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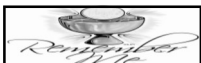
Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Gamos OSA

SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 23 & 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3.1-15; Ps 103; 1 Corinthians 10.1-12; Luke 13.1-9

"Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did."



Weekly Mass Schedule 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	23rd	5:00pm	Mass	†Jean Bouvier
Sunday	24th	9:00am	Mass	†Victorino Pacheco †Lucia Jackson
Mon.	25th		No Mass	
Tues.	26th	6:15pm	Mass	
Wed.	27th	9:00am	Mass	
Thu.	28th	11:00am	Mass at Bulkley Lodge	
Fri.	29th	9:00am	Mass	
Saturday	30th	5:00pm	Mass	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Sunday	31st	9:00am	Mass	†Dolores Krauskopf

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm

Adoration: First Friday of Month 6:30 - 7:30pm

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

March 17, 2019

Church \$1844.30 School \$75.00

Thank you for your generous support!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Jacques, Madalena, Marty, Dave, Ethan, Art, Margaret, Sophie, Nolan, Rachael, Maurice, Ryan, Carter and James.

If you know of someone sick or shut-in who would like the church to visit or bring communion, call 847-2012

PARISH MINISTRIES

Secretary: Mary Spicer

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson: _____

Social Coordinator: Johanna Habjan

Liturgy: Gemma Gillis

Youth Ministry: _____

Development & Peace: Marj Coupe

Catholic Women's League: Eileen Bouvier

Knights of Columbus: James Schwab

School Council Chair: Rob Blackburn

Parish Finance Committee

Finance Chairperson: Wayne Callison

Bookkeeper: Brenda Pyper

Maintenance: _____

Collections: Rita Coupe

Children's Liturgy: Cara Polanin

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Music: Mary Spicer, Barbara Schwab

Ministry Schedule

March 30 & 31, 2019

DATE	Saturday, Mar 30	Sunday, Mar 31
GREETERS	Reiko Bussmann Marj Hemenway	Casey & Alice DenBoer Milegros Shorter
LECTORS	Eileen Bouvier Janna Delany	David Schwab Joanna Bomers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Dave Hemenway	Dovie Bruder Theo Sikkes Maria Sowa
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues Mar 26: Bible Sharing @10:15am
Fri. Mar 29: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
Mon. April 1: Building Our Faith @ 7pm
Tues. April 9: Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral

DIOCESAN EVENTS

CHRISM MASS TUESDAY APRIL 9 @ 7PM

Chrism Mass is held at Sacred Heart Cathedral to consecrate Holy Oils and Chrism. Priests renew their commitment to serve. All are invited Tuesday April 9 at 7pm.

PARISH EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Friday @ 7:00pm

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm on Fridays. Fri. March 29th Stations of the Cross will be led by Fr. Benjie.

BUILDING OUR FAITH - 7PM MON. APRIL 1

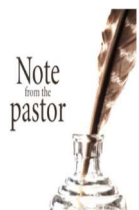
Everyone is invited to attend these sessions. Monday April 1 at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Session Nine from Series *Catholicism*

In **Episode 9: "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and Life of the Spirit"**, Father (Bishop) Robert Barron explores how the Catholic Faith transforms humanity through prayer, spiritual commitment, and the mystery of vocation. Featured: New York, Avila, Toledo, Gethsemane and beyond.

PASSING OF FR. BOB MURRIN It is with sadness that we announce the death of Fr. Bob Murrin. Fr. Bob was ordained to the ministerial priesthood for service in the Diocese of Prince George on January 11, 1999 by Most Rev. Gerald Wiesner, OMI. During his time of seminary formation, diaconal ministry, and priestly ministry, Fr. Bob served in the parish communities of: Sacred Heart, Terrace; Church of the Resurrection, Ft. St. John; St. Joseph's, Smithers; St. Anthony's, Houston; and Christ Our Saviour, Prince George. After a diagnosis of cancer, Fr. Bob relocated to the Diocese of Monterey, California, to be closer to family. Throughout his approximate 19-year-journey with cancer and its accompanying treatments, he continued his priestly ministry and on January 11, 2019, he celebrated his 20th anniversary of ministerial priesthood. Fr. Bob died peacefully on March 1, 2019, in Boulder Creek, California at the age of 79 years. A Funeral Mass is scheduled for April 13, 2019 in Monterey, California.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

"Father Alvin T. Matias, pastor of St. Peter's Church Parish in Mackenzie, British Columbia, invites you to join him on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on August 22 - 31, 2019. Visits the Holy Land where our Lord Jesus Christ was born, did His mission, died, and resurrected (Places like: Nazareth, Cana, Mt. of Beatitudes, Mt. Tabor, Caesarea Philippi, Stella Maris, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, and, of course, sites in Jerusalem). For all of the information including the full itinerary and pricing, please go to our website www.thecomfybackpacker.com or call Marianatha Tours at 1-780-707-1683 and ask for Maria Drueco, Travel Consultant and Group Travel Specialist."



WORD OF THANKS:

It is with deep gratitude and profound thanks to you—our Beloved Bishop Stephen Jensen, DD and Msgr. Rector, Fr John Garden, Martha Primus for visiting St Joseph and St Anthony Parishes and St Joseph Catholic School. Indeed I believed that your visit impacted the Parishioners of the two parishes and the entire school populace. This visit will surely foster a better relationship with the Diocese of Prince George through better communication, connection and collaborations. Despite the organiza-

tional complexities of the Catholic Church, it is more than just its officials, or buildings or liturgy, and teachings—it is all of us united with Jesus Christ and related to one another through him, our Head.

I would also like to thank all of you my brothers and sisters (the parishioners) who volunteered your time and effort to make this activity a success. Your unselfish support (to me, the parishes and school) will bring forth a long way to achieve our mission that is to worship God, to serve others and to grow as loving members of God's family. We are all servants of God and as we work in the vineyard of the Lord, we should not be tired of working for the glorification of God's kingdom. And with the words of St. Augustine, "We are to be of one mind and heart on the way to God, we are travelers on pilgrimage together, wherein Christ is our constant companion, as well as our way and goal. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS US ALL!! - Fr Benjie OSA



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
Our school website: www.stjosephs.ca
Phone: (250) 847-9414

Catholic Schools: "What Do You Want of Me, Lord?"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The three practices the Church puts forward for us to use during Lent to grow into more loving human beings are prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. One of the fruits of these practices is **COMPASSION**. *Compassion is a virtue with many faces. It is a sharing of pain or failure or brokenness or anxiety. The compassionate are not in the lifeboat throwing lifesavers to those drowning in the ocean; they are in the water themselves, helping the others into the boat or to the safety of the shore.* William McKee, C. SS. R.

- Rosemary McKenzie

YEARBOOK- help needed

Raeleen Maurer would like to create the yearbook but no one has responded to help her with this project. She is also looking for photos from anyone that has taken pictures of any events so far this year, skating, school masses, baking etc. If she has not heard from any parents by April 5th we will have to give up on the yearbook for this year. If you would like to help, or for more information, please call Raeleen at 250-877-1513.

Kindergarten is looking for donations of dominoes for their classroom.

Report Cards – will be sent home the end of the day Thursday, March 14th. No written comments for this Second Term Report as Student-Led Conferences will be happening in April
Spring Break – March 18-March 31- Schools resumes Monday, April 1st

PSG Meeting – April 3rd at 7pm in the library. Tea and snacks will be provided J

April 4th - **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – Internet Safety Consultant White Hatter has been contracted by the school for Grade 4 to 7 presentations and a parent session at 7pm

INTERNET SAFETY FOR YOUR CHILDREN and for parents.

The White Hatter is coming to St. Joseph's! The White Hatter Team has educated over a 100,000 B.C. students – both elementary and high school – on how the internet, and particularly social media, works and how sometimes it can put children and adults into compromised or dangerous situations. On April 4th, students in grades 4 to 7 will have school presentations and at 7pm parents are encouraged to attend an evening session. We thank the Parent Support Group of our school for their financial assistance in bringing in this consultant.

**THE STAFF WISHES YOU ALL A WONDERFUL
SPRING BREAK**

**Knights of Columbus
Fr. Callaly Council 7973**



Involving members, families,
parishioners, in the sacramental life
of the church ...

Meetings every second Monday of month.

Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program

The annual British Columbia and Yukon Bursary program known as the Bishop Thomas J. Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program is underway. The 2019 program is now receiving applications. Once again, we are privileged to offer thirty bursaries of \$500.00 each to Catholic students across the Province of British Columbia. These bursaries are made available on a one-time only basis to young practicing Catholic students who are in their second or subsequent year of post secondary education at a recognized institute of higher learning within the Province of British Columbia. Applications are accepted from January 1, 2019 until June 30, 2019 with the bursaries being awarded in the fall. The Terms of Reference can be found on our web site at: <https://kofcbc.org/files/2018/12/Terms-of-Reference-2019.pdf>

Requests for application should be addressed to:

Knights of Columbus BC & Yukon

Attn: Edgardo Panes, Bursaries Chairman 11260 3rd Ave.
Richmond, BC V7E 5A1

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**Catholic Women's League
Smithers**



Meetings every second Tuesday of month.

Diocesan Convention in Prince George
April 26-28, 2019

Please register by March 20. Contact Eileen (847-3478) for Registration Forms A.S.A.P.

\$500 BURSARY

A \$500 bursary from St Joseph's Catholic Women's League, Smithers is being offered to a student graduating from Smithers Secondary School in 2019, to be used for further education at an accredited college/university within 2 years.

Student receiving this **bursary must meet the following criteria:**

-graduated from St Joseph's School, Smithers; Attended St Joseph's School, Smithers 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
BOX 454, SMITHERS, BC V0J 2N0

*Deadline for application is May 1, 2019



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SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30 am



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Assistant/Caretaker: _____
Joint Parish Pastoral Council &
Finance Committee Members

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY March 24, 2019 3rd Sunday of Lent

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



We pray for the Sick:

Jo, Adrian, Sheila, Vic, Joan, Tony, Ken, Devynn,
Bob, Helen & Harry, Sara, Reginald, Juanito,
Kelda, Shaylyn, Rufina, and Apolinario

COLLECTION REPORT

March 17, 2019

\$260.00

Called Together, Giving Sharing, Serving.

St Anthony's Goal = \$2500 Pledged to date: \$1955

Thank you for your generous continued support.



Reflection for 3rd Sunday of Lent

As we enter the midpoint of Lent, our readings become more uncompromising and candid about how we are to live our lives. Through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we must continue to cultivate good habits that will last long after Lent has ended. How is your Lenten journey going?

Potluck Luncheon

Please join us after Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month *except Dec., July & Aug.* (unless otherwise posted on schedule)

Food Bank

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