### **BAPTISM WELCOME**

To Molly Stam: we congratulate Adrian and Charlie on the baptism of new daughter Molly; a special thank you to Alex O'Malley, Godmother and aunt of Molly who travelled from New Zealand for the baptism.

#### **SPIRITUAL AIDS AVAILABLE**- For January.

The periodical 'The Word Among Us' is available.

#### **PARISH DONATION TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2016**

Donations eligible for a 2016 donation tax receipt must be received by the parish on or before December 31, 2016 and dated for 2016. Any donation received using the January 1, 2017 collection envelope will pertain to the 2017 year. If you have questions, regarding this, please contact Brenda during office hours of Wed-Fri. from 10-2pm

#### **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-TAKE DOWN**

On January 8th, Sunday at noon, help is needed in taking down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work.



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

From the website for Catholic Independent Schools in the Diocese of Prince George:

CISPG VISION – All Learners thriving in inclusive, innovative, and inspiring Catholic communities.

EXCELLENCE: We strive to bring out the best in each student. Catholic schools provide a holistic education, which combines academic excellence with concern for the spiritual, moral, social, emotional, cultural and physical growth of the students

COMMUNITY. We play a vital role in serving the community. Catholic schools play a vital role in serving the communities in which they are located. Each school is an integral part of a larger community that includes

municipalities, parishes and many communal organizations. SPECIAL NEEDS. Serving Children of All Abilities. Since the early eighties, Catholic schools within the province have served children of all abilities as far as is possible within the mandate of the schools. In the five dioceses, schools have developed support services to meet the needs of their pupils INSPECTION. All independent schools in British

Columbia are regularly inspected by the Ministry of Education through full inspections and monitoring evaluations. These mandatory regulatory inspections ensure that independent schools offer a program of studies that meet the Educational Standards Order and the Independent Schools Act (2012).

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. Within each of the five dioceses in British Columbia, Catholic schools play a vital role in serving the communities in which they are located. Each school is an integral part of a larger community that includes municipalities, parishes and many communal organizations. Students of Catholic schools reach out to their communities, participating and supporting programs for the needy, aged and sick. These essential services are driven by being witnesses not only to Christ as the cornerstone of the whole community, but also by the recognition that everyone in a community has to be a positive contributor for our society to continue to grow. Developing Christian leaders is essential to the philosophy of all Catholic schools.

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



Visit the CWL BC and Yukon website [bcyukoncwl.com](http://bcyukoncwl.com) to find the newsletter, "The Communicator". Visit the CWL National website at [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) for great information and to find "Be League".

REMINDER: CWL Sunday is January 8th, 2017 and the next General Meeting is to be held on January 10th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973

**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.*

**Talk to a Knight nearest you now!!!**

REMINDER: Knights of Columbus Sunday is January 15th, 2017 and the next General Meeting is to be held on January 17th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**OUR ADVERTISERS**

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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 Gonja

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &  
Finance Committee Members

*Eric Bishop · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative*

Jan 8th **Epiphany of the Lord** 11:30 AM Mass  
Jan 15th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 11:30 AM Mass  
**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

**Fr. Pier in Houston Sunday and Monday. He will be making Pastoral visits. Feel free to ask for a visit.**

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### “PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE”

THE REVELATION OF PRAYER - THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER

2566 Man is in search of God. In the act of creation, God calls every being from nothingness into existence. "Crowned with glory and honor," man is, after the angels, capable of acknowledging "how majestic is the name of the Lord in all the earth." Even after losing through his sin his likeness to God, man remains an image of his Creator, and retains the desire for the one who calls him into existence. All religions bear witness to men's essential search for God.

2567 God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response. As God gradually reveals himself and reveals man to himself, prayer appears as a reciprocal call, a covenant drama. Through words and actions, this drama engages the heart. It unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation.

### We pray for the Sick:

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



### Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, January 8th, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord

GREETERS	Tammy & Claudine
LECTORS	Glenn, Patricia
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Vic & Gail
Altar Servers	Alicia & Nicole
Gift Bearers	Harry & Helen
Collection Counter	See Volunteer Board
Church Cleaning	See Volunteer Board

### COLLECTIONS:

**Dec. 18, 2016** Envelope \$ 535.00 Loose \$ 21.75  
**Dec. 25, 2016** Envelope \$ 447.00 Loose \$197.00  
Christmas Offering \$ 250.00 Church Expense \$ 15.00

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

## A Journey Through the Mass

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Share Communion...continued:

Distribution of Communion:

Early Christians consumed the consecrated species in silence; then the need to verbalize the meaning resulted in various texts followed by the communicant's profession of faith, 'AMEN. Now we have the simple text 'The body (blood) of Christ'; at one time in history the priest was to say, 'May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you soul unto life everlasting.' Augustine taught 'Become what you receive.'

Communion Hymn:

To fill the time that communicants are in procession

Purification of vessels:

A functional task; it is to be brief and inconspicuous .

Silent Prayer/song of praise:

Deep and silent prayer is important to communicate with God.

Prayer after communion:

'Expresses that the 'effects' of the Eucharist be realized.