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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 23 & 24, 2017

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7.1-5; Ps 89; Romans 16.25-27; Luke 1.26-38

"You will conceive in your womb and bear a son."



Weekly Mass Schedule 4th Sun of Advent & Christmas

Saturday	23 th	5:00pm	Mass	† Victorino Pacheco
Sunday	24 th	9:00am	Mass	
		5:00pm	Family Mass	† G & J Zank
		10:00pm	Vigil Mass	† N Sasing Ramos
Monday	25 th	9:00am	Mass	† Sowa & Czosnek Family
Tuesday	26 th	—	No Mass	
Wednesday	27 th	9:00am	Mass	
Thursday	28 th	11:00am	No Mass	
Friday	29 th	9:00am	Mass	
Saturday	30 th	5:00pm	Mass	† Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Sunday	31 st	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 16 & 17, 2017

Church \$ 1784.65 School \$550.00

Thank you for your generous support!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

Nativity of the Lord

Ministry Schedule December 24th & 25th, 2017

DATE	Sunday, Dec.24	Monday, Dec.25
GREETERS	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Jim & Marie Ziegler <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> David and Marj Hemenway Nilda Hudson	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> Volunteer needed
LECTORS	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Katriona Barralon, Brenda Pypier <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Christine Tessier	<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

Holy Family / Mary, Holy Mother of God Ministry Schedule Dec 30 & 31, 2017 and Jan 1, 2018

DATE	Saturday, Dec 30	Sunday, Dec 31	Monday, Jan 1
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Casey & Alice DenBoer Mary Vandermaal	Volunteer needed
LECTORS	Volunteer needed Jim Schwab	Kristi Pederson Mary Ellen Kallio	Jim Schwab Marie Ziegler
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Carlene Creyke-Dingwall David Hemenway	Lu Blackburn Al Bruintjes Maria Sowa	Janna Delany Maria Sowa Johanna Habjan
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nativity of the Lord: Dec 24 Family Mass @ 5pm
Dec 24 Vigil Mass @ 10pm
Dec 25 Mass During the Day @ 9am
Holy Family Dec 30 @ 5pm Dec 31 @ 9am
Mary Mother of God Jan 1 @ 9am



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

From the DIOCESE

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: On Sundays and other holydays of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from such work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day or the due relaxation of mind and body. (Can 1247)

In Canada there are two holydays of obligation:

January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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.

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.

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.

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.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT – JOY!

Last Sunday was the Third Sunday of Advent. The pink candle of the Advent Wreath was lit. In Father Johmer's sermon he quoted Joseph Campbell, "Find a place inside where there's joy, and the joy will burn out the pain." Jesus promised life to the fullest to those who choose to follow God's love -- it is of JOY that Jesus spoke. Life is problematic, but free will and a 'yes' to truth and love allows for real joy. Blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas Season and in 2018. – Mrs. Rosemary McKenzie

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!

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.

**THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.
ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.
GOD'S BLESSINGS**



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)



Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council 7973

Icon of the Holy Family/Marian Prayer Program will be at St Joseph's parish January 10th to January 20. More details on the prayer service will be provided in January.

Why you should become a Knight?

*If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. **Talk to a Knight nearest you now!!!***

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

Soup and Bun Lunch

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

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY DEC 24, 2017 4th 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.

Christmas Requests

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

Food Bank

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