



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 4th & March 5th, 2017

1st Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25:3.1-7, Psalm 51, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11*  
*"Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test."*



### Week Mass Times 1st Sunday of Lent

**Saturday 4th 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish**  
**Sunday 5th 9:00am Mass †Michelangelo & Concetta Sia**  
**Monday 6th 9:00am Mass †Francis Schwab**  
**Tuesday 7th 6:15pm Mass**  
**Wednesday 8th 9:00am Mass**  
**Thursday 9th 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge**  
**Friday 10th 9:00am Mass Souls in Purgatory**  
**Saturday 11th 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish**  
**Sunday 12th 9:00am Mass †Dolores Krauskopf**

### Ministry Schedule

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 11th, 2017 (5PM) & March 12th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson CWL
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Liz Creyke, Jim Schwab CWL
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	Carlene Creyke-Dingwall, David Hemenway CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

### COLLECTION REPORTS

**February 25th & 26th, 2017**

**Church \$1,686.21**                      **Catholic Missions \$30.00**  
**School \$ 50.00**  
**Diocesan Appeal Rebate (2017) \$1,338.00**

**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.*

### 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 Maclaasac

*Altar Servers:* Nancy Verbeek

*Music:* Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer & the Echo Kids



*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

Al, Roger, Chris, Jim, Matt, Kelly, Adrian, 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

"To be or not to be - Hamlet." The battle between good and evil is writ large in literature, drama and religion. Today's readings — indeed, all of Scripture — reveal a truth we know all too well. Even the best of us has experienced the powerful attraction of what we should not do. Our tradition tells us even more profoundly that the story is larger than temptation or failure; our story is about what is possible: Grace, justification, obedience, righteousness and life are the real end of the story. And our story ends this way only because we have a loving God who does not give up. Homework: Hamlets soliloquy (Act III Scene 1) "To be, or not to be- that is the question: Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune Or to take arms against a sea of troubles, And by opposing end them." poses a question "Do I act or do I give up?" The answer is not always clear, but as Easter reminds us that God never gives up loving us, let us pray this week that we never give up on the goodness God created in all of us.

**Lent:** the forty days of Lent are ordered towards our preparation for the great celebration of Easter -the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. The two main purposes of Lent are to recall our baptism and to emphasize a spirit of penance. Recalling our baptism means we recall the words of God at creation "And God saw it was good" and we acknowledge that all of us are fundamentally created good. Emphasizing a spirit of penance means that we acknowledge that we sin against this goodness of creation and that penance helps us to turn back. The FORTY days remind us of (1)the forty days Noah was in the boat, (2)the forty days the Hebrew people wandered in the dessert before entering the promised land, and (3)the forty days Jesus was tempted by Satan – all of these are great moments of CONVERSION. Our goal is to fully understand what happened at Easter and why.

**Thank you CWL:** for hosting the World Day of Prayer

**Thank you KofC:** for supporting Workshop on Post-Abortive Trauma

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### **CHRISM MASS 2017 IN PG**

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. All those in Grades 7-12 can REGISTER NOW at <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/youth/> To receive a limited edition **DYC T-shirt**, be sure to register before **April 10, 2017**.

## Upcoming EVENTS

Mar 6 Hearts Transformed Session #9 MON-7PM  
Mar 6 Youth Group - School Gym MON-6:30PM  
Mar 18 St. Joseph's Day Feast –SAT After 5PM Mass  
Mar 25 Feast of Annunciation  
Apr 8 St. Joseph's Grade 7 Garage Sale Fundraiser - Gym  
Apr 10 Chrism Mass 2017-Sacred Heart Cathedral MON-7PM  
Apr 21-23 Diocesan Youth Conference—Prince George

### **CAMP MORICE-SUMMER, CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS**

See bulletin board or visit website at [www.campmorice.com](http://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](http://www.wcchsc.net) or contact Veronica 780-467-8410, [wcchscreg@shaw.ca](mailto:wcchscreg@shaw.ca).

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE, March 1 - April 9 in Terrace**

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](http://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.

### **``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!*

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross beginning at 7pm. Booklets with the Stations are available for those who would like to pray the Stations at a different time.

### **ST. JOSEPH FEAST**

March 19: we will remember St. Joseph the weekend of March 18/19. There will be a little gathering after the mass on Saturday, March 18.



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
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*Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"*

VIRTUE FOR FEBRUARY-cleanliness

*Taking care of our possession -- our clothes, our packsacks, our toys, our bicycles, our home, our vehicles – ensures that they last longer, in better shape and we don't have to repair and replace them as frequently. This means we consume less of God's creation and better "care for our common home."*

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.

USED KIDS' CLOTHING AND TOY SALE

On Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, there will be the **St. Joseph's School's used kids' clothing and toy sale in the gym.** Profits from this sale are going to the school. For more information or to book a table please contact Erin at [erbriennesse@gmail.com](mailto:erbriennesse@gmail.com)

SPRING CLEANING? WE WANT TO HELP!

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)



YOUTH GROUP

On Monday, March 6th Youth Group is inviting grade 5 students to a special "scavenger hunt" night from 6:30-8:30. There is a concession so bring a toonie if you would like purchase a treat!

CERTIFICATES – an ongoing school fundraiser

Just a reminder that we have gift certificates for Bulkley Valley Wholesale(\$25.00), Safeway(\$50.00 and \$100.00) and No Frills (\$50.00 and \$100.00) for purchasing. A percentage of certificates sold is given back to the school. Thank you.



CWL Sunday is March 12th with the installation of our executive officers.

CWL Diocesan Convention is scheduled for April 27th-29th and takes place in Kitimat.



Knights of Columbus  
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973

Fr. Callaly Council regular Monthly Meeting  
 Date: Wednesday March 8, 2017.  
 Time 7:00 pm  
 Place: St Joseph's parish centre

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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

Mar 12th	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	11:30 AM Mass
Mar 19th	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	11:30 AM Mass
Mar 19th	<b>Finance Council Meeting</b>	<b>1 PM</b>

### This speech was broadcast by legendary ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey on April 3, 1965: (edited)

If I were the Prince of Darkness, ...I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please." "Do as you please." I would whisper, "The Bible is a myth." I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around." ...

If I were the devil, I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. ...With flattery and promises of power, I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography, and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress and then, in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them.

If I were Satan, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, ... In other words, if I were Satan, I'd just keep on doing what he's doing.



### 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 12th, 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	Liz & Frank
LECTORS	Vic & Gail James
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. 26th, 2017

Envelope	\$250.00	Loose \$ 51.00
World Missions	\$ 10.00	

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

2584 In their "one to one" encounters with God, the prophets draw light and strength for their mission. Their prayer is not flight from this unfaithful world, but rather attentiveness to the Word of God. At times their prayer is an argument or a complaint, but it is always an intercession that awaits and prepares for the intervention of the Savior God, the Lord of history.

The Psalms, the prayer of the assembly

2585 From the time of David to the coming of the Messiah texts appearing in these sacred books show a deepening in prayer for oneself and in prayer for others.<sup>37</sup> Thus the psalms were gradually collected into the five books of the Psalter (or "Praises"), the master-work of prayer in the Old Testament.

2586 The Psalms both nourished and expressed the prayer of the People of God gathered during the great feasts at Jerusalem and each Sabbath in the synagogues. Their prayer is inseparably personal and communal; it concerns both those who are praying and all men. The Psalms arose from the communities of the Holy Land and the Diaspora, but embrace all creation. Their prayer recalls the saving events of the past, yet extends into the future, even to the end of history; it commemorates the promises God has already kept, and awaits the Messiah who will fulfill them definitively. Prayed by Christ and fulfilled in him, the Psalms remain essential to the prayer of the Church.