



# St. Joseph's Parish

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN for May 6th & May 7th, 2017

4th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2.14a, 36b-41, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2.20b-25, John 10.1-10*

*"I am the gate for the sheep."*



### Week Mass Times 4th Sunday of Easter

**Saturday 6th 5:00pm Mass †Paul & Elisabeth Strebel**  
**Sunday 7th 9:00am Mass †Kazimiera Dobek**  
**Monday 8th 9:00am Mass**  
**Tuesday 9th 6:15pm Mass Int for Fr. Rectorino Tolentino**  
**Wednes 10th 9:00am Mass †Tadeusz Depka**  
**Thursday 11th 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge**  
**Friday 12th 9:00am Mass**  
**Saturday 13th \*\*Change 11:00am Mass †Jessie Eileen Towns**  
**Sunday 14th 9:00am Mass †Michelangelo & Concetta Sia**  
**†Gwen & Jerry Zank**  
**Int for Alexandra Howard**  
**Sunday 14th \*\*Change 5:00pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass for**  
**Fr. Rectorino Tolentino**

### Ministry Schedule

5th Sunday of Easter

May 13th, 2017 **\*\* (11AM)** & May 14th, 2017 **(9AM) & \*\* (5PM)**

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

### COLLECTION REPORTS

**April 29th & April 30th, 2017**

Church \$ 1,851.40 Electronic Funds Transfer \$ 1620.00  
School \$ 20.00 Sacramental Fees \$ 160.00

**Diocesan Appeal: Goal Achieved! Thank you!**

**Roof Repairs:** Plans to correct roof over the main body of church are progressing. Estimated cost \$80-\$100K. Repairs commence beginning of June.

**Medical Assistance Fund:** Donations can be made to help families with Medical Expenses. Application required.

**Foundations Fund:** Consider leaving a donation in your will to St. Joseph's Foundation Fund

**I bequeath \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to St. Joseph's Foundation Fund, Smithers**

### 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 Maclaasac

*Altar Servers:* Nancy Verbeek



*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

Nolan, John, Chris, Otto, Adrian, 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

**How are we sheep?** Today we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd (images of Jesus include: flowing water (4:14), the bread of life (6:35), life (8:12), the sheep gate (10:7), the good shepherd (10:11), the resurrection and the life (11:25), the light (12:46), the way, the truth and the life (14:6), and the vine (15:1)). That makes us sheep, not a completely flattering designation since sheep are known to be stubborn, easily frightened, and prone to get lost. But sheep also completely trust the shepherd for all their care. This is how we are sheep, learning to trust completely in Jesus who says in the Gospel, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly". Acts reminds us that this life is the promise received at our baptism and Peter reminds us that our pattern on earth is 'dying to rise again'. **Homework:** Recall the church and the priest of your baptism.

**May 13, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima.** The story is well known of the three young children Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia and their 6 visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary (between May 13 and October 13 of 1917) who told the children to pray the rosary for peace. This story is connected to the miracle of the sun (October 13, 1917), the revelation of 3 secrets, and the call to pray for the conversion of Russia. On November 11, 1954, the Catholic Church officially declared the events 'worthy of belief' thereby promoting the devotion.

### Prayer for Vocation

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of Christian disciples, whom you have chosen to serve as priests and religious, married and single.

Give each of us the special graces that our particular vocations require. Form us in the image and likeness of Jesus, your Son, so that through him, with him and in him, we may act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly in your presence, now and forever.

Amen

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### **HONOURING OUR LADY FATIMA**

This year marks the centennial year of the appearance of Our Blessed Mother to the three children. Celebrations on May 13th at Sacred Heart in PG, 11AM or Christ the King in Kitimat, 5PM

### **ELECTION ISSUE - CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

On the Bulletin Board, find a letter by Beverly Pulyk, Superintendent of Vancouver Island Catholic Schools, explaining how province benefits by presence of Independent Schools.

## upcoming EVENTS

May 8 Youth Group-Night Chase 6-9PM  
May 9 CWL Spring Tea 7PM—All ladies of parish welcome  
May 13 Honoring Our Lady of Fatima mass in PG or Kitimat  
May 14 5PM Mass of Thanksgiving—Fr. Rector  
May 19-21 Discernment Week at Camp Morice  
Jun 4 Pentecost Sunday  
Jun 5-10 Fr. Pier away—Priest Retreat PG  
Jun 24/25 First Holy Communion Celebration

### **DISCERNMENT WEEKEND - VOCATIONS**

Scheduled May 19-21 at Camp Morice, Ft. St. James. See Bulletin Bd

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

'If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God.' Despite the many obstacles faced by those working for peace and justice in regions affected by conflict, many continue to perform their good works all the same. In East Africa, famine and civil conflict have led to widespread death, displacement and hunger. Development and Peace is working to support its partners in the region, including the local Caritas network, to address this humanitarian crisis. To learn more about the situation and to make a financial contribution, please visit [www.dev.org](http://www.dev.org) or contact our Western Region office at 1-844-480-3387.

### **PROLIFE NEWS**

The ProLife Newsletter is coming out for Mother's Day, please plan to read it. With my move away from Smithers I will have to resign my position from the Society, creating an opportunity for members from our parish to step up & contribute to the work of the ProLife Society. I was involved with media & education & would appreciate if someone interested in websites, newsletters, etc to step forward.

### PARISH EVENTS

#### **HEARTS TRANSFORMED**

The Lay Formation program will come to an end with a final retreat. All those enrolled in the program are asked to register. As a parish we thank those who committed themselves to all or part of the program: Barb & Dave Schwab (facilitators), Barb & Jim Schwab, Marg & Dave Hemenway, Clara Moore, Joan Wilmot, Johanna Habjan.

#### **FR. RECTOR MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

Fr. Rector is celebrating a mass of thanksgiving for his 10th anniversary of priesthood with the people of Smithers on Sunday, May 14th at 5PM, reception to follow.

#### **PARISH YOUTH GROUP**

Next meeting for MONDAY, "Night Chase" is May 8th, 6-9PM

#### **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 Friendships Bloom". Please wear your Spring Hat, Bonnet, Cap or any "Flowery Head Dress" you might have!

#### **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 MAY- Compassion

Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. Remember to feel compassion for those that are having difficulties even though you don't understand why. And if it seems that no one is there for you in compassion, God is. "Ask and you shall receive."

PRE K REGISTRATION 2017/2018 – first-come, first- served format

Registration for Pre K is on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. There will be a Monday, Wednesday, Friday class (\$170.00 per month) and a Tuesday, Thursday class (\$115.00 per month). The classes run from 8:30-11:30am. These rates are pro-rated for the year. Your child must be 4 by December 31, 2017. Please bring in **your child's care card and immunization records along with the first month's fees.**

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.

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.

PLAYGROUND DONOR FORMS

We are working on a donor recognition plaque to honour and recognize all of the contributors to the Field Restoration & Playground Equipment Campaign - starting from those who helped with the fence, to those helping with the playground. If you have not filled out a donor consent form please stop by and see Arlene to fill one out. All names need to be confirmed by May 15, 2017 or will not appear on our plaque.

SCHOOL SECURITY AND A CHANGE FOR NEXT FALL

The eight schools of the Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George are being required to have locking front entrances and most of the schools do. St. Joseph's doesn't. It is a big "culture" change to have locked front doors, but security is an issue that is important to address. More details to follow as planning is finalized.

CERTIFICATES – an ongoing school fundraiser

Just a reminder that we have gift certificates for Bulkley Valley Wholesale(\$25.00 ), Safeway(\$50.00 and \$100.00) and No Frills (\$50.00 and \$100.00) for purchasing. A percentage of certificates sold is given back to the school. Thank you for continuing to support St. Joseph's School.



CWL ANNUAL SPRING TEA

May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Church Foyer  
 This years theme is "Where Friendships Bloom"  
 ALL LADIES of the parish are invited!



Please wear your Spring Hat, Bonnet, Cap or any "Flowery Head Dress"



Knights of Columbus  
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973

Fr. Callaly Council Meeting  
 Date Wednesday May 10th  
 Time 7:00PM  
 Place: St Joseph's Parish Centre

James W. Schwab  
 Grand Knight Fr. Callaly Council 7973  
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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 Representa-

May 14th	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	11:30 AM Mass
May 21st	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	11:30 AM Mass
May 28th	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	11:30 AM Mass

### KNOWING THE SHEPHERD

The banquet hall was filled. To speak for the occasion, a renowned orator had been brought in. After a wonderful meal, he mesmerized the crowd with his voice as he recited poetry and famous selections of speeches. Near the end of the program, he asked if anyone had a favorite selection that they would like for him to recite. From the back of the room, an old man stood up and kindly asked if he would mind reciting the 23rd Psalm. The speaker said that he would be glad to do it if, when he was finished, the old man would recite it as well. The old gentleman nodded his head and sat back down.

In a beautifully trained voice that resonated throughout the great room, the speaker began, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ..." When he was finished, there was thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

He then looked at the old man and said, "All right sir, it is your turn now." In a trembling voice that was cracked by time, the old man began to recite, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want..." It is said that when he was finished, there was no applause, but neither was there a dry eye in the building.

After the event, someone asked the famous speaker what he thought produced the different responses in the crowd. The speaker paused, thought for a moment and said, "I know the 23rd Psalm, but that man knows the shepherd. That makes all the difference."



### We pray for the Sick:

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

### Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, May 14, 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

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

### COLLECTIONS: April 30th, 2017

Envelope \$ 263 .00

Loose \$ 11.00

PAD \$ 55.00

Refugee \$ 50.00

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

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

2607 When Jesus prays he is already teaching us how to pray. His prayer to his Father is the theological path (the path of faith, hope, and charity) of our prayer to God. But the Gospel also gives us Jesus' explicit teaching on prayer. Like a wise teacher he takes hold of us where we are and leads us progressively toward the Father. Addressing the crowds following him, Jesus builds on what they already know of prayer from the Old Covenant and opens to them the newness of the coming Kingdom. Then he reveals this newness to them in parables. Finally, he will speak openly of the Father and the Holy Spirit to his disciples who will be the teachers of prayer in his Church.

2608 From the Sermon on the Mount onwards, Jesus insists on conversion of heart: reconciliation with one's brother before presenting an offering on the altar, love of enemies, and prayer for persecutors, prayer to the Father in secret, not heaping up empty phrases, prayerful forgiveness from the depths of the heart, purity of heart, and seeking the Kingdom before all else.<sup>64</sup> This filial conversion is entirely directed to the Father.