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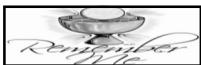
Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Gamos OSA

SUNDAY BULLETIN for March 30 & 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5.9-12; Ps 34; 2 Corinthians 5.17-21; Luke 15.1-32

"This brother of yours was dead, and has come to life."



Weekly Mass Schedule 4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday	30th	5:00pm	Mass	†Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Sunday	31st	9:00am	Mass	†Dolores Krauskopf
Mon.	1st		No Mass	
Tues.	2nd	6:15pm	Mass	
Wed.	3rd	9:00am	Mass	
Thu.	4th	11:00am	Mass at Bulkley Lodge	
Fri.	5th	9:00am	Mass	
Saturday	6th	5:00pm	Mass	
Sunday	7th	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

March 24, 2019

Church \$1491.50 Roof \$5.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm
Adoration: First Friday of Month 6:30 - 7:30pm
**** Friday April 5 @ 6:30pm ****



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Jacques, Madalena, Marty, Dave, Ethan, Art, Margaret, Sophie, Nolan, Rachael, Maurice, Owen, 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

April 6 & 7, 2019

DATE	Saturday, Apr 6	Sunday, Apr 7
GREETERS	Carol Buckna	Wayne & Andrea Callison
LECTORS	Jim Schwab	Joara Fernandez Brenda Pyper
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany Nancy Verbeek	Tina Bruintjes Mary Stroet Casey DenBoer
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. April 1: Building Our Faith @ 7pm
Tues April 2: Bible Sharing @10:15am
Fri April 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 6:30pm
Fri. April 5: Stations of the Cross @ 7:30pm
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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Coming to Prince George Diocese!! Check out the **insert** in this Bulletin on how to learn more.

PARISH EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Friday @ 7:30pm (after Adoration)

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays.
Fri. April 5th Stations of Cross will be led by CWL.

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.

SPRING CLEAN THE CHURCH

Everyone is invited to come and deep clean the church Thursday April 4 at 9am.

BURSARIES FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS

Check out the [Bishop Lobsinger Memorial Bursary](#) available from the Knights of Columbus and [\\$500 Bursary](#) from the Catholic Women's League. Details on third page of this bulletin.



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 life-savers 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.S.S. 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

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

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

Dear Fr. Benjie and Mrs. Mckenzie,
Greetings!

On behalf of Bishop Jensen and the Pastoral team who visited St. Joseph's Parish and Mission on March 11 & 12, THANK YOU for the preparation, welcome, accommodation and hospitality.

I am grateful that despite low attendance at Sunday Masses in both places as shared during the meetings, you have parishioners who are willingly volunteering their time, talent and treasures for the benefit of the Church and the community. Through their simple gestures, I was able to sense that you have a very good support from your parishioners. This is something that we should be grateful for as priests. Our Lord himself never leaves us alone, He sends laborers, collaborators to journey with us in fulfilling the Church's mission.

With regards St. Joseph's School, I am very glad to know how vibrant the school is. We have beautiful staff who value Catholic education and every children that are entrusted to our care. It was a delight to be gathered during the School assembly, casual visits with the staff and School Council members. Indeed, we have so much to be grateful for. Thank you Mrs. Mckenzie for your leadership in the school.

Please extend our gratitude to all.

Blessings,

Fr. Rector



**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

Share the journey with those forcibly displaced in Colombia



In Colombia, over 6.5 million people have been forcibly displaced due to conflict, violence, natural disasters, and development projects.

With your support, Development and Peace's partner the National Agrarian Coordination (NAC) is working with Indigenous women, many of whom are victims of forced displacement, to help them gain the skills and confidence to be intermediaries with the authorities. By promoting inclusive and participatory democracies, we are addressing one of the root causes of forced migration!
Next week is Solidarity Sunday, when the Share Lent collection in support of the work of Development and Peace will take place. Your generosity has a real impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in the Global South!

Misty Mountain Massage

Ruth Grosch - Trained Masseuse

Bring this ad and receive 10% off.

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**Catholic Women's League
Smithers**

Meetings every second Tuesday of month.

Diocesan Convention in Prince George
April 26-28, 2019

Daffodil Dash (April 27)—help is needed to prepare food
Contact Alice DenBoer (250)847-2074.

Spring Tea (May 14) -volunteers needed for committee.
Contact Irene Waser (406)322-3620

\$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 31, 2019 4th 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

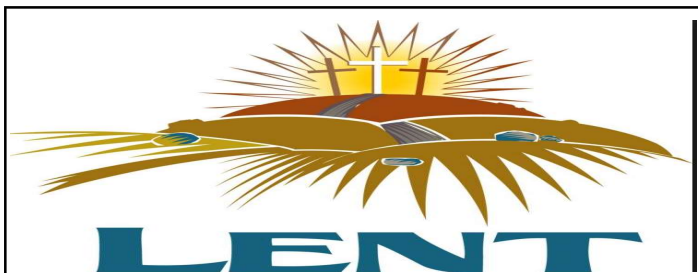
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Called Together, Giving Sharing, Serving.

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

Thank you for your generous continued support.



Reflection for 4th Sunday of Lent

Today's readings focus on reconciliation, forgiveness and moving forward. Forgiveness is one-sided; one can choose to forgive, but reconciliation requires two people in the act of coming together. God offers us both forgiveness and reconciliation and does not hold our sins against us once we have asked for forgiveness. Are we able to do the same with one another?

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.