



# St. Joseph's Parish

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Pastor: Rev. Pier Pandolfo 250-847-3175  
Secretary: Brenda Pyper

## SUNDAY BULLETIN for April 22nd & April 23rd, 2017

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

*Acts 2.42-47, Psalm 118, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31*

*"After eight days Jesus came and stood among them."*



### Week Mass Times *Divine Mercy Sunday*

**Saturday 22nd 5:00pm Mass** †Klaus Mueller, Sr.  
**Sunday 23rd 9:00am Mass** †Michelangelo & Concetta Sia,  
†Victorino Pacheco, †Brianna Svab  
**Monday 24th 9:00am Mass**  
**Tuesday 25th 6:15pm Mass**  
**Wednes 26th 9:00am Mass Intentions for Frank George**  
**Thursday 27th 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge**  
**Friday 28th 9:00am Mass Intentions for Alex Howard**  
**Saturday 29th 5:00pm Mass** †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia  
**Sunday 30th 9:00am Mass Intentions of the Parish**

### Ministry Schedule 3rd Sunday of Easter April 29th, 2017 (5PM) & April 30th, 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Marj Hemenway, Carol Buckna, June Philpot Casey & Alice den Boer
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Brenda Pyper, Vigil Overstall Kristi Pederson, Brian Burrill
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Janna Delany Al Bruintjes, Tina Bruintjes, Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

### COLLECTION REPORTS *April 22nd & April 23rd, 2017*

**Church \$ 3,822.40**                      **School \$ 120.00**  
**Holy Land \$ 624.00**                      **KofC Wheelchair Collection \$10.00**

**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: \$2,015.00**

**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:*

John, Chris, Otto, Gladys, Elmer, Al, Roger, Chris, Jim, Matt, Kelly, Adrian, 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**

**Mercy Sunday** Today's readings are about signs and wonders, doubters and believers and — once again — God's unending mercy. Peter was a doubter, and today we add Thomas to the list. Neither of them is condemned for doubting, and each becomes a powerful witness preaching the Gospel. With God's unending mercy, doubt becomes a pathway. Where are signs and wonders among us? Wherever there is mercy. And it is available to those of us who sometimes struggle, like the disciples, with our own doubts. **Homework:** pray the Divine Mercy prayer once this week at 3pm.

**How to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.** Begin with the Sign of the Cross, 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed. 2. Then on the **Our Father Beads** pray: *Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.. On each of the 10 "Hail Mary" beads, pray 'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'* Conclude with 3 times praying *'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'*

**Fr. Pier Pandolfo is moving this August.** Below find the new Pastoral assignments beginning this August. I will be appointed to St. Joseph's in Vanderhoof. Until I leave I will be spending my time saying thankyou to you for all the support I have experienced these past three years.

2017 Pastoral Appointments

Very Rev. Rectorino Tolentino, Jr	To Sacred Heart Cathedral
Rev. Pier Pandolfo	From Smithers to Vanderhoof
Rev. Rene Antonio	From Vanderhoof to Chetwynd
Rev. Alvin Matias	From Chetwynd to MacKenzie
Rev. Louis Kwena	From Dawson Creek to Ft.St.John
Rev. Venerando Sabacan	From Ft.St.John to Dawson Creek
Rev. Miguel Rabino	From NewHazelton to Hospital Ministry
Rev. John Garden	To Diocese Chancellor and Counselling
Rev. Louis Kwaku Anin	To Sacred Heart Cathedral
Rev. Fernando Cleopas, OSA	To Smithers
Rev. Elizer Pelingo, OSA	To NewHazelton
Rev. Augustine Owusu	To special ministry

We are saying good-bye to the Carmelites.  
 We are welcoming the Augustinians (OSA).

upcoming  
**EVENTS**

- Apr 24 Hearts Transformed Session #12 MON-7PM
- Apr 24 Youth Group-7PM in School Gymnasium
- Apr 28-30 CWL Diocesan Convention in Kitimat
- Apr 30 Feast of St. Joseph-Festivities to follow Sunday mass
- May 7 CWL Spring Tea 7PM All Ladies of parish welcome
- May 9 World Day of Prayer for Vocations 6:15PM
- May 19-21 Discernment Week at Camp Morice
- Jun 4 Pentecost Sunday
- Jun 11 Feast of the Holy Trinity
- Jun 18 Feast of Corpus Christi
- Jun 24/25 First Holy Communion Celebration

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**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.

**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)

**HONOURING OUR LADY FATIMA**  
 You are invited to join Bishop Jensen on May 13th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 11AM and celebrate the feast of Our Lady Fatima. This year marks the centennial year of the appearance of Our Blessed Mother to the three children.

**DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**  
 A **Discernment Weekend** has been scheduled for May19-21 at Camp Morice, Ft.St.James. See Bulletin Board.

**PARISH EVENTS**

**LAY FORMATION PROGRAM: HEARTS TRANSFORMED**  
 Session #12 Parish gathering is **Monday, April 24th at 7pm** . See *Educational Bulletin Board, feel free to take information.*

**PARISH YOUTH GROUP**  
 Next meeting for MONDAY, April 24th 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.

**CWL SPRING TEA**  
 This annual event will be held on May 9th at 7PM in the church foyer. ALL LADIES of the parish are invited. This year's theme is "Where Friendship Bloom"

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**  
 We will celebrate Feast of the St. Joseph on April 30th with festivities to follow mass

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**  
 May 9th is Good Shepherd Sunday, come join us as we pray for Vocations at 6:15PM

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
 Our candidates for First Holy Communion will celebrate this on June 24/25th. Come and join in their joy.



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
 Our school website:  
[www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)  
 Phone: 250-847-9414

*Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"*

VIRTUE FOR APRIL- Understanding

*"Of course understanding of our fellow beings is important. But this understanding becomes fruitful only when it is sustained by sympathetic feelings in joy and sorrow." A quote from Albert Einstein to think about.*

SCHOOL YARD MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for individuals who would be willing to take care of the weed eating around our fence and playground equipment. Volunteers from the parish take care of the lawn, but we need someone to do the weed eating. Machines can be provided. If interested, please call the office: 847-9414.

Graduating student from SSS in 2017?

St. Joseph's Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada is pleased to once again offer a bursary of \$500.00 to a student, who in the past attended St. Joseph's School, and is graduating from Smithers Secondary School in June 2017. Contact the office for criteria. \*Deadline for application is May 1<sup>st</sup> \*

PSG BURSARY

St. Joseph's Parent Group is also pleased to offer a bursary of \$500 to any graduating student who attended St. Joseph's School for at least four years. Contact SSS for further details, including criteria and application deadline.

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 26<sup>th</sup> so we can have our plants here by May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> and you are responsible to pick up your whole order and deliver to the people on your list.

CARNIVAL TIME!!!

Mark your calendar for April 28<sup>th</sup>. The carnival is a really good family evening and also a great school fundraiser! Our grade six and seven classes will be using the profits for their year-end field trips. Thank you for supporting this school event! Games, food, and fun!

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM RE-REGISTRATION:

Families with children currently enrolled in the After School Program have the opportunity to re-register beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you do not re-register we will assume that you are not returning to the program. Please drop your registration in the SCHOOL OFFICE. On June 1<sup>st</sup> registration will open to the general public.



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, Deadline for application is May 1, 2017—Call office for more info.

Subsidies are available to attend these Conventions:

- Prince George Diocesan – Kitimat, April 28-30
- BC & Yukon Provincial – Kelowna, June 15-18
- National – Charlottetown, PEI, August 6-9

SPRING TEA is on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for ALL LADIES of the parish.



Knights of Columbus  
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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.

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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



Apr 30th	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	11:30 AM Mass
May 7th	<b>World Day of Prayer</b>	11:30 AM Mass
May 15th	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	11:30 AM Mass

**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

2603 The evangelists have preserved two more explicit prayers offered by Christ during his public ministry. Each begins with thanksgiving. In the first, Jesus confesses the Father, acknowledges, and blesses him because he has hidden the mysteries of the Kingdom from those who think themselves learned and has revealed them to infants, the poor of the Beatitudes. His exclamation, "Yes, Father!" expresses the depth of his heart, his adherence to the Father's "good pleasure," echoing his mother's Fiat at the time of his conception and prefiguring what he will say to the Father in his agony. The whole prayer of Jesus is contained in this loving adherence of his human heart to the mystery of the will of the Father.

2604 The second prayer, before the raising of Lazarus, is recorded by St. John. Thanksgiving precedes the event: "Father, I thank you for having heard me," which implies that the Father always hears his petitions. Jesus immediately adds: "I know that you always hear me," which implies that Jesus, on his part, constantly made such petitions. Jesus' prayer, characterized by thanksgiving, reveals to us how to ask: before the gift is given, Jesus commits himself to the One who in giving gives himself. The Giver is more precious than the gift; he is the "treasure"; in him abides his Son's heart; the gift is given "as well."

The priestly prayer of Jesus holds a unique place in the economy of salvation. A meditation on it will conclude Section One. It reveals the ever present prayer of our High Priest and, at the same time, contains what he teaches us about our prayer to our Father, which will be developed in Section Two.

### Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, April 30th, 2017

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

### COLLECTIONS: April 23rd, 2017

Envelope \$ 415.00 Loose \$ 67.00 Holyland \$80.00  
50/50 Tickets \$300.00

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

(Website of Curt Jester ) While Catholics don't believe in a rapture as expounded by a segment of Protestants, there is indeed a seeming Catholic rapture. You can observe this on Sundays when the Mass is longer than an hour. Catholics can be very literal about the scriptures. When Jesus asks us if "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Catholics will grudgingly allow one hour, but don't expect any more. I observed the Catholic rapture today. Coming back to the pew I was sitting in after Communion I found that the pews around me were mostly empty and stayed empty. Previously the church was packed. Apparently some Catholics after receiving Communion are so enraptured that apparently they are taken up there and then. Amazing to be around such holy people. In fact even their cars are holy as I find that the parking lot is also emptied out after I wait for the priest to process out.

(Fr.Pier comment on above) Painting a humorous picture, the above quote helps me to examine how much time do I give to being with Jesus each day.



### 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