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Secretary: Brenda Pyper

SUNDAY BULLETIN for April 1st & April 2nd, 2017

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.12-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8.8-11, John 11.1-45
"I am the resurrection and the life."



Week Mass Times 5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday 1st 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish
Sunday 2nd 9:00am Mass Intentions of the Parish
Monday 3rd 9:00am Mass
Tuesday 4th 6:15pm Mass
Wednes 5th 9:00am Mass Intentions of Frank George McKay
Thursday 6th 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday 7th 9:00am Mass Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 8th 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish
Sunday 9th 9:00am Mass Intentions of the Parish

Ministry Schedule

Palm Sunday

April 8th, 2017 (5PM) & April 9th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Dan & Yarah Ford, Nilda Hudson CWL
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Emily Buenten, Vigil Overstall CWL
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Janna Delany CWL
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

March 25th & 26th, 2017

Church \$1,838.65 School \$ 60.00 Appeal \$ 60.00
KofC Wheelchair Collection \$1,650.00

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

Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Fund: \$1,940.00

Medical Assistance Fund: \$12,463.04

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, 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



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

We promise TRANSFORMATION, not false HOPE.'

The power of the Lord is revealed in the story of Jesus' authority over life and death and we are reminded of our great hope through our baptism into Christ. In Ezekiel we hear the Lord say, "I will open your graves and have you rise"; Paul to the Romans amplifies this with "the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also"; and finally the Gospel creates a simple, touching human scene of family loss and grief, into which comes this stupendous revelation, "the dead man came out."

Homework: every new baby you see, pray "Lord, let me bring hope and transformation."

Baptism: beginning our journey of GRACE. Recently I watched a video with Bishop Barron (I strongly recommend any of his videos). He was talking about baptism and said 'Baptism is essential for a life of grace.' Someone I was with was angry with this statement because her husband is not baptised but is a very good husband. It fell upon me to explain the difference between sacramental grace and actual grace. Sacramental grace is grace that is given through the sacraments, and baptism is the door into all the other sacraments, so baptism is essential to sacramental grace. Actual grace is the grace that God is free to bestow in any way and manner and method that God chooses to bestow... God cannot be bound, and actual grace explains that God can bless us in ways beyond the sacraments. Why the distinction? Because it both binds God (like his birth and like the sacraments) and unbinds God (like all of creation and miracles.)

SOLIDARITY SUNDAY: reserved for the 5th Sunday of Lent, it remembers the work of DEVELOPMENT and PEACE. This year they are celebrating 50 years; stop by bulletin board and pick up more information.

CHRISM Mass. On April 10 in Prince George, this event of the Diocesan family unites the bishop with the priests and the lay people. The priests renew their vows. The oils are prepared for the sacramental ministry. If you are planning to attend, please let the Office know.

EASTER HOLY WEEK. Please schedule into your plans to join us for Palm Sunday (April 09), Holy Thursday (April 13), Good Friday (April 14), Easter Vigil (April 15) and EASTER (April 16).

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISM MASS 2017 IN PG

Holy Week, April 10 at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7PM

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

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

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 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, Drop in and join the line.

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.

BISHOP STEPHEN JENSEN'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.

Bishop Jensen was ordained and installed on April 2, 2013. May God's spirit strengthen him in his continued service to the church.

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

SHARE LENT WEEK 5 APRIL 2 SOLIDARITY SUNDAY!

Thank you for your generosity! Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Paraguay to Syria, to Indonesia and beyond! We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

Did you know that in 1992, Rigoberta Menchú, a friend of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work defending the rights of Indigenous peoples? To learn more about this inspiring woman, visit devp.org/insp-women#rigoberta.

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. For pickup, call Brenda at 250-877-8438.



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-Kindness

People of God are people of compassion. When situations arise, we can ask in prayer to have compassion and strength. "Compassionate people ask for what they need. They say no when they need to. And when they say yes, they mean it. They're compassionate because their boundaries keep them out of resentment." Brene Brown.

Preparation for Holy Communion

This Sunday, April 2nd, from 2 to 4:30 pm, there will be the opening retreat for those children who have completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation and are wanting to prepare for Holy Communion. Call the church office, 250-847-2012 to confirm registration.

THIRTY-ONE GIFTS - PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

Thirty-One Gifts carries products for storage, organization, and home decor, as well as jewelry and purses. There will be a fundraiser from April 1-30 where commission from sales will go towards the St. Joseph's playground fund. Beginning April 1st, go to mythirtyone.ca/christinascarralls 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

SPRING FUNDRAISER-beautiful, healthy flowers, strawberries, and herbs

Each family will receive a plant order form this week. Cheques are to be made out to St. Joseph's School. All orders must be in by April 26th so we can have our plants here by May 10th. The plants and baskets make a wonderful Mother's Day gift! If you do not wish to participate in this fundraiser, please return your form to the office. All funds raised will go to student-used equipment and activities. For more information call the office at 250-847-9414. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID. The blooms, herbs, strawberries are arriving on Wednesday, May 10th and you are responsible to pick up your whole order and deliver to the people on your list.

STILL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS!!!

Grade 7 class is still looking for donations for the Garage Sale on April 8th at 8AM to raise funds for their trip to Jasper in May. Items can be dropped off at the church office or school. For info call Brenda at 250-877-8438 (pickup service available)



MCDONALDS DONATION AND LUNCH FUNDRAISER

All day Thursday, April 27th, McDonalds is donating 15% of all sales to St. Joseph's School. How nice! In support of this fundraiser, the staff and students of St. Joe's are invited to EAT. The PSG has organized a McDonalds "hot lunch" for this day. Students may order from a limited menu the week before. PSG members will deliver McDonalds orders to classes that Thursday, April 27th. When ordering please be sure to have the exact amount of money for your purchase. \$5.00 items each: BigMac, McChicken, Quarter Cheese, 6 McNuggets. \$2.00 items each: Hamburger, Cheeseburger, small apple juice, small orange juice, small white milk, small chocolate milk. ORDERS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 20TH.



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

Executive Meeting

Date: Wednesday April 5th Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre
 Time: 6:30PM to 7:30PM
 Any Knight that wishes to bring a topic or idea to the attention of the executive is welcome to attend.

Sunday April 9th at St Anthony's parish in Houston Knights will provide Ministry for the Palm Sunday celebration. We will car pool and depart from St Joseph's Church by about 10:00 am.

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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 Gonia

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &
Finance Committee Members

Eric Bishop • Georgina Dotto • CWL Representative

Apr 9th Palm Sunday	11:30 AM Mass
Apr 13th Holy Thursday	5:00 PM
Apr 14th Good Friday	3:00 PM Service
Apr 16th Easter Sunday	11:30 AM Mass

DONATIONS OF FLOWERS for Easter would greatly be appreciated. Drop off on April 9th. For info call Liz-845-2435.

Pope Benedict: "The Church comes awake in our souls." This sentence of Romano Guardini was formulated after much reflection, for what he was really saying was that the Church is recognized and experienced as something interior that does not stand outside us like something material, but actually lives within us. If the Church has heretofore been regarded primarily as structure and organization, we have now a new insight: we ourselves are the Church, which is more than just an organization: she is an organism of the Holy Spirit, something living that has an interior claim on all of us. This new awareness of the Church found its verbal expression in the words "the Mystical Body of Christ". A new and liberating experience of the Church was expressed in this formula, which Guardini, toward the end of his life, in the year in which Vatican Council II promulgated the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, reformulated in the words: the Church "... is not a contrived and constructed institution ..., but a living being..." It is hard to convey the excitement, the joy, that this concept aroused in souls at that time. It was once again evident that the Church is much more than we had realized; that we support her by our living faith just as she supports us. It had once again become evident that the Church is an organic growth that continues through the ages.

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



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 Tony

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, April 9th, 2017 Palm Sunday

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

COLLECTIONS: March 26th, 2017

Envelope \$ 290.00 Loose \$ 27.05

Finance -Pre Authorized Deposit: on the bulletin board is the form to **submit to use this service. Questions-See Dennis.**

CWL – St. Anthony. Due to the economic sensitivities in Houston and area, the CWL has decided not to hold our annual Mother's Day Raffle.

Over the past two years, the CWL has used the proceeds from the raffle to support: Cody Institute (\$20), Parish Council (\$361), Love by the Bowl (\$160), needy local family (\$500), Peruvian Foster Child (\$400), Syrian Refugee (\$200), D&P (\$127.30), Food Bank (\$160), Ft. Mac Fire Relief (\$300), Nepal Earthquake (\$100), local priest and pastoral assistant (\$200); **TOTAL DONATIONS \$2528.30.** Other League expenses total \$2111.37. We thank the parishioners for all your support.

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

2600 The Gospel according to St. Luke emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of prayer in Christ's ministry. Jesus prays before the decisive moments of his mission: before his Father's witness to him during his baptism and Transfiguration, and before his own fulfillment of the Father's plan of love by his Passion. He also prays before the decisive moments involving the mission of his apostles: at his election and call of the Twelve, before Peter's confession of him as "the Christ of God," and again that the faith of the chief of the Apostles may not fail when tempted. Jesus' prayer before the events of salvation that the Father has asked him to fulfill is a humble trusting commitment of his human will to the loving will of the Father.