





## Pastor's Note

Fr. Pier Pandolfo  
St. Joseph's Parish and  
St. Anthony's Mission Parish

**From 'Hosanna' to 'Crucify Him.'** The word 'Hosanna' is used to express our joy and adoration for Jesus and the work of healing and teaching that he did. These words change to 'Crucify Him' as we take the part of the crowd at the trial of Jesus. **Homework:** every green light say "Hosanna" and every red light say "Crucify him"

**He descended into Hell. (Pope Benedict reflection)** The Eastern Church's picture of Easter has taken a different path from that of the Western world and the images which are familiar to us. She does not show the Lord having burst from the grave, suspended in a brilliant, divine glory above the world, as in Grünewald's impressive and masterful painting. Since Scripture itself does not portray the Resurrection event, Eastern believers too refrained from depicting it. The icon, by contrast, represents as it were the mysterious inner dimension of the event of Easter which is indicated by a few words of Scripture and which we profess in the Creed when we say, "He descended into hell". In the perspective of the icon, this is an affirmation concerning Jesus' victory. The icon shows him having shattered the bolt of this world, having torn its gates from their hinges. It depicts him as the "stronger man" who has opened and penetrated the domain of the "strong man". It portrays him as the Victor, having burst through the supposedly impregnable fortress of death, such that death is now no longer a place of no return; its doors lie open. Christ, in the aura of his wounded love, stands in this doorway, addresses the still somnolent Adam and takes him by the hand to lead him forth. The liturgy of Holy Saturday circles around this event.

**Holy Thursday:** With the tabernacle empty, we gather to celebrate the gifts of the Eucharist, the Priesthood, and the call to serve (wash the feet of one another).

**Good Friday.** The service begins with a procession in silence. Our hearts are being prepared to hear and to receive the story of our Savior's passion. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Although permissible, it is not necessary to receive communion at the service.

**Easter Vigil.** This is the great night of our faith. As the people of Israel were liberated from slavery in Egypt, so we hear the stories of how God liberates us. We renew our baptismal promises and commit to living lives that are free from sin, with the help of God's grace.

**Easter Sunday.** We celebrate that Christ is victorious over death.

**Reconciliation Times** Wednesday – April 12th-from 7-8:30 PM

## upcoming EVENTS

Apr 10 Chrism Mass 2017-Sacred Heart Cathedral MON-7PM  
Apr 10-11 Fr. Pier away in PG for Chrism Mass  
Apr 16-22 Fr. Pier in Kitimat  
Apr 24 Hearts Transformed Session #12 MON-7PM  
Apr 24 Youth Group—School Gym 7-8:30PM  
Apr 28-29 CWL Convention-Fr. Pier in Kitimat

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

#### CHRISM MASS 2017 IN PG

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

#### 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.

#### 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](http://www.campmorice.com)

#### SHARE LENT APRIL 9

##### Thank you for your support to the 2017 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks every-one who donated to Share Lent. Thanks to your generosity, [\$ amount] was collected in our parish. This sum will go towards meeting the needs of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to make a donation, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory or to make a donation directly at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.5 6

### 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 17th beginning at 7pm in gym.

#### BIBLE SHARING

No bible sharing for the next two weeks; it will resume on April 25th.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS: GOOD FRIDAY

The church will be open from 6-8PM for those wanting personal devotion time. Booklets available.

#### REQUEST FOR EASTER FLOWERS

The church is requesting donations of flowers for the Easter season., please drop off before or on Thursday, April 13th.

#### LENT RECONCILIATION TIMES

Wednesday – April 12th from 7-8:30 PM



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
 Our school website:  
[www.stjosephsschool.ca](http://www.stjosephsschool.ca)  
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**VIRTUE FOR APRIL - Understanding**

Understanding in all realms requires effort. Thought, research, sharing, experiencing, and above all, a will to understand more than one does, are needed. If one seeks to understand a person, a situation, spiritual living, the physical world, etc. it takes effort. God can help us through prayer to have the will and the way to understand.

**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.

**Buick Test Drive School Fundraiser - April 22, from 10-4**

Location: Walnut Park Sponsored by Coast Mountain GM Battle of the Schools - **St. Joseph's, Walnut Park, Muheim** Each school will be able to take advantage of this fun fundraising opportunity and raise some serious money. Parents can test drive a new Buick vehicle, and there are lots of fun things for children to do too. BBQ, concession, games, face painting etc. Come raise some \$\$ and have some family fun. A test drive can take as little as 5 minutes and our school will have raised \$20!

**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](http://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. Call/text Christina at 604-996-9064

**SPRING FUNDRAISER-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.

**MCDONALDS DONATION AND LUNCH FUNDRAISER**

All day Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>TH</sup>.**



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  
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 Deadline for application is May 1, 2017



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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 9th	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11:30 AM Mass
Apr 13th	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	5:00 PM
Apr 14th	<b>Good Friday</b>	3:00 PM Service
Apr 16th	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	11:30 AM Mass
Apr 23rd	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>	11:30 AM Mass

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

Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile; "What am I bidden, good folks," he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me?" "A dollar, a dollar"; then two!" "Only two? Two dollars, and who'll make it three? Three dollars, once; three dollars twice; going for three.." But no, from the room, far back, a gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody pure and sweet as caroling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low, said; "What am I bid for the old violin?" And he held it up with the bow. A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice, and going and gone," said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not quite understand what changed its worth." Swift came the reply: "The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin, A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine; a game - and he travels on. "He is going" once, and "going twice, He's going and almost gone." But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul and the change that's wrought by the touch of the Master's hand.



### 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 16th, 2017

Easter Sunday

GREETERS	Tammy & Claudine
LECTORS	Adrian & Liz
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Vic & Gail
Altar Servers	Alicia & Nicole
Gift Bearers	Volunteer
Collection Counter	See Volunteer Board
Church Cleaning	See Volunteer Board

### COLLECTIONS: April 2nd, 2017

Envelope \$ 810.00 Loose \$ 23.85

CMIC Grant \$3000.00 Dev & Peace \$135.00

**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

2601 "He was praying in a certain place and when he had ceased, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray.'" 45 In seeing the Master at prayer the disciple of Christ also wants to pray. By contemplating and hearing the Son, the master of prayer, the children learn to pray to the Father.

2602 Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at night. He includes all men in his prayer, for he has taken on humanity in his incarnation, and he offers them to the Father when he offers himself. Jesus, the Word who has become flesh, shares by his human prayer in all that "his brethren" experience; he sympathizes with their weaknesses in order to free them. It was for this that the Father sent him. His words and works are the visible manifestation of his prayer in secret.