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SUNDAY BULLETIN for February 25th & February 26th, 2017

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49.14-15, Psalm 62, 1 Corinthians 4.1-5, Matthew 6.24-34
"Do not worry about your life or tomorrow."



Week Mass Times

8th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25th 5:00pm Mass †Sabrina Creyke
Sunday 26th 9:00am Mass †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
†Susana Cometa , †Gerry & Gwen Zank
Monday 27th 9:00am Mass
Tuesday 28th 6:15pm Mass
Wednesday 1st 9:00am Mass
Thursday 2nd 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday 3rd 9:00am Mass Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4th 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish
Sunday 5th 9:00am Mass †Michelangelo & Concetta Sia

Ministry Schedule

1st Sunday of Lent

March 4th , 2017 (5PM) & March 5th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Marj Hemenway, June Philpot, Carol Buckna Volunteers Needed
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Emily Buenten, Suzanne Brabant Nick & Teresa Witkowskyj
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Dave Hemenway, Janna Delany Maria Sowa, Lu Blackburn, Johanna Habjan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

February 18th & 19th, 2017

Church \$2,025.00 School \$ 5.00

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.**

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



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Roger, 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 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

'Tomorrow will take care of itself.' Today's readings are for those of us who worry too much. It may seem that our culture and our time in history have a role in creating our chattering minds and endless anxiety. News of threat and danger confront us daily. But today's Gospel reminds us that worry is a constant in life. There are lots of techniques to help us, but Jesus tells us to stay focused on the reign of God and let tomorrow take care of itself. Like all solutions and techniques, it will only work if we do it. **Homework:** Reflect on the sequence of GRATITUDE, followed by TRUST, followed by GENEROSITY as explained below.

STEWARDSHIP is GRATITUDE, TRUST, GENEROSITY

-In the Book of Genesis we read that humanity was entrusted with the responsibility of taking care of all creation; we call this STEWARDSHIP. The human resources we have to tend to the care of creation are our TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE. But these material quantities need to be governed by a spiritual program. The spiritual program begins with GRATITUDE; here we must cultivate an attitude of gratitude which allows us to see all things as a gift from God, so that even bad things become good things in the hands of God. The spiritual program follows this with TRUST; here we grow in our ability to see God always present, and that God **will** always be present to provide for our needs. Now our spiritual program can challenge us to be GENEROUS; only after learning to be grateful and trusting can we be generous like the birds of the air and the flowers of the field who do not worry but only freely give beauty to their surroundings. The generosity of our TIME, TALENTS, and TREASURE will be proportional to how grateful and trusting we are. Therefore, the poor need us to first be grateful and trusting.

Thank you for your TIME, TALENT, TREASURE:

See Bulletin Board for Financial Update

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Masses 9AM, Noon, 7:15PM
D&P Lent Calendar in bulletin
Word Among Us Lent reflection booklet

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISM MASS 2017

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.

Upcoming EVENTS

Feb 28 Shrove Tuesday
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'
Mar 6 Hearts Transformed Session #9 -7PM
Mar 6 Youth Group - School Gym 7PM
Apr 8 St. Joseph's Grade 7 Garage Sale Fundraiser - Gym

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.

HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCE, March 9-11

Edmonton is hosting the Western Catholic Conference from March 9-11 with many key note speakers. information at www.wcchsc.net, or contact Veronica 780-467-8410, wcchscreg@shaw.ca.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE, March 1 - April 9

Terrace is hosting this ProLife activity, a peaceful and silent prayer witness for the sanctity of life outside the hospital. Info at www.40daysforlife.com, contact Linda 250-635-6849 to register, or just drop-in and join the line when you have a moment.

PARISH EVENTS

LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED

Session #9 Parish gathering is **Monday, March 6th at 7pm**. *Educational Bulletin Board, feel free to take information.*

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Next meeting for MONDAY, March 6th 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.

PROLIFE AGM AND FUNDRAISER

Friday, March 03; tickets \$20 available at Office; guest 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,

``QUILTING GROUP WITH HEART `` REQUEST

Donations of thread, backing, material etc. can be dropped off at church.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL!

We are just over \$10,000.00 away from our goal. New playground equipment has been ordered with installation planned for May 2017. More fundraising events planned....*See Bulletin Board for details!*



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

Our souls are intrinsically linked to God's creation. Nature's beauty restores the soul. When we deface the environment with litter or unnecessary wreckage, this affects our well-being as persons of God both spiritually and physically. Pope Francis urges us to "care for our common home" in the many ways we can.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Our School Council is looking for new members to join this friendly and hard-working group. Candidates must be Catholic and over 18 years of age. Information on what the position entails is available from the school office and current School Council members, who would be happy to chat with you. Current School Council members are: Kelly Ehalt, Shelene McNeil, Ann Marie MacIsaac, Rob Blackburn, Jim D'Andrea and Father Pier Pandolfo. **Note: Non-Catholic parents are most welcome to volunteer to be committee members for finance, maintenance, etc. These committees are headed by a School Council member.**

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. Thank you to Christine Kilb who has offered to spearhead this fundraiser.

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!!

GRADE 7 EVENT

Spring is coming! And the Grade 7 class is having a Garage Sale in the Gymnasium on April 8th at 8AM to raise funds for their trip to Jasper in May. We are requesting donations of gently used items (no clothes please) that can be dropped off at the church office or school. For more info call Brenda at 250-877-8438 (pickup service available)



TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts for tuition were sent home last week. Please check **your child's back pack if you did not receive one.** If you have any questions regarding your tax receipt, please email Christine at bookkeeperstj@cispg.ca *The playground donation tax receipts will be sent out separately by Mindy Stroet.

A PROVINCIAL WINNER!

A St. Joseph's student, Tess Wellington, has won third prize provincially for her Remembrance Day Poster for the Legion. Our school extends appreciation to the Royal Canadian Legion for sponsoring this important contest.



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



Knights of Columbus
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973
PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY
 Sunday February 26th following 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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Office Hours:

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

Mar 5th **1st Sunday of Lent** 11:30 AM Mass
Mar 12th **2nd Sunday of Lent** 11:30 AM Mass

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

GOD and CAKE: A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers. "Yuck" says her daughter. "How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky!" To which the Mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!



We pray for the Sick:

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

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, March 5th, 2017 1st Sunday of Lent

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. 19th, 2017

Envelope \$ 402.00 **Loose** \$ 19.10
Tickets \$ 780.00

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

2582 Elijah is the "father" of the prophets, "the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob." Elijah's name, "The Lord is my God," foretells the people's cry in response to his prayer on Mount Carmel. St. James refers to Elijah in order to encourage us to pray: "The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

2583 After Elijah had learned mercy during his retreat at the Wadi Cherith, he teaches the widow of Zarephath to believe in the Word of God and confirms her faith by his urgent prayer: God brings the widow's child back to life. The sacrifice on Mount Carmel is a decisive test for the faith of the People of God. In response to Elijah's plea, "Answer me, O LORD, answer me," the Lord's fire consumes the holocaust, at the time of the evening oblation. The Eastern liturgies repeat Elijah's plea in the Eucharistic epiclesis. Finally, taking the desert road that leads to the place where the living and true God reveals himself to his people, Elijah, like Moses before him, hides "in a cleft of the rock" until the mysterious presence of God has passed by. But only on the mountain of the Transfiguration will Moses and Elijah behold the unveiled face of him whom they sought; "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God [shines] in the face of Christ," crucified and risen.