



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 25th & March 26th, 2017

4th Sunday of Lent

*1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5.8-14, John 9.1-41*

*"The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see."*



### Week Mass Times 4th Sunday of Lent

**Saturday 25th 5:00pm Mass †Gordon Hetherington  
†Pat Egan**  
**Sunday 26th 9:00am Mass †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia**  
**Monday 27th 9:00am Mass**  
**Tuesday 28th 6:15pm Mass**  
**Wednes 29th 9:00am Mass**  
**Thursday 30th 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge**  
**Friday 31st 9:00am Mass Souls in Purgatory**  
**Saturday 1st 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish**  
**Sunday 2nd 9:00am Mass Intentions of the Parish**

### 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

5th Sunday of Lent

April 2nd, 2017 (5PM) & April 3rd, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Marj Hemenway, Carol Buckna, June Philpot Wayne & Andrea Callison, Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Trevor Bruintjes, Volunteer Needed Cara Polanin, David Schwab
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Volunteer Needed Lu Blackburn, Maria Sowa, Johanna Habjan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

### COLLECTION REPORTS

March 18th & 19th, 2017

**Church \$1,582.85 KofC Wheelchair Collection \$290**

**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:*

Otto, Gladys, Elmer, 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 light that gives sight.** As we continue our journey through this season of Lent, we are met with the question of who is worthy in God's eyes. Based on false expectations the Israelites and the Pharisees never thought David would be chosen king or that Jesus would heal the man born blind. Worthiness may be found not in reputation or pedigree or appearance, but in one's heart. We are called to see people as God sees them and to work to free them from prisons constructed by human hands. **Homework:** 'Pray often throughout the day, "God help us to see."

**Lent Conversion Stories** (Water, Light, Life)

**Man Born Blind.** Our story of conversion continues today when we learn how to ask Jesus for the grace to see things as God sees things. We can be blind physically, intellectually, and morally. The man was physically blind but that did not lessen his value as a child of God able to reveal God's glory. The man encountered the intellectual blindness of the Pharisees (their belief that Jesus should not heal on the Sabbath). The man encountered the moral blindness of his parents (more afraid of being expelled from the synagogue than defending their son). Our blindness continues to keep people in prison, in chains, in detention camps. To be like Jesus and break down these prisons, let us see 'bravely'.

**Mortal Sin and Venial Sin.** Sin has many definitions but the root effect of sin is a broken relationship either with self, neighbor, or God. Our Catholic tradition has found it helpful to distinguish different degrees of how broken a relationship is. **Mortal sin**, as the name implies, refers to serious actions that break the relationship completely, or mortally kill it – greater effort for forgiveness is needed. **Venial sin** refers to an action that is easily forgivable or excusable, because the action does not damage the relationship completely. To spend time arguing whether a sin is mortal or venial belongs more with the story of the Pharisees; to belong with Jesus, we need to be developing in ourselves a strong dislike for all actions that cause hurt – we can do this by asking Jesus to help us to 'see bravely' how our actions affect others.

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** the first retreat has been set for Sunday, April 2 from 2 to 4:30. Registration will be taken during the week March 25 to March 31.

### 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.

#### **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.

## upcoming EVENTS

Apr 3 Hearts Transformed Session #11 MON-7PM  
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. See Bulletin Board for info.

**AD LIMINA VISITS** Bishops return to the Holy See every five years for an "ad limina" visit to the pope and various officials. Bishops from the Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops will meet from **March 27 to April 2, 2017. Please pray for Bishop Stephen Jensen and the Western Conference of Bishops during their visit to Rome.**

**DIOCONATE ORDINATION OF KENNETH ANDERSON**  
May 3, 2017-Wednesday 7PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral in PG

**CAMP MORICE -SUMMER, CHILDREN & ADULT PROGRAMS**  
See bulletin board or visit website at [www.campmorice.com](http://www.campmorice.com)

#### SHARE LENT - Week 4 March 26

#### **Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria**

This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services!

Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please, be generous! Did you know that in 1982, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada launched its first three-year mobilization and education campaign, entitled "Militarization: Obstacle to Development"?

### PARISH EVENTS

#### **LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED**

Session #11 Parish gathering is **Monday, April 3rd 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**

Spring Cleaning? On April 8th, there will be a Garage Sale in school gym to help raise funds for the Grade 7 Jasper Trip. Desperately looking for donations. 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 was taken up on March 18/19 but donations can still be dropped off until March 26th - please make cheques to St. Joseph's. See Knights section for more info.



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
 Our school website:  
[www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)  
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*Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"*

**HAPPY SPRING BREAK!**

School will resume on March 27th, 2017.

Easter Celebration times: April 9th Palm Sunday –Sat-5pm/Sun-9am  
 April 13th Holy Thursday-7:30pm  
 April 14th Good Friday-3pm  
 April 15th Easter Vigil-8pm  
 April 16th Easter-9am

**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 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 [erbrienesse@gmail.com](mailto:erbrienesse@gmail.com)

**SPRING CLEANING? WE WANT TO ELPI!**

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)



**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](http://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**

The Grade 7 class is holding a frozen pierogy fundraiser to raise money for their class Jasper trip. These pierogies are 100% home-made from potato and cheddar cheese. They will be sold for \$10/ dozen and orders can be made with any of the Grade 7 students. There will be a limited amount made and sold, so get your orders in fast. Orders will be taken until March 31st.



A bursary of \$500 from St Joseph's Council of the Catholic Women's League, Smithers is being offered to a student graduating from Smithers Secondary School in 2017, to be used for further education at an accredited college/university within 2 years. The student receiving this bursary must meet the following criteria:

- Graduated from St Joseph's School, Smithers
  - Attended St Joseph's School, Smithers for at least three (3) years
  - Shows high academic standing
  - Shows financial need
  - Is a Christian - preference will be given to a member of St Joseph's Church,
- The applicant must write a letter applying for the bursary to:  
 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA  
 ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL  
 BOX 454, SMITHERS, BC V0J 2N0  
 Deadline for application is May 1, 2017



Knights of Columbus  
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973  
 Wheelchair Initiative

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

Pamphlets are available explaining the Wheelchair initiative.

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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 Gonia

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &  
Finance Committee Members

*Eric Bishop • Georgina Dotto • CWL Representative*

Apr 2nd	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	11:30 AM Mass
Apr 9th	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11:30 AM Mass
Apr 14th	<b>Good Friday</b>	3:00 PM Mass
Apr 16th	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	11:30 AM Mass

A Rabbi once asked his students, "how do we know when the night has ended and the day has begun?" Immediately the students thought that they grasped the importance of the question. There are, after all, prayers that can be recited and rituals that can be performed only at night. And there are prayers and rituals that belong only to the day. It is therefore important to know when the night has ended and day has begun. So the brightest of the students offered an answer: "When I look out at the fields and I can distinguish between my field and the field of my neighbor's, that's when the night has ended and day has begun." A second student offered her answer: "When I look from the fields and I see a house and I can tell that it's my house and not the house of my neighbor, that's when the night has ended and the day has begun." A third student offered an answer: "When I can distinguish the animals in the yard – and I can tell a cow from a horse – that's when the night has ended." Each of these answers brought a sadder, more severe frown to the Rabbi's face – until finally he shouted: "No! You don't understand! You only know how to divide! You divide your house from the house of your neighbor, your field from your neighbor's, one animal from another, one color from all the others. Is that all that we can do – divide, separate, split the world into pieces? Isn't the world broken enough - split into enough fragments? No, my dear students, it's not that way at all! Our Torah and Jewish values want more from us. The shocked students looked into the sad face of their Rabbi. One of them ventured, "Then Rabbi, tell us: How do we know that night has ended and day has begun?" The Rabbi stared back into the faces of his students and with a gentle voice responded: "When you look into the face of the person who is beside you and you can see that that person is your brother or your sister, when you can recognize that person as a friend, then, finally, the night has ended and the day has begun."

### We pray for the Sick:

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

### Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, April 2nd, 2017 5th Sunday of Lent

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

### COLLECTIONS: March 19th, 2017

**Envelope** \$ 412.00      **Loose** \$ 34.00  
**Tickets** \$ 230.00

**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.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

### "PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"

CHAPTER 1: THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO PRAYER

Article 2: THE FULLNESS OF TIME

2598 The drama of prayer is fully revealed to us in the Word who became flesh and dwells among us. To seek to understand his prayer through what his witnesses proclaim to us in the Gospel is to approach the holy Lord Jesus as Moses approached the burning bush: first to contemplate him in prayer, then to hear how he teaches us to pray, in order to know how he hears our prayer.

Jesus prays

2599 The Son of God who became Son of the Virgin learned to pray according to his human heart. He learns the formulas of prayer from his mother, who kept in her heart and meditated upon all the "great things" done by the Almighty.<sup>41</sup> He learns to pray in the words and rhythms of the prayer of his people, in the synagogue at Nazareth and the Temple at Jerusalem. But his prayer springs from an otherwise secret source, as he intimates at the age of twelve: "I must be in my Father's house."<sup>42</sup> Here the newness of prayer in the fullness of time begins to be revealed: his filial prayer, which the Father awaits from his children, is finally going to be lived out by the only Son in his humanity, with and for men.