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SUNDAY BULLETIN for February 18th & February 19th, 2017

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18, Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 3.16-23, Matthew 5.38-48
"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."



Week Mass Times

7th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday	18th	5:00pm Mass	†Jessie Eileen Towns
Sunday	19th	9:00am Mass	†Susana Cometa †Victorino Pacheco
Monday	20th	9:00am Mass	
Tuesday	21st	6:15pm Mass	
Wednesday	22nd	9:00am Mass	
Thursday	23rd	11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge	
Friday	24th	9:00am Mass	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday	25th	5:00pm Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	26th	9:00am Mass	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia †Susana Cometa †Gerry & Gwen Zank

Ministry Schedule

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 25th, 2017 (5PM) & February 26th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson Wayne & Andrea Callison
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Vigil Overstall, Jim Schwab Kristi Pederson, Brian Burrill
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Carlene Creyke-Dingwall Al Bruintjes, Tina Bruintjes, Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

February 11th & 12th, 2017

Church	\$2,037.40	Catholic Missions	\$285.00
School	\$10.00		

Diocesan Appeal: Goal \$22,721 Pledged \$24,459
(107.6%) Donations above our goal are returned to Parish
and will go towards roof repairs.

Medical Assistance Fund: \$11,403.04
Those who wish, can make donations to help the Stam
family with Medical Expenses.

**Tax Receipts have been mailed out.



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Chris, 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 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: Eileen Bouvier - 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 Maclsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer & the Echo Kids

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

'Fight hatred with love and forgiveness.' Today's readings make even more difficult demands on us regarding our behavior as Christians. We live in a culture where there is so much rhetoric about protecting oneself and one's property, about guns and gated communities. How do we reconcile this with Jesus' call to turn the other cheek and love one's enemy? What does it take to embrace these teachings, which many of us — quite honestly — find foolish? **Homework:** Pray for the grace to let sin stop with you- Jesus prayed from the cross 'Father forgive them, they know not what they do.'(Luke 23-24)

FEBRUARY : VOCATIONS: 'Why did God make me?', '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 Laity -single life and married life: Particularly since Vatican II, the Church has called for a renewal in the life and role of the laity. Yet among the faithful, there is a notion that the only real vocation in the Church is the ordained or vowed priesthood and religious. Many think that the role of the laity is to help out around the parish. But in fact, the actual teaching of the Church is that laypeople have a distinct and very real role in the spreading of the Gospel, a call to engage in the affairs of the world and direct them according to God's will. The Church asks them to carry this out with the authority, creativity, and power that the Holy Spirit has given them in Baptism. The Church teaches that in dignity laypeople are absolutely equal to those in ordained and religious life. In mission, the work of the laity is the crucial means by which the world is to encounter Christ. In the married state, the love of husband and wife reflect the love of Christ for the Church; and in the single state, the individual witnesses a commitment to direct the affairs of the world according to the Gospel.

Lay movements: examples of movements specific to the laity's call to direct world affairs according to the Gospel: (1)Focolare -founded by Chiara Lubich, its charism is universal unity; (2)Catholic Worker Movement founded by Dorothy Day addresses the need of social justice; (3)Charismatic Renewal founded by professors from Duquesne University, a Catholic university in Pittsburgh, focuses on the gifts of the Holy Spirit; (4) Cursillo Movement centers on 'Cursillo' which means 'short course' and was founded in Spain by a group of laypeople in 1944, while they were refining a technique to train pilgrimage Christian leaders.

Upcoming EVENTS

Feb 20 Hearts Transformed Session #8-7PM
Feb 26 Soup & Bun Luncheon/Game Day-St. Anthony's
Mar 1 Ash Wednesday-Masses at 9, 12 noon & 7:15pm
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 at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7PM

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.

CAMP MORICE-SUMMER, CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS

See bulletin board or visit website at www.campmorice.com

BISHOP THOMAS J. LOBSINGER, OMI MEMORIAL BURSARY

Knights of Columbus offer 30 bursaries of \$500.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of B.C.. These bursaries are made available on a one-time-only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in their second or subsequent year of post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province. See Bulletin Board for applications and rules.

PARISH EVENTS

LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED

Session #8 Parish gathering is **Monday, Feb. 20th at 7pm** . *Educational Bulletin Board, feel free to take information.*

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Next meeting for MONDAY, Feb. 20th beginning at 7pm in gym.

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.

LIVING ACCOMODATIONS NEEDED!

A parish family member seeking affordable housing, preferably a small house. If you can assist, please call the office at 250-847-2012

PROLIFE AGM AND FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 03; tickets \$20 available at Office; speaker Dr.Susan Stanford-Rue on 'life-giving relationships' See Bulletin Board.

POST-ABORTION TRAUMA WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 04 from 10am to 1:30pm, Cost \$10, need to register. Information on Bulletin Board or in ProLife February Newsletter.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER PIER

Over 70 people gathered on Feb11 after the 5pm mass for a potluck, games & singing to celebrate Fr.Pier's birthday & 25th year of priesthood. I want to thank you for your participation & support.

``QUILTING GROUP WITH HEART `` REQUEST

A group of ladies from Telkwa are seeking donations of material, thread, backing & batting or cash donations . If you can assist with this, please drop off your donations at the church.

COLLECTING OLD PALMS

Please bring palms from previous years which will be used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
 Our school website:
www.stjosephsschool.ca
 Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"

VIRTUE FOR FEBRUARY: Cleanliness

Why practice it? Keeping yourself clean makes you nice to be around. Cleanliness protects you from disease and sickness. Washing your hands before you eat and after you go to the bathroom keeps away germs. This is good practice especially at this time of year when we seem to have a lot of students sick.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

It was a wonderful week learning about how to care for our world. "Some of the things that I like about St. Joseph's Catholic School" random draw winners are: Owen Ottesen, Nathan Coldwell, Kolbie Doodson, Billie Flint, Liam Schulze, and Kirsten Lewis.

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 yearbook. .

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.

SPRING PLANT & FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Our school will once again hold this fundraiser. For those new to the school, the plants and herbs are from DeVry Greenhouses and they are beautiful. We are looking for a parent to place the order and organize the plants on arrival.

ANTI BULLYING DAY

February 22, 2017 is Pink T-Shirt Day! Kindness starts here. Bullying can be found in our schools, workplaces, homes, and over social media. We are encouraging all students and staff to wear something pink to symbolize that we, as a school, will not tolerate bullying anywhere.

SHROVE TUESDAY- volunteers needed

Thank you to Sinead Cunningham for volunteering to be lead hand for this dearly loved pancake lunch, which marks the end of Ordinary Time before Lent. Shrove Tuesday is February 28th this year. If you are interested in helping to cook and do dishes for 200 students, please call the office at 250-847-9414. Thank you!!



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.

REMINDER: February 21st at 7PM is a special meeting—policy book review.

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 come and join us as other denominations will be participating. Refreshments served.



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Callaly Council 7973

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday February 26th following Sunday Mass

Admission by Donation
Proceeds raised will go toward helping pay the tuition for a student at St Joseph's school.

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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



Feb 26th **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 11:30 AM Mass
Mar 5th **1st Sunday of Lent** 11:30 AM Mass

March 1st -ASH WEDNESDAY—Mass at 5pm in Houston

SOUP & BUN LUNCHEON/GAME DAY

To the Parishioners of St. Anthony: Father Pier has chosen Sunday, February 26th as a Soup & Bun Luncheon/Game Day in which we will begin the celebration of his 25th Year of Ordination into the Priesthood. Please stop by after mass with your favorite game(s) and join the festivities which will continue till 4pm. Lots for the children to do as well!

Mark Your Calendar: The next celebration is scheduled for May 28th.

THE BUZZARD: If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top. **THE BAT:** The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash. **THE BUMBLEBEE:** A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom.. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself. **PEOPLE:** In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up.

We pray for the Sick:

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



Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, February 26th, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GREETERS	Volunteer
LECTORS	Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Adrian & Dawn
Altar Servers	Alicia & Nicole
Gift Bearers	Volunteer
Collection Counter	See Volunteer Board
Church Cleaning	See Volunteer Board

COLLECTIONS: Feb. 12th, 2017

Envelope \$ 195.00

Loose \$ 31.00

Catholics Missions \$ 45.00

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

2580 The Temple of Jerusalem, the house of prayer that David Wanted to build, will be the work of his son, Solomon. the prayer at the dedication of the Temple relies on God's promise and covenant, on the active presence of his name among his People, recalling his mighty deeds at the Exodus. The king lifts his hands toward heaven and begs the Lord, on his own behalf, on behalf of the entire people, and of the generations yet to come, for the forgiveness of their sins and for their daily needs, so that the nations may know that He is the only God and that the heart of his people may belong wholly and entirely to him. Elijah, the prophets and conversion of heart
2581 For the People of God, the Temple was to be the place of their education in prayer: pilgrimages, feasts and sacrifices, the evening offering, the incense, and the bread of the Presence ("shewbread") - all these signs of the holiness and glory of God Most High and Most Near were appeals to and ways of prayer. But ritualism often encouraged an excessively external worship. the people needed education in faith and conversion of heart; this was the mission of the prophets, both before and after the Exile.