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SUNDAY BULLETIN for February 4th & February 5th, 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58.6-10, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2.1-5, Matthew 5.13-16

"You are the light of the world."



Week Mass Times 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday	4th	5:00pm Mass	Intentions of the Parish
Sunday	5th	9:00am Mass	†Susana Cometa †Willy Koldyk
Monday	6th	9:00am Mass	
Tuesday	7th	6:15pm Mass	
Wednesday	8th	9:00am Mass	†Pat Goncalves
Thursday	9th	11:15am Mass	@ Bulkley Lodge
Friday	10th	9:00am Mass	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	11th	5:00pm Mass	†Georgina Lavoie
Sunday	12th	9:00am Mass	†Marian Sowa, †Susana Cometa, †Georgina Lavoie

Ministry Schedule 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11th, 2017 (5PM) & February 12th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson CWL
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Emily Buenten, Vigil Overstall CWL
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Carlene Creyke-Dingwall CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS-- January 21st & 22nd, 2017

Church \$1,696.50 EFT \$1,615.00

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 \$24,459
(107.6%) Donations above our goal are returned to Parish.

Medical Assistance Fund: \$11,403.04
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:

Chris, Peter, Jim, Matt, Kelly, Adrian, Sabrina, Antonio, Maurice, Rachael, Ernest, Marie, Leland, Barb, Nelson, Lucia, Tristan, Ryan and Little James

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

'I fled him down the nights and down the days' - Hound of Heaven by Francis Thompson. What does it mean to be salt, light, a city built on a mountain? Today's readings remind us that, as baptized Christians, we cannot hide. God — who is a God of justice and mercy — had expectations of Israel. The Israelites were not off the hook regarding how they were to act, and neither are the followers of Jesus. God has expectations of us. People see us, they observe what we do and how we act. What are they seeing? We can't be followers in name only. **Homework:** Since we cannot hide from God, read Psalm 139 where the writer describes how wonderfully God created us — there is no need for us to hide.

FEBRUARY : VOCATIONS: The Baltimore Catechism listed the question 'Why did God make me?' and the answer 'To know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him in the world to come.' The Vatican Council in the document "Lumen Gentium" (On the Church) described that the main vocation of God's children is to be holy. A person's vocation is the answer to God's call. The Church recognizes four ways to follow God's call: the single life, the married life, and the priesthood and religious consecrated life.

Consecrated life: is a stable form of Christian living by those faithful who feel called to follow Jesus Christ in a more exacting way recognized by the Church. It "is characterized by the public profession of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience, in a stable state of life recognized by the Church" What makes the consecrated life a more exacting way of Christian living is the public vows whereby the consecrated persons commit themselves, for the love of God, to observe as binding the counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience from the Christian Gospel, or at least, in the case of consecrated virgins and widows/widowers, a vow of total chastity. Consecrated life may be lived either in institutes or individually. While those living it are either clergy (if ordained) or lay people, the state of consecrated life is neither clerical nor lay by nature.

Oblates of Mary Immaculate: founded by St. Eugene de Mazenod in 1816 in France with the charism of using missions and retreats to revive the spirit of faith among the rural and poor populations.

Grey Nuns: founded by Saint Marguerite d'Youville in 1753 in Montreal with the charism of taking care of the destitute, it soon grew until it became one of the major providers of health care in Quebec.

Upcoming EVENTS

- Feb 6 Hearts Transformed Session #7-7PM
- Feb 11 Parish Night Potluck –Celebration of Fr. Pier's birthday & the 25th year of ordination into the priesthood 6-9PM
- Mar 3 World Day of Prayer-hosted by St. Joseph's Parish
- Mar 3/4 Pro-Life AGM & presentation - `Life Giving Relationships`
- Apr 10 Chrism Mass 2017-Sacred Heart Cathedral 7PM
- Apr 21-23 Diocesan Youth Conference—Prince George

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISM MASS 2017

Monday of Holy Week, April 10, 2017 at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7:00PM

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

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

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 #7 Parish gathering is **Monday, Feb. 6th 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, February 6th 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 began January 11, 2017 & runs on Wednesdays from 7 – 9pm. Contact 250-846 - 9101

`THE WORD AMOUNG US` AVAILABLE FOR FEBRUARY.

Copies are free. They contain the daily scripture readings and reflections and topical articles.

PARISH NIGHT

On Saturday, February 11th, Father Pier celebrates his birthday and also begins the celebrations in honor of his 25th year of ordination to the priesthood (Nov.6th). A potluck supper will be held after the 5PM mass. Please bring a hot dish or salad. Cake will be provided.

LIVING ACCOMODATIONS NEEDED!

A parish member's aunt and nephew are trying to relocate from Salt Spring Island to Smithers. They are seeking affordable housing, preferably a small house or cabin. If you can assist, please call the office at 250-847-2012

PRO-LIFE AGM/FUNDRAISER-March 3 & 4, 2017

Susan Stanford-Rue, healed from abortion trauma by the love of Jesus, has used her 30 year counselling career to help other find wholeness within & with others. Her Friday presentation will address `Life Giving Relationships` while the Saturday workshop will identify the specific symptoms of abortion trauma & provide aids to PASTORS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS to bring healing.\$20 AGM dinner tickets and Pre-pay-register \$10 for Workshop at Pregnancy Care Center (1316 Main Street). *See bulletin board for more info.*



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

VIRTUE FOR JANUARY: Forgiveness

God does not grow weary of forgiving us; we sometimes become **tired of asking for forgiveness. This is one of Pope Francis' teachings** on forgiveness as it relates to living the joy of our faith. We can always have forgiveness and perhaps we need to decide to ask God for it and then make amends – instead of punishing ourselves with guilt. We are good and life is good.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS?

A beautiful yearbook for last year is at the printers. We thank Sandy Nixon and Carrie Fort for the many hours they have spent on **this project. A "hold-up" for the yearbook production was a scarcity** of photos of some of the class and school events. If parents have photos of field trips and activities, please email them in ANY TIME. We can use them for our year-end slide show and if we have a year-

BC KIDS' EDUCATION SAVINGS

Families in BC can receive up to **\$3200.00** for their child's education without contributing a cent. Every child in BC, born 2006 or later, can get the \$1200.00 BC Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG). Kids in BC also have free money waiting to get their post-secondary education savings started through the federal government's **Canada Learning Bond. You only need to set up an RESP** account to apply and receive the money. Without an RESP, kids miss out on the federal and provincial education savings incentives they are entitled to receive from the government.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION-for September!

There are 4 spots available for Kindergarten registration.

PSG

The next PSG (Parent Support Group) meeting will be on Wednesday, February 22 at 7pm in the school library. This meeting is open and all parents are welcome to attend. If you are curious about the PSG and what they do, if you would like to be more involved in our school, or if you just want to know more about the school's programs, come join us. Snacks will be provided.

Playground Equipment Update: Thank-you!

Total Goal: \$78,540.98
 Total Raised to date: \$66,663.19
 Total Remaining: \$11,677.79
 Thank you to everyone who has donated so far - we are so close to our goal! If you are able to donate please drop off your donation to Arlene in the office or contact Mindy at 250-917-8178. All donations count!

SHROVE TUESDAY

This pancake lunch will soon be upon us and so we are looking for a volunteer to spearhead this much-loved lunch. Shrove Tuesday is February 28th this year. There is a file in the office that has very good notes to help with the planning and preparation. If you are interested, please call the office at 250-847-9414.



February is Pregnancy Outreach month. You are asked to bring a new baby layette items and drop them in the box by the CWL bulletin board.

Friday, March 3rd, 2017 St. Joseph's CWL Council will host the World Day of Prayer. The prayer service was prepared by the Women of the Philippines. A 15 minute DVD will be shown as part of the service. Please com and join us as other denominations will be participating. Refreshments will be available after the service.

Next General Meeting is February 14th after 6:15PM Mass.



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973
 Fr. Callaly Council Monthly Meeting followed by a coffee and tea social.
 Date: Wednesday February 8, 2017.
 Time: 7:00 pm
 Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre

Please invite & encourage your brother knights to attend & provide a

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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

Feb 12th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 11:30 AM Mass
Feb 19th **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 11:30 AM Mass

FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM
(reflection shared by a classmate of Fr. Pier)

I have always found it easier to grasp when I see 'fear of the Lord' as a 'reverence of the Lord' -- a treasuring of His presence in our lives so that our fear is that we abandon that presence. For our incurring of any penalty is always due to our abandonment of God for something else. It is this that I took into the passage below. It really comes down to right worship, doesn't it? Do we worship God in such a way that we fear to lose Him, or do we abandon Him to worship another? What are the idols that I worship in my life? What do I fear to lose? And here lies our brokenness -- the brokenness that even Aristotle identifies in man. Like Socrates, we become lovers of wisdom as we put things into right order. And knowing where we are within that right order is fundamental to our correct action. It is not my perceived good or self-interest that I should seek; but in ordering things to my proper end -- the right worship of God, I fulfill the purpose of my being and enter into a profound union with the one who is wisdom itself. In coming to worship God so that we fear to lose Him, we gain wisdom -- not as our achievement, but as a fulfillment of God's promise and purpose for us.

We pray for the Sick:

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



The parishioners of St. Anthony's Parish in Houston would like to extend to Fr. Pier Pandolfo a happy birthday on February 11th. God bless you and that you may bless others all the more.

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, February 12th, 2017
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

COLLECTIONS: Jan. 29th, 2017

Envelope \$ 517.00 Loose \$ 22.00

DIOCESAN APPEAL: GOAL \$4,878.00, PLEDGED: \$2,725

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

2576 "Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend." Moses' prayer is characteristic of contemplative prayer by which God's servant remains faithful to his mission. Moses converses with God often and at length, climbing the mountain to hear and entreat him and coming down to the people to repeat the words of his God for their guidance. Moses "is entrusted with all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly, not in riddles," for "Moses was very humble, more so than anyone else on the face of the earth."

2577 From this intimacy with the faithful God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, Moses drew strength and determination for his intercession. He does not pray for himself but for the people whom God made his own. Moses already intercedes for them during the battle with the Amalekites and prays to obtain healing for Miriam. But it is chiefly after their apostasy that Moses "stands in the breach" before God in order to save the people. The arguments of his prayer - for intercession is also a mysterious battle - will inspire the boldness of the great intercessors among the Jewish people and

in the Church: God is love; he is therefore righteous and faithful; he cannot contradict himself; he must remember his marvellous deeds, since his glory is at stake, and he cannot forsake this people that bears his name.