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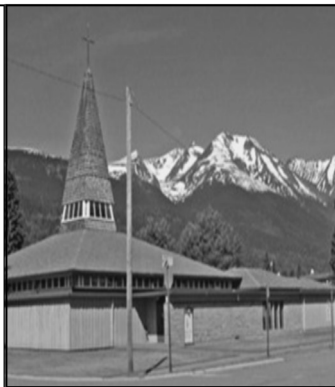
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# Bulletin for the Month of JULY, 2019 -14th to 17th Sundays in Ordinary Time



## Weekly Mass Schedule July, 2019

Saturday	5:00pm	Anticipated Mass
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday Mass
Mon.	—	No Mass
Tues.	6:15pm	Mass
Wed.	9:00am	Mass
Thu.	11:00am	Mass at Bulkley Lodge
Fri.	9:00am	Mass

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



### LET US PRAY FOR:

Carol, Tanya, Don, Jacques, Madalina, Marty,  
Dave, Ethan, Art, Sophie, Nolan, Maurice, and  
James.

### Intentions for Masses

July 6:  
July 7:  
July 13: †John & Jessie Towns  
July 14:  
July 20: †Victorino Pacheco †Lucia Jackson  
July 21:  
July 27: †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia  
July 28:

### COLLECTION REPORT for Month of June, 2019

**Monthly Expenses** \$9200. **Total Month Collections** \$8663.

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## SUNDAY MASS at 11:30 am



### We pray for the Sick:

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

## Potluck Luncheon

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

## Food Bank

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

## ST. ANTHONY'S COLLECTION REPORTS

Month of **June** \$1678.85

*Thank you for your generous support!*

## Reflection from the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Figuring out how to live in faith can sometimes create a confusion of copious rules, regulations, practices and prohibitions. The reality, however, is a rather simple "heart and soul" thing. Loving and responding to God cannot happen apart from loving one's neighbor with deep compassion. Today's Gospel reminds us that the neighbour might not be the one we would choose to love. The good Samaritan story is a cautionary tale that catches our attention for good reason.



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
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**Catholic Women's League**

**Smithers**

The Catholic Women's League is the largest national organization of Catholic women in Canada. It has been going strong in most parishes across Canada since 1920 and here at St. Joseph's since June 1946. The Catholic Women's League is all about family. We actively fight for the rights of women and families at all levels of government, passing resolutions and working hard to understand and then act on complex political and social issues that affect all Canadians. As well, through fundraising activities, we support many groups that embody gospel values.



**Knights of Columbus Fr Callaly Council 7973**

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

**Why you should become a Knight?**

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**Talk to a Knight nearest you now!!!**

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH EVENTS**

**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TEACHER POSITIONS**

St. Joseph's Catholic School is seeking enthusiastic teachers for Sept. 2019 .

- A one-year full-time intermediate position
- A one-year .2 (Fridays) Kindergarten position

Application is online through Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George [www.cispg.ca](http://www.cispg.ca). For more information on these positions, please contact the principal 250-847-9414 or [stjosephs@cispg.ca](mailto:stjosephs@cispg.ca)

**CONGRATULATIONS – BAPTISMS**

Welcome to our church family on the baptism of your children. Congratulations to the Oliva family (July 6) and the Ameh family (July 13).

**BIBLE SHARING GROUP**

Bible Sharing meets Tuesday morning and will resume in September. Have a good summer.

**BUILDING OUR FAITH**

A faith Study group that meets every second Monday. We will resume in the fall. Topics to be determined.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:** Please check the schedule on the Ministry Bulletin Board or call the office if you have forgotten your time.

**COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES** are taking summer break.

Meetings resuming in the Fall:

**Knights of Columbus** meet every second Monday of the month.

**Catholic Women's League** meet every second Tuesday of the month.

**Parish Pastoral Council** meet 4 times a year.

**Parish Financial Council** meet as needed.

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**CAMP MORICE SUMMER 2019 DATES**

Go to: <https://www.campmorice.ca/index.php/camp-dates/> to check out what's happening and to register for this summer's camps.

Teen Camp: Sun. June 30—Fri. July 5

Leadership Week: Sun. July 7—Fri. July 12

Grandparents & Grandkids Camp: Wed. July 10—Fri. July 12

Tween Camp: Sun. July 14—Fri. July 19

Kids Camp: Sun July 21—Fri. July 26

Catchall Camp: Sun July 218—Fri. Aug 2

Cana Family Camp: Sun. Aug 4—Fri. Aug 9

**IGNITE BC:** Camp Retreat for Youth (Gr 9-12)

**DATE:** August 25-30, 2019

**WHERE:** Camp Morice

For more info check the poster in foyer.

Register at: <https://f2f.ca/ignite/>

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## *Parting Words From Father Benjamin Gamos OSA*

TILL WE MEET AGAIN.....

The time has come...this is it! I am leaving on August 19, 2019!

Indeed, I hate goodbyes, for to say goodbye it would mean going away and going away means forgetting. I would rather say that I will just take my vacation back to my beloved country, Philippines, and my Province of the Holy Child, where I belonged as an Augustinian.

When I came to Canada last January 26, 2018 to embark a missionary work in the Diocese of Prince George, I was not sure if I would last a year. I knew the tasks ahead were all totally different apostolate works from where I came from....the comfort of a simple parish, local missionary activities and school tasks-- but I went beyond the expected. I am sure I managed a bit to surpass the expectations of my fellow Augustinian Friars back home. And I did it because of you my dearest parishioners here in Smithers and Houston. Without your support and your journeying with me through the hurdles of mission life, I know I would not reach this stage, though so short to think of, yet meaningful service to the two parishes and school.

I may not have made it perfectly as a missionary friar, but I know in my journeying with you, I did it with flying colours. And maybe for some I have not done well! I knew each one of us have made a difference to each person and heart we have touched and cared during the journey. This provides me with a sense of pride and gratitude that is indescribable. And I shall carry such treasure of pride and gratitude with me when I go back to my beloved country 'Philippines' and Augustinian Province of the Holy Child. But rest assured, the joy and fulfilment, the learned lessons, and the earned friendships will always be cradled in my heart. I feel blessed to have worked with you or just to be with you.

I take this opportunity also to thank heartily his Excellency Stephen Jensen and Very Rev. Rector for assigning me to these two parishes and school. I also thank all the priests in the Diocese of Prince George for their support and understanding as I worked in the vineyard of the Lord in this part of the world. The experience had indeed cultivated in me a deeper sense of mission: a kicking restlessness to spread the Good News, and a continued hunger to serve and care the beloved people of God. And for this, I am so grateful for their presence, their fraternal support and understanding to my human limitations as I served the faithful in the two parishes and school.

Our spiritual founder, St. Augustine said: "Do not be content with what you are if you want to become what you are not yet. For where you have grown pleased with yourself, there you will remain. But if you say, "that is enough", you are finished. Always add something more, keep moving forward, always make progress." Therefore, from hereon I have to continue the journey. As I leave these two parishes and school, that I considered my mission areas here, I shall carry with me the lessons learned, the fond memories of knowing people who have touched my heart and the friendships that I will treasure forever. I do not wish to hold you long listening to me, nor do I wish to share an emotional spill. All I would like to instill here, is to THANK YOU SINCERELY for all the things you have done to me during my short stay here in your country—particularly here in your parishes (St. Joseph and St. Anthony) and school. The time you have shared, the efforts you have manifested to me make my missionary life worth the journey...my SINCEREST APPRECIATION! All of them are counted in my heart and will add strength in me as I continue another chapter of my journey as God's lowly servant. We can still be one in mind, one in heart and one in spiritual enthusiasm in taking care of the children of God. As St. Augustine says again: "I still continue, I still make progress, I am still moving ahead, I am still on my way, I still go forward, I have not yet arrived. Therefore, God's will be done here on earth as it is in heaven." With the grace and help from God I knew I will survive as I labor in His vineyard in another place.

To all of you my beloved parishioners it is "not goodbye" but "until we meet again." Be assured of my continued prayers for your journey towards our Triune God. May Almighty God grant you good health always. I will be missing you all for sure! God bless us all!

Your lowly servant,  
Fr. Benjie, OSA



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### 2019 Pastoral Appointments

Bishop Stephen Jensen announces the following pastoral appointments, effective Thursday, August 1, 2019:

Rev. Michael Ebomuche, MSsCc*	Pastor, Christ Our Saviour Parish, Prince George
Rev. Louis Kwena	Pastor, St. Mary's Parish and Missions New Hazelton
Rev. Jack Michalchuk	Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish and Mission Smithers
Rev. Augustine Owusu	Assistant Pastor, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince George

\*upon presentation by his Religious Superior

### Other Changes

Fr. Basil Burns, OSB will return to monastic life in St. Vincent's Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Fr. Benjamin Gamos, OSA will return to the Augustinian community.

Three years ago, the Augustinian Province of Cebu in the Philippines agreed to establish a community of friars in the diocese consisting of two or three members. For several reasons, they have not been able to realize their plan and advised us that they have no one else to send. As community life is part of their vocation, Fr. Gamos will not remain here alone.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary ([www.missionofsacredhearts.org](http://www.missionofsacredhearts.org)) were founded by St. Gaetano Errico in Rome in the middle of the nineteenth century. His institute has spread from Italy around the world, including Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South America. Fr. Michael Ebomuche, MSsCc will be joined by a second priest to establish the congregation's first mission in Canada.

The Missionaries' Directory and Constitution declares: "We are called to live the love of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in a spirit of reparation, expiation and sacrifice in order to become messengers of their love."