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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 16 & 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61.1-11; Luke 1.47-54; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-28

"Among you stands one whom you do not know."



Weekly Mass Schedule 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	16th	5:00pm	Mass † Jesse Eileen Towns
Sunday	17th	9:00am	Mass † Necitas Sasing Ramos
Monday	18th	—	No Mass
Tuesday	19th	6:15pm	Mass † Lisa Beaubien
Wednesday	20th	9:00am	Mass † Susan O'Malley
Thursday	21st	11:00am	Mass at Bulkley Lodge
Friday	22nd	9:00am	Mass † Andy Malbeuf
Saturday	23rd	5:00pm	Mass † Victorino Pacheco
Sunday	24th	9:00am	Mass

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."

COLLECTION REPORTS

Dec 9 & 10, 2017

Church \$3010.81 EFT \$1435.00

Diocesan Appeal \$25.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Ministry Schedule December 24th & 25th, 2017

The Nativity of the Lord

DATE	Sunday, Dec.24	Monday, Dec.25
GREETERS	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Jim & Marie Ziegler <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> _____ Nilda Hudson	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> _____?
LECTORS	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Katriona Barralon, Brenda Pyper <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Christine Tessier Michael Des Harnais	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> Nilda Hudson Rob Boyce
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Johanna Habjan <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Tina Gemmell Maria Sowa Dave Hemenway	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> Lu Blackburn Johanna Habjan



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Shannette, Quinn, Maria, Makayla, Crystal, Scott, Rita, Nick, Erik, Leland, Maurice, Owen, Nelson, Lucia, Ryan, 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

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec 23 & 24, 2017

DATE	Saturday, Dec 23	Sunday, Dec 24
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway June Philpot	Wayne & Andrea Callison Jean Miller
LECTORS	Suzanne Brabant Trevor Bruintjes	Volunteer Brian Burrill
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Tina Gemmell Maria Sowa	Mary Stroet Theo Sikkes Johanna Habjan
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon Dec 18: 10am—4pm Advent Reconciliation
Christmas Mass: Dec 24 Family Mass @ 5pm
Dec 24 "Midnight" Mass @ 10pm
Dec 25 Mass During the Day @ 9am

DIOCESAN EVENTS

The **Catholic Health Association of BC** will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay that demonstrates an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please refer to the poster on display in the vestibule of the church or check the CHABC website at www.chabc.bc.ca under News and Events.

PARISH EVENTS

THANK YOU FROM THE STAMS

We would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and support over the past year. Last week, Adrian received some good news with his recent MRI results showing that his tumour is now stable. Treatment has been stopped and now he is being reviewed every three months to monitor the tumour. We could not have gotten through this year without you all and just feel so blessed to belong to such a caring and supportive community.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WELCOMED—DEC 17

Parishioners are asked to bring in donations of Christmas flowers and poinsettias for the Christmas season. We will be accepting flowers after Dec 16th. Thank you for your generosity.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION TIME—DEC 18

We will have our Reconciliation time for St Joseph's on Mon. Dec. 18. Fr Johmer will be available for confession from 10am—4pm.

BIBLE SHARING GROUP

Our last Bible Sharing for the year will be on Tues. Dec. 12, 2017 and we will start again in the New Year on Jan. 9th. Please consider joining with us as we share our faith using "Celebrating the Word" as our guide.

BUILDING OUR FAITH

Using the DVD Series Symbolon

Our future meeting days are January 15 & 29.
at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting room.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS STAMPS are for sale now. "Keep Christ in Christmas" by purchasing RELIGIOUS stamps at post office.

LOOKING TO RENT in Smithers. A Catholic couple is moving to Smithers for work (CN). If you have something or know of a place could you please contact Jim Schwab 847-3408 or the Parish Office.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
Our school website: www.stjosephs.ca
Phone: (250) 847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Care for Everyone in Our Common Home"

A REFLECTION regarding Rose Prince (one of our school family role models)

Rose Prince, a Carrier native, was born in Fort St. James to Jean Marie and Agatha Prince. Her father was a descendant of the well-known and great Carrier chief Kwah. Her mom, also a First Nations person, was raised by nuns in the Williams Lake area. Rose Prince, like other young native children, was sent to a residential school: the Catholic Residential School of LeJac in Fraser Lake. After Rose Prince's mother and sisters died in the great flu epidemic of 1918, Rose Prince chose to stay at LeJac year round. And even after the age of 18 she stayed on, volunteering with the chores and being a kind helpful presence to the often lonely and homesick students of LeJac. Though she had a hard life and was sickly, Rose Prince did what she could in the service of others. She died of tuberculosis in 1949. When the graveyard where she was buried was moved two years after her death, Rose Prince's coffin was dropped and opened. Her body was incorrupted; she looked like she was just sleeping. People then began speaking about her as a holy person of God.

ROI THEATRE –you're invited too!

Our theatre afternoon is another Christmas tradition at St. Joe's. After the students eat lunch at 11:30 on Friday, December 22nd they will walk to the Roi Theatre. Parents and sibling are invited to join us and are asked to pay \$3.00 each; this will be collected at the theatre. The movie is SING and is rated PG. There are NO buses in the afternoon on this day!!! Please pick up your child/ren from the Roi Theatre at 2:30pm. More information to follow.

AN EVENT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN JANUARY!

The Parent Support Group is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, January 26th. This is a fundraiser for the PSG and an opportunity for gathering and enjoying as a school community. More details will be available after Christmas, but volunteers are being recruited by the PSG and head cook Monica Howard. Please call the school or Monica at 847-6090 or email: monicanaturespantry@gmail.com. And keep your eyes open for the PSG school colours t-shirt sale!

CAROL FEST

Congratulations to our grade 5, 6, and 7 students who performed so beautifully at Carol Fest last week. It was a beautiful gathering of voices. A special thank you to our director, Mrs. Lowe, and our pianist, Mrs. Spicer.

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Catholic Women's League Smithers

Bazaar News Thank you all for contributing! Final total is \$6693.82. It will be split equally between CWL, Parish and School. (Proceeds from cake walk, toonie jars & school crafts go solely to school)



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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Dec. 24: 5pm Family Mass
Dec. 24: 10pm "Midnight" Mass

Christmas Day
Dec. 25: 9am

Holy Family
Sat. Dec 30: 5pm
Sun. Dec 31: 9am

Mary, Mother of God
Mon. Jan 1: 9am

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Visit to the Sick at Home: By appointment



SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Assistant/Caretaker: _____

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &
Finance Committee Members

Eric Bishop · Georgina Dotto
CWL Representative

We pray for the Sick:

Jessalyn, Joan, Tony, Ken, Devynn, Bob,
Dorothy, Helen & Harry, Sara,
Reginald, Juanito, Kelda, Shaylyn, Rufina,
Apolinario and Pol



COLLECTION REPORT *Oct & Nov, 2017*

Oct 22 & 29 \$517.00 Nov 5, 12 & 19 \$1478.00

Thank you for your support!

Our New Fundraiser

Grand In Hand

This is a 50/50 draw with a \$1000 prize. Tickets \$10 ea.

Tickets are on sale from the 1st of month with the draw on the last day of the month. There will be 6 draws for the fiscal year, in the following months:

December
February
March
June
September
October

Christmas Requests

Poinsettias—help decorate our sanctuary and donate a plant please.

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY DEC 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Volunteer needed
LECTORS	Volunteer needed
EMC	Volunteer needed
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer needed
GIFT BEARERS	Volunteer needed
COLLECTION COUNTER	Volunteer needed
CHURCH CLEANING	Volunteer needed

Christmas Mass

Nativity of the Lord:

Monday Dec. 25 @ 11:30am

Mary, Mother of God:

Monday Jan. 1 @ 11:30am

St Anthony's CWL

A reminder that CWL membership is due. \$36. Please pay Susan Hak.

Soup and Bun Lunch

Please join us after Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month.
(unless otherwise posted on schedule)

Food Bank

Please remember to contribute non-perishable items in the basket at the church.