



St. Joseph's Parish

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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 14 & 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35.1-10; Ps 146; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11
"Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"



Weekly Mass Schedule 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	14th	5:00pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	15th	9:00am	Mass	<i>†Corry Sikkes</i>
Mon.	16th		No Mass	
Tues.	17th	6:15pm	Mass	<i>Fr Jack's Intentions</i>
Wed.	18th	10:30am CHANGED	Mass at Bulkley Lodge	
Thu.	19th	9:00am CHANGED	Mass	
Fri.	20th	9:00am	Mass	
Saturday	21st	5:00pm	Mass	
Sunday	22nd	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 REPORT for MONTH of November, 2019

Monthly Expenses \$9200. Total Nov. Collections \$9114.60

Thank you for your generous support!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Peter, Ian, Veronica, Rosa, Douglas, Brenda, Tanya, Don, Jacques, Madalina, Marty, Dave, Eihan, Nolan, Maurice, and James.

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

Reconciliation: 15 minutes before each daily Mass;
& a half hour before Weekend Masses

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24th (Tuesday)

Family Mass at **5:00pm**
(special Children's Homily)

Midnight Mass at **10:00pm**
(*Carol singing a half hour before Masses*)

Christmas Day – Dec. 25th (Wednesday)

Nativity of the Lord
Mass at **9:00am**
Houston Mass at 11:30am

New Years Day (Wednesday)

Mary Mother of God
Jan 1st at **9:00am**
Houston Mass at 11:30am

Ministry Schedule

Dec 21 & 22, 2019

DATE	Saturday, Dec 21	Sunday, Dec 22
GREETERS	Bina Tucker	Casey & Alice DenBoer Mary Vandermaal
LECTORS	Liz Creyke Graham Pollard	David Schwab Cassie Seibert
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Tina Gemmell Maria Sowa	Theo Sikkes Ciril Habjan Johanna Habjan
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS

St Joe's School Christmas Concert -in the Church
Thursday Dec. 19th at 10:30am & 6:30pm

WEEKDAY Mass Time CHANGE:

- Wednesday Mass at Bulkley Lodge at **10:30am**
- Thursday Mass at **9:00am**

PARISH EVENTS

BROADWAY PLACE

Thank you to all of you who have donated over the years to Broadway Place. Programs have changed over the last year. Now clients from different organizations needing clothing are given vouchers to the Salvation Army. Therefore any donations of clothing that we receive from now on will be donated to the Salvation Army. This includes all clothing whether it be for men, women or children. Please donate any food items into the Food Bank box. Toiletries are no longer accepted. If you have any questions please ask Marj Coupe' 250-846-9239

BIBLE STUDY—TUESDAY 10:15am

We meet in the parish centre Tuesdays at 10:15am then follow "Celebrating the Word" from 10:30 -11:30am. We will resume meeting in January 2020.

ENVELOPES FOR YOUR OFFERING

The 2020 envelopes for "My Offering" are labeled and ready for you to pick up in the foyer. If you don't have a box of envelopes and would like one to give your offering, you may check in at the office, or see Fr Jack or Mary after Mass.

SMITHERS CRISIS PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE

If you would like to become a member there are forms you can fill out at the Social Justice bulletin board.

DIOCESAN EVENTS



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

"Called Together:

Giving, Sharing, Serving".

To date, Called Together has reached 79% or \$315,173. of its overall goal.

St Joseph's has pledged \$18,023. (92% of goal)

Our St Joseph's Parish Goal is: \$19, 508.00

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

"On Sundays and other holydays of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from 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 only 2 holydays of obligation:

- January 1, solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord





ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Love is a theme for Advent. In the end, what else is there except Love? Even if one feels unloved by others, God's love is ever forever and each one of us is worth it. Jesus came to bring God's love, and to "create" love through his actions. Over 2000 years later, His presence on earth is still alive. This is the joy that surrounds the birth of Jesus at Christmas time. You are loved. Maybe just realize that for a minute.

- Rosemary McKenzie

DISTRICT XC SKIING ROCKS DAY!

We are looking for parents to supervise and "coach" interested St. Joseph's students at the February 20th XC Skiing Rocks Event? Please contact the office ASAP if this sounds like you. Deadline to register is Dec.6th! We don't have detailed information yet, but would like to secure parent volunteers who know the sport to assist in this district schools event.

CAROLFEST

Congratulations to our grade 5, 6, and 7 choir students who performed so beautifully at Carol Fest last week. Their song was very pretty. A special thank you to our directors Mr. Watkins and Mr. Maskell.

CWL – THANK YOU

The Catholic Women's League donated \$2,686.46 to the school from the parish bazaar. We thank them for their generous donation and year-round support of St. Joseph's School.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATE- in the church

The concert will be on Thursday, December 19th with a show in the morning at 10:30 and a show in the evening at 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to the morning show.



**Catholic Women's League
 Smithers**

Monthly Meeting 2nd Tues. of each month

Annual Membership is due.

For 2020 the membership fee is \$40.00. Gemma will be available in the foyer to receive your fee. Thank you!

Go to www.cwl.ca for interesting news and articles.



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Diocesan Youth Conference: May 1-3, 2020

For Grade 7 to Grade 12 students.
 25th Anniversary of DYC in the Diocese of Prince George. The Gateway: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" John 10:10

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Variable: By appointment



Sunday Mass Time:
11:30 AM

Pastor: **Rev. Jack Michalchuk**

We pray for the Sick:



Leo, Maria, Babs, Sherry, Johanna, Adrian,
Sheila, Joan, Tony, Ken, Devynn, Helen & Harry,
Sara, Bob, Reginald, Juanito, Kelda, Shaylyn,
Rufina, and Apolinario

Christmas Flowers

Please consider donating flowers for Christmas. We would appreciate if you could bring them on Sunday Dec. 15th. Thank you!

COLLECTION REPORT

Month of November, 2019

\$1073.40

Called Together, Giving Sharing, Serving.

St Anthony's Goal = \$3401.00

St Anthony's pledged \$2220. (65% of goal)

Thank you for your generous continued support.

Potluck Luncheon

Please join us after Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month *except Dec., July & Aug.*

(Check schedule for updates)

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