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SUNDAY BULLETIN for May 20th & May 21st, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8.5-8, 14-17, Psalm 66, 1 Peter 3.15-18, John 14.15-21

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate."



Week Mass Times 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday 20th 5:00pm Mass †Victorino Pacheco
Sunday 21st 9:00am Mass Intentions of the Parish
Monday 22nd 9:00am Mass
Tuesday 23rd 6:15pm Mass
Wednes 24th 9:00am Mass - School Mass
Thursday 25th 11:00am Mass @ Bulkley Lodge
Friday 26th NO Mass - Fr. Pier in PG
Saturday 27th 5:00pm Mass Intentions of the Parish
Sunday 28th 9:00am Mass †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
†Pete Stroet

Ministry Schedule Ascension of the Lord May 27th, 2017 (5PM) & May 28th 2017 (9AM)

GREETERS: 5 PM 9 AM	Marg & Sid Sikkes, Liesel Cleveland Wayne & Andrea Callsion, Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS : 5 PM 9 AM	Eileen Bouvier, Jim Schwab Nick & Teresa Witkowskyj
EMC: 5 PM 9 AM	David Hemenway, Tina Gemmell Lu Blackburn, Maria Sowa, Johanna Habjan
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS May 13th & May 14th, 2017

Church \$ 1,708.40 School \$ 20.00
Papal Charities \$ 50.00

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, B.C.

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 Callsion

Casey Pyper, David Schwab, Jos Konst

Maintenance: Vacant

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Fr. Pier Pandolfo

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Music: Lori Cachia & Mary Spicer & the Echo Kids



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

Come Holy Spirit. Depending upon where we live, many of us are unaware of those who actually suffer because of their faith. But many circumstances can challenge our commitment: politics, economic choices, job decisions, or lifestyle. Like the early Christians, we are promised the guiding presence of the Spirit. As we look forward to Pentecost, the reading from the Acts records the spirit given in Samaria and the Gospel of John records Jesus' promise of sending the Spirit (the Advocate). This guiding presence of the spirit will help us to: "Be ready to give an explanation for the faith you have ... but do it with gentleness and reverence." How prepared are we to suffer for or at least be uncomfortable with living the Gospel? How open are we to the Spirit's influence in our lives? **Homework:** pray 'Holy Spirit, thank you for living this moment in me.'

HEARTS TRANSFORMED SHARING: making prayer a significant part of the day was one of the central components of the experience. At the first retreat people were introduced to the prayer of clothing one's life in Jesus. This required praying throughout the day this prayer: "Jesus thank you for living this moment in me"; and with every breath "I unite my life to your Spirit as a prayer"; and with every heartbeat "I unite with Your Heart of Limitless Love"; and with every experience "I unite with Your Merciful Presence, surrendering all feelings, thoughts, joys & pains.. resting entirely in You". The homework this week is an adaptation of this practice.

May is the month Mary and the rosary. We will pray one decade of the Rosary (one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's, and one Glory Be) as a time of communion meditation.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Our risen Lord richly blessed and prepared the way for us, beyond our understanding. We pray that we might reflect His love towards our brothers and sisters across the world as we stand in solidarity. The long-term development and humanitarian aid programs that we put into place to respond to the Super Typhoon Haiyan reinforce each other and are being implemented as part of a coordinated effort. More than \$12.4M has been raised in grants since 2013 to meet local needs and support reconstruction. Thank you!

upcoming EVENTS

May 19-21 Discernment Week at Camp Morice
May 24 School Mass—hosted by Grade 1
May 25-31 Grade 7 (May 25)leave for PG (Fr. Pier May 26)
Jun 3 ProLife Fundraising Garage –7:30AM St. Joe's Gym
Jun 4 Pentecost Sunday
Jun 5-10 Fr. Pier away—Priest Retreat PG
Jun 24/25 First Holy Communion Celebration, Parish BBQ
July 7-10 LeJac Pilgrimage,

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND-VOCATIONS MAY 19-21

Let us remember to pray for those who attended this weekend.

PARISH EVENTS

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, PARISH YEAR END BBQ

Our candidates for First Holy Communion will celebrate this on June 24/25th. Mass on the 25th at 11AM followed by BBQ.

SUPPORTING PROLIFE EVENTS

The ProLife Newsletter was in last weeks bulletin and copies are available on the Social Justice bulletin board.

FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE is organized for June 03 at St. Joseph School beginning at 7:30am with proceeds going for regular Society expenses.

DONATIONS OF MATERNITY CLOTHES is being requested by the ProLife Society as they stock the Care Center with much needed clothing; donations can be dropped off with the Church Office.

MUSEUM LOOKING FOR GARDENERS

See letter on Bulletin Board. The garden by the 'Old Church' is looking for volunteers to maintain it throughout the summer. Contact 250-847-5322 or info@bvmuseum.com if interested.

SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES

CAMP MORICE – see bulletin board for camps for families and kids.

IGNITE – POWERFUL YOUTH CAMP

See letter on Bulletin Board. The garden by the 'Old Church' is looking for volunteers to maintain it throughout the summer. Contact 250-847-5322 or info@bvmuseum.com if interested.

LEJAC PILGRIMAGE, JULY 7-10

This annual event remembering Rose Prince (and the mystical experience of her incorrupt body) has the CCO Team as presenters. It is an event supported by our Diocese and the First Nation peoples. St. Joseph will help organize cars for Saturday, July 8th to travel there and back the same day.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
 Our school website:
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Catholic Schools: "Care for Our Common Home"

VIRTUE FOR MAY - compassion

A quote from the Dalai Lama: "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive" Something to ponder over while we go through life.

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

Registration for Pre K is on Friday, May 19th 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.**

PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION

The new playground equipment will be installed on June 3rd & 4th. We need 6 additional volunteers to help with the installation. We have hired a trained playground installer/inspector to help install it correctly. The volunteers must commit to 8am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday to ensure continuity and guarantee that installation isn't delayed. Lunch, snacks and water will be provided. Please call Mindy at 250-917-8178 or mindystroet@gmail.com to sign up. Thank you in advance!

PSG TRADESHOW BOOTH

PSG would like to give a huge thank you to the following – McDonalds , Panago and BV Wholesale for their continued support of our school. We are so grateful to have such strong community support. Thank you to our volunteers who made this fundraiser a success. The PSG raised over \$1,100.00!

THANK YOU'S!

-A huge thank you to Coast Mountain GM and their Buick Test Drive Event for donating \$4,000.00 to the playground fund. It was a great family event and we are very appreciative of their contribution.
 -A huge thank you also to McDonald's Family Restaurant for their generous donation of \$2,000.00 from sales on April 27th.
 We are so very appreciative of these generous donations!

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.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

- Victoria Day – Monday, May 22nd, no school
- Grade One Mass – Wednesday, May 24th at 9:00am
- Grade 7 trip- May 25th-31st
- Track Meet- Friday, June 2nd
- Grade 6 Camp Emmaus- June 5-9



A BIG thank you to everyone who came and helped make our Spring Tea a huge success. To Fr. Pier, the musicians, and all who worked hard at table settings...THANK YOU!
 Also a special THANK YOU to the Grade 6 students of St. Joseph's school who so willingly took the tables and chairs back to the gymnasium.



Knights of Columbus
 Fr. Callaly Council 7973

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAMP MORICE FAMILY RAFFLE:
 The K of C are 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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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 28th	Ascension of the Lord	11:30 AM Mass
June 4th	Vigil of Pentecost	11:30 AM Mass
June 11th	Trinity Sunday	11:30 AM Mass

Finance and Parish Council Meeting. Our meeting will be after mass on Sunday, June 04. If you have topics for the agenda, please give them to Fr. Pier or to Dennis.

Important Lesson - Giving When it counts.

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?" Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her. Yet he was willing. - Author Unknown

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 28, 2017

Ascension of the Lord

GREETERS	Tammy & Claudine
LECTORS	Volunteer
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Adrian & Dawn
Altar Servers	Alicia & Nicole
Gift Bearers	Bill G. & Yolande B.
Collection Counter	See Volunteer Board
Church Cleaning	See Volunteer Board

COLLECTIONS: May 14th, 2017

Envelope \$215.00 Loose \$ 17.90
50/50 Ticket \$ 300.00

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

2612 In Jesus "the Kingdom of God is at hand."⁷² He calls his hearers to conversion and faith, but also to watchfulness. In prayer the disciple keeps watch, attentive to Him Who Is and Him Who Comes, in memory of his first coming in the lowliness of the flesh, and in the hope of his second coming in glory. In communion with their Master, the disciples' prayer is a battle: only by keeping watch in prayer can one avoid falling into temptation.

2613 Three principal parables on prayer are transmitted to us by St. Luke: - the first, "the importunate friend," invites us to urgent prayer: "Knock, and it will be opened to you." To the one who prays like this, the heavenly Father will "give whatever he needs," and above all the Holy Spirit who contains all gifts. - the second, "the importunate widow," is centered on one of the qualities of prayer: it is necessary to pray always without ceasing and with the patience of faith. "and yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - the third parable, "the Pharisee and the tax collector," concerns the humility of the heart that prays. "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" the Church continues to make this prayer its own: Kyrie eleison!