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

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.3-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5.1-2, 5-8, John 4.5-42

"The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."



Week Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Lent

**Saturday 18th 5:00pm Mass †Jessie Eileen Towns
†Pierre Huntjens**
Sunday 19th 9:00am Mass †Victorino Pacheco
Monday 20th 9:00am No Mass
Tuesday 21st 6:15pm No Mass
Wednes 22nd 9:00am No Mass
Thursday 23rd 11:00am No Mass @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday 24th 9:00am No Mass
Saturday 25th 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish
Sunday 26th 9:00am Mass †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia

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, Jos Konst

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

Ministry Schedule

4th Sunday of Lent

March 25th, 2017 (5PM) & March 26th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Eileen Bouvier, Gemma Gillis Kristi Pederson, Brian Burrill
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Maria Sowa Theo Sikkes, Tina Bruintjes, Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

March 11h & 12th, 2017

Church \$1,385.30 Donation for Lights \$376.78

****Please Note Correction of Church Collections from last week was \$2,282.75 not \$12,282.75 as published**

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: \$12,463.04

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



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

'Jesus: the water that gives life.' The readings on the third Sunday of Lent focus on water and on God's self-revelation to seemingly unworthy people. Those who are in most need of help, who appear to be unworthy, are those to whom life is given: the doubtful, the sinners, the impatient grumblers, the wanderers. As Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman, Jesus encounters us. As Jesus defied tradition by speaking with her, Jesus/God defies understanding by speaking to us. As Jesus loved her and opened up salvation to her, Jesus loves us and opens up eternity to us.

Homework: whenever we drink water this week, let us ask God to come into us with life-giving presence.

Reconciliation: opening our hearts to grace. The sacrament of reconciliation is encouraged during the Lenten Season. Lent is a time to reflect on the call of our baptism to follow Jesus more closely. Sin is walking away from our baptismal call and reconciliation is turning back to that call. The sacrament requires 4 main parts: (1)**CONTRITION** (or sorrow) for sins that we uncover through an examination of conscience; (2)**CONFESSION** (or naming) the sins which means we take responsibility for them; (3)**PENANCE** (or act of restitution) which indicates that we are willing to change; (4)**ABSOLUTION** (or prayer of forgiveness) where the church through Christ grants the forgiveness. It is good to see reconciliation as God pouring life-giving water into us. Reconciliation times: Saturday 4pm and upon request. A time for a parish reconciliation service will be scheduled.

St. Joseph Feast Day(s): in the church calendar, St. Joseph is remembered on March 19 as St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, and on May 1 as St. Joseph the Worker. Our parish feast day is May 1st but we remember May 19.

CONCEPTION DAY, March 25, Feast of the Annunciation: Mary saying yes to the invitation from the angel Gabriel to be the Mother of God marks the 'conception' of Jesus, the Word Incarnate. Nine months later is Christmas. This is a beautiful way to reflect that life begins at conception. We encourage people to begin to think of marking in a special way their conception day (roughly nine months before your birthday).

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.

DIOCESAN JOB POSTING-FINANCE - See Bulletin Board.

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, contact Linda 250-635-6849 to register, or just drop-in and join the line when you have a moment.

upcoming EVENTS

- Mar 20-25(noon) Fr. Pier in Victoria
- Mar 20 Hearts Transformed Session #10 MON-7PM
- Mar 25 Feast of Annunciation
- Apr 3 Youth Group—School Gym 7-8:30PM
- 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

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 info.

CAMP MORICE-SUMMER, CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS
See bulletin board or visit website at www.campmorice.com

SHARE LENT - Week 3 March 19

Women are breaking the chains of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

This week, we meet with Cécile Kazadi, a woman from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who explains why community radio is an essential tool for women denouncing sexual violence. "Thanks to RCK radio, our lives have changed a lot. We are now aware of our rights." This year, why not share year-round by joining Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's monthly donor program? More information can be found online at devp.org/shareyearround. Development and Peace has been working with the Congolese Catholic Church to encourage citizen participation and ensure a fair electoral process since the first democratic elections in the DRC in 2006.

PARISH EVENTS

LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED
Session #10 Parish gathering is **Monday, March 20th at 7pm**. See Educational Bulletin Board, feel free to take information.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Next meeting for MONDAY, April 3rd 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.

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.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

On April 8th, there will be a Garage Sale in school gym to help raise funds for the Grade 7 Jasper Trip. Donations happily accepted. Pickup service available, please call Brenda at 250-877-8438.

KOFC WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM: at the cost of \$195 per wheelchair, the parishioners are being invited to donate to this worthy program. Envelopes have been prepared, & a special collection will be taken up on March 18/19 any other donations can be dropped off until March 26th donate - please make cheques to St. Joseph. See Knights section for more info.

KOFC CAMP MORICE FAMILY RAFFLE: supporting Camp Morice & family activities, once again this year the Knights will be raffling off one Cana Family Camp registration valued \$350. Enter the raffle by submitting your family name and phone number to the office; you must be willing to satisfy the requirements of the family camp as posted. Draw date June 18, Father's Day.



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 FEBRUARY-Kindness

We can think about Father Pier's sermon on Ash Wednesday where he urged all of the children and adults there to pray to God before we speak so that we can be kind. Something to think about and pray about during Lent. Prayer is one of the strategies the Church gives us to use during Lent to prepare for Easter. Prayer, fasting and alms giving.

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.**

YEARBOOKS

The yearbooks for last year have arrived and they look awesome!! We thank Mrs. Nixon & Mrs. Fort for all their time and the hard work they put into the beautifully done yearbook. There are a few left to purchase for \$25.00 each. This will be a first-come first-served basis.

USED KIDS' CLOTHING AND TOY SALE

On Saturday, April 1st, 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

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



THIRTY-ONE GIFTS - PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Thirty-One Gifts carries products for storage, organization, and home decor, as well as jewelry & purses. There will be a fundraiser from April 1-30 all commission from the sales will go towards the St. Joseph's playground fund. Beginning April 1st, go to mythirtyone.ca/christinascarryalls and click 'My Parties'. Under "St. Joseph's Fundraiser" click "shop now". Some product samples are in the office if you'd like to take a look. Questions? Call/text Christina at 604-996-9064

Gr. 7 Pierogy Fundraiser

All orders must be paid for before pickup. The pickup date will be Friday, April 21st at the school kitchen. A reminder will be put in the Tuesday Note shortly before pickup with all the details. Thank you so much for your support on this great fundraiser. A BIG thank you to Jodie Blackburn, her mother-in-law, Lu Blackburn, and sister-in-law, Linda who have made the 200 dozen from scratch.



Stations of the Cross, Friday, March 24 at 7:00 PM CWL to lead the prayers

Diocesan Convention in Kitimat April 28-30. Registration forms available at general meeting or call Eileen at 847-3478

Quilting project – see info on CWL bulletin board

Thank you for your contributions of Baby Layette items to Pregnancy Outreach.



Knights of Columbus
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973
 Wheelchair Sunday March 19th

The Knights of Columbus with the Canadian Wheelchair foundation have distributed wheelchairs around the globe: Afghanistan, Vietnam, Sierra Leone, Phillipine, Dominican Republic, Poland, Ukraine, Cuba... and Canada. There are plans for an additional distribution this year in the Phillipine and Kenya.

Pamphlets will be distributed after mass explaining the Wheelchair initiative & a short video will be shown in the parish centre; delivering mobility into the lives of those who have no means to acquire a wheelchair.

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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 19th	Finance Council Meeting	1 PM
Mar 26th	4th Sunday of Lent	11:30 AM Mass
Apr 2nd	5th Sunday of Lent	11:30 AM Mass

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE”

CHAPTER 1: THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER

Article 1: The Old Testament in Brief

2590 "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene, 2591 God tirelessly calls each person to this mysterious encounter with Himself. Prayer unfolds throughout the whole history of salvation as a reciprocal call between God and man.

2592 The prayer of Abraham and Jacob is presented as a battle of faith marked by trust in God's faithfulness and by certitude in the victory promised to perseverance.

2593 The prayer of Moses responds to the living God's initiative for the salvation of his people. It foreshadows the prayer of intercession of the unique mediator, Christ Jesus.

2594 The prayer of the People of God flourished in the shadow of the dwelling place of God's presence on earth, the ark of the covenant and the Temple, under the guidance of their shepherds, especially King David, and of the prophets.

2595 The prophets summoned the people to conversion of heart and, while zealously seeking the face of God, like Elijah, they interceded for the people.

2596 The Psalms constitute the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament. They present two inseparable qualities: the personal, and the communal. They extend to all dimensions of history, recalling God's promises already fulfilled and looking for the coming of the Messiah.

2597 Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time.



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 26th, 2017 4th Sunday of Lent

GREETERS	<i>Volunteer</i>
LECTORS	<i>Volunteer</i>
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	<i>Volunteer</i>
Altar Servers	<i>Alicia & Nicole</i>
Gift Bearers	<i>Volunteer</i>
Collection Counter	<i>See Volunteer Board</i>
Church Cleaning	<i>See Volunteer Board</i>

COLLECTIONS: March 12th, 2017

Envelope \$ 195.00 **Loose** \$ 37.00
Tickets \$ 320.00

Finance -Pre Authorized Deposit: on the bulletin board is the form to submit to use this service. It can be cancelled at any time. See Dennis if you have any questions

Sacraments: preparations for the sacrament of Holy Communion are beginning for those who have prepared and celebrated sacrament of Reconciliation.

Currency of our spirit is the/our WORD. Following up on how our words effect others, Pope Benedict uses few words to express deep thoughts; time spent on the following quote will be well worth the while: "Economists tell us that currency gradually depreciates when the medium of exchange is no longer balanced by adequate monetary support and administrative efficiency. In like manner, the currency of the spirit—the word—is threatened by an inflation, by an inner depreciation, when the strength of our convictions and attitudes no longer balances the verbal coins that the mouth so thoughtlessly dispenses. Many of the most treasured words of the human spirit—heart, love, happiness, etc.—have depreciated in value on this account, and it would seem that the profoundly Christian word "brotherhood" is also threatened today by a similar fate. We say properly that the word is the currency of the spirit because by it the spirit of one person is communicated to another: one to whom the word is precious for the sake of the spirit will have a double role in the threat of inflation that afflicts the word: on the one hand, he will use sparingly the noble currency of the spirit; he will not take it into his mouth in situations where it is already doomed to meaninglessness; on the other hand, he will try to strengthen those convictions that give words life and strength."