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SUNDAY BULLETIN for January 7th & January 8th, 2017

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6, Psalm 72, Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2.1-12

"We have come from the East to pay homage to the king."



Week Mass Times *Epiphany of the Lord*

Saturday	7th	5:00 pm	Mass Intentions of Parish
Sunday	8th	9:00 am	Mass Intentions of Parish
Monday	9th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	10th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	11th	9:00 am	† Jean Bouvier
Thursday	12th	11:15 am	Mass @ Lodge
Friday	13th	9:00 am	Mass Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	14th	5:00 pm	Mass †Julian Sowa
			†Jesse Eileen Towns
Sunday	15th	9:00 am	Mass Intentions of Parish

Ministry Schedule

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14th, 2017 (5PM) & January 15th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson Knights of Columbus
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Emily Buenten, Christine Tessier Knights of Columbus
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Carlen Creyke-Dingwall, Johanna Habjan Knights of Columbus
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 31st & January 1, 2017

Church \$1,371.50 **School:** \$ 220.00

Christmas Collection: \$ 335.00

New Year's Collection: \$ 610.00

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 \$24,359 (107.2%)

Medical Assistance Fund: \$11,153.04

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



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Katelynn, Kelly, Adrian, Sabrina, Antonio, Maurice, Rachael, Ernest, Marie, Leland, Barb, 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

No one is left in darkness. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. We sometimes speak of having "an epiphany" — a sudden, powerful realization or insight. This day celebrates the great epiphany in history that Christ is the radiant light who has come for all who sit in darkness. Christmas focused on this revelation to the shepherds, to simple ordinary people. This ancient feast of Epiphany proclaims that Jesus' coming is for the whole world, including the great, the powerful and the wise. No one is left in darkness. This light helps us to live 'a unity in diversity'. The Shepherds and the Magi represent the struggle between the Jews and the Gentiles, they represent the diversity that Jesus is calling to live in unity.

Homework: Reflect on what cultural and ethnic traditions exist in our parish; and what ones are missing.

D&P –Celebrating 50 years. 1973 – Asia Partnership for Human Development Co-founded by Development and Peace and Australian Catholic Relief, the partnership comprises 21 Catholic **development organizations** from Asia, Europe, North America and Oceania. They recognize that local groups must be the principal actors in their own development and forever alter the donor-beneficiary relationship in favour of partnership. 1982-85 – Militarization: An Obstacle to Development campaign. 1990-93 – Rebuilding the Americas: prepares Canadians to think and act on the meaning of the 500th anniversary of the "discovery" of America. 1998-99 – Debt Cancellation of Developing Countries The Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative (CEJI), with the support of Development and Peace, raises 640,000 signatures to cancel the debts of the world's poorest countries.. 2003 – Life Before Profits: tackles the looting of natural resources by foreign and private companies, specifically water, land and mining. 2010 – Water Bottle-Free Zones The Water for All campaign encourages water bottle-free zones across the country. Schools continue to create these zones today.

CANADIAN Saint André Bessette His feast day is January 06. More commonly known as Brother André, he was a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, associated with St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal, and credited with thousands of reported miraculous oil healings with his pious devotion to Saint Joseph. Canonized on 17 October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

From Fr. Pier: THANK YOU to all the parishioners who gave me cards and gifts and meals over the Christmas Season. May God bless you all throughout 2017.

upcoming EVENTS

- 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 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting -7pm (Parish Centre)
- Jan 12 Finance Meeting, Parish Centre -7pm (Parish Centre)
- Jan 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting -7pm (Parish Centre)
- Jan 23 Fr. Pier in Houston
- Jan 24-27 Fr. Pier in Prince George

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2016-17 The Diocese THANKS YOU we have reached \$385,741. (96.4%) 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-UPDATE

Diocese has informed us that the 2016 appeal tax receipts will be mailed directly to parishioners

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.

DOMANO RENEWAL APPOINTMENT: Bishop Jensen has appointed Fr. Basil Burns as Spiritual Director to the Renewal Center. We ask God to bless his ministry.

PILGRIMAGE to Fatima, Lourdes. Dates are May 30 to June 10, cost \$3490. See bulletin board for more information.

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.

SEMINAR on DIVORCE CARE

A weekly seminar and support group is being offered at the Christian Reform Church on Walnut Drive. It begins January 11, 2017 & runs on Wednesdays from 7 – 9pm. Contact 250-846 - 9101

SPIRITUAL AIDS AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY. The periodical 'The Word Among Us' is available. Copies are free. They contain the daily scripture readings and reflections, and topical articles.

PARISH DONATION TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2016

Donations receipts will be available within the next two weeks.

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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 Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"

VIRTUE FOR JANUARY: Forgiveness

Who do you find the most difficult to forgive? When do you find it the most hard to forgive? The answers to these questions are significant to you. An important Sacrament of the Church is Reconciliation – or Confession. It is the continuous opportunity to be forgiven all and anything by God. We have a fresh start whenever we ask.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Thank you to Mrs. Witkowskyj, Mrs. Vliegenthart, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Spicer and the grade 7 class for putting on wonderful concert for us! It takes a lot of time and energy, but it is worth it to share the Christmas story as a community. All the students did a great job.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CAMPAIGN-good news update!

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We are only \$13,000.00 away from our goal!!! If you would like to donate, please contact Mindy at 250-917-8178. Together, we can complete this project and get our children playing again.

NEW REQUEST for an EARLY MORNING SUPERVISOR

We are hoping that out of the kindness of someone's heart, we would get a parent who is interested and available to supervise our lovely group of students from 8:00-8:20 every Friday morning. A mere 20 minutes once a week to get some fresh air and enjoy the company of your child's school mates. If you are interested, please call the office. 250-847-9414 Thank you!

PARKING LOT ALERT!

A reminder to students and parents that there is traffic in the parking lot throughout the hours of 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm (After School Program pick-up finishes at 6:00). Please keep your children off the snow hill during these times. It is dark and motorists are unable to see the children playing and sliding

GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE-start studying now!

At the end of January our intermediate classes are going to participate in a school-based geography challenge! Students will have the opportunity to participate with a partner or group and questions will be selected for age appropriateness. A team final will be held in the gym.

GIRL GUIDES is looking for

Paper towel and wrapping paper cardboard tubes and clean plastic yogurt containers of every size. Please drop off at the school office for Christine Tessier.

After School Program

ASP is looking for OASIS, the green floral foam that comes in floral bouquets. We would also like the "Christmassy" décor that often comes on the bouquets, mini colored ornaments, pinecones, red berries and such. They can be left at the school office or dropped off at the Small Hall after 3 pm. Thank you!



Visit the CWL BC and Yukon website bcyukoncw.com to find the newsletter, "The Communicator". Visit the CWL National website at cwl.ca for great information and to find "Be League".

Reminder: General Meeting on January 10th after 6:15pm Mass



The family prayer program, Knights of Columbus

"The future of the world and of the Church passes through the family," observed St. John Paul II, whom Pope Francis called "the Pope of the Family." Recognizing the vital role of families in the world, the Knights of Columbus has dedicated its 17th Orderwide prayer program to the Holy Family, with the intention of strengthening Catholic families and their prayer lives. The featured image for this program is an etching of the Holy Family by Giovanni Balestra (1774-1842). The original etching, based on a painting by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-1685), is housed in the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome. Holy family prayer service is January 11th at 6:30pm Knights of Columbus meeting is January 11th at 7:30pm

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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 Gonja

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &
Finance Committee Members

Eric Bishop · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative

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

Jan 22nd **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 11:30 AM Mass

PARISH EPIPHANY KARAOKE PARTY

On January 22nd, come join us for an afternoon of fun, food and entertainment after mass in the basement of the church. Bring your singing voice, jokes, games and your favorite casserole dish or desert.



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE”

THE REVELATION OF PRAYER - THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER

Article 1 IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

2568 In the Old Testament, the revelation of prayer comes between the fall and the restoration of man, that is, between God's sorrowful call to his first children: "Where are you?...What is this that you have one?" and the response of God's only Son on coming into the world: "Lo, I have come to do your will, O God." Prayer is bound up with human history, for it is the relationship with God in historical events.

Creation - source of prayer

2569 Prayer is lived in the first place beginning with the realities of creation. the first nine chapters of Genesis describe this relationship with God as an offering of the first-born of Abel's flock, as the invocation of the divine name at the time of Enosh, and as "walking with God. Noah's offering is pleasing to God, who blesses him and through him all creation, because his heart was upright and undivided; Noah, like Enoch before him, "walks with God." This kind of prayer is lived by many righteous people in all religions. In his indefectible covenant with every living creature, God has always called people to prayer. But it is above all beginning with our father Abraham that prayer is revealed in the Old Testament.



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 15th, 2017

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GREETERS	Liz & Frank
LECTORS	Vic & Gail
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Dawn & Adrian
Altar Servers	Alicia & Nicole
Gift Bearers	Bill & Yolande
Collection Counter	See Volunteer Board
Church Cleaning	See Volunteer Board

COLLECTIONS:

Jan.01, 2017 Envelope \$ 145.00 Loose \$ 68.00

Christmas Offering \$ 40.00

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

A Journey Through the Mass

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

Although the early celebration of the Eucharist seems to have ended immediately with its distribution, Christians soon felt a need to round off the liturgy with a concluding rite. Most frequently this was done by a simple dismissal which was often preceded by a blessing of the people. In both east and west this simple conclusion tended to expand. The Roman Missal of 1570, for example, called for a veneration of the altar, a greeting, a dismissal, a prayer preliminary to the blessing, another veneration of the altar, the blessing itself, and a reading of the prologue of the Gospel according to St. John. In 1884 Pope Leo XIII prescribed that certain prayers be said after Mass.

The Order of Mass has been greatly simplified and given a better structure to the concluding rite to highlight the blessing and dismissal....to be continued.