



# St. Joseph's Parish

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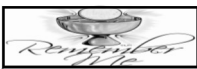
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## First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

*Genesis 2.7-25; Ps 51; Romans 5.12-19; Matthew 4.1-11*  
*"Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test."*



### Weekly Mass Schedule 1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday	29th	5:00pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	1st	9:00am	Mass	†Necitas S. Ramos †Wendy N. Ramos-Hutchinson
Mon.	2nd		No Mass	
Tues.	3rd	6:15pm	Mass	<i>Fr Jack's intentions</i>
Wed.	4th	10:30am	Mass	at Bulkley Lodge
Thu.	5th	9:00am	Mass	
Fri.	6th	9:00am	Mass	
Saturday	7th	5:00pm	Mass	
Sunday	8th	9:00am	Mass	

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday: Bible Study 10:15 am  
Friday: Stations of the Cross at 7pm

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** **Chrism Mass** will be Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### 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 January, 2019

Monthly Expenses \$9200. Jan. Collections \$9789.50

*Thank you for your generous support!*



*Please remember the following in your prayers:*

**Dean, Peter, Ian, Rosa, Douglas, Tanya, Don, Madalina, Marty, Dave, Ethan, 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*



### LENTEN REFLECTIONS Are you ready for Lent?

Receive daily reflections and challenges to fuel your Lenten journey towards the tender love that waits for you. Christ is waiting for you. Have you accepted his call? Go to the link <https://watch.formed.org/browse> and find "Lenten Reflections". Or email [sparish@telus.net](mailto:sparish@telus.net) and Mary will send it to you.

## PARISH EVENTS

### *FOCUS: For Our Children and US*



Parents, we have a new ministry to help you and your children FOCUS better during Mass at 9 AM Mass on Sundays. FOCUS is a program approx. 40 min. long, covering basic Bible stories, prayers, and some fun and song as well. It is designed for children 18 months through Grade 2.



**\*\*FOCUS is in need of MORE HELPERS, please.**

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS—FRIDAY 7PM**

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during lent.

### **LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES—RETROUVAILLE**

Need help when a marriage is in trouble? Retrouvaille is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. The program begins with a weekend experience (April 17-19) in Vancouver. Then Post Sessions are the next phase of healing process. (2 hour talks over a 6-week period) For more info call 604-530-6710

email us at [vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org](mailto:vancouverbc@retrouvaille.org)

or visit our website at [www.retrouvaillevancouver.com](http://www.retrouvaillevancouver.com)

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

From Feb. 26—April 5, you're invited to join the 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside our Smithers local hospital or sidewalk in front of the museum, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. To sign up: [40daysforlife.com/smithers](http://40daysforlife.com/smithers) or Jessica Vandergaag 250-877-8259 [jessicacorrina@msn.com](mailto:jessicacorrina@msn.com).

## **A Women's Retreat**

**The Cross & The Resurrection**

**Hosted by Christ the King Parish, Kitimat, BC**

**Facilitated by Fr. John Garden**

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Location: Christ the King Church,  
1760 Nalabila Blvd, Kitimat, BC

Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Registration: by phone (250) 632-2215  
by email: [ckparish@telus.net](mailto:ckparish@telus.net)

- more information on *CWL Bulletin Board*

*All are Welcome!*

## DIOCESAN EVENTS

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

*"Called Together:*

*Giving, Sharing, Serving".*

To date, Called Together has reached 85% or \$338,881. of its overall goal.

St Joseph's has pledged \$19,248. (98.6% of goal)

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

### THE SEASON OF LENT



The season of prayer and penance to prepare for the feast of the Resurrection begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Originally the period of fasting in preparation for Easter did not exceed two or three days, but by the time of the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 forty days were customary. This length of time is associated with Christ's forty-day fast in the desert before beginning His public life (Matthew 4:1-2) and also recalls the forty years Israel spent in the desert after the Exodus from Egypt (Numbers 14:34).

Lent has a twofold purpose: it is the last stage of preparation of Catechumens for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil and it prepares all of us to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of penance. On these days those who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from meat and those from 18 to 59 years of age should also fast, limiting their food to not more than one regular meal and two lighter snacks.

Besides fast and abstinence on specified days, the whole Lenten season should be penitential, with stress on prayer, reception of the Sacraments, especially Penance and Reconciliation, almsgiving and the practice of charity.

"What every Christian should always be doing must now be performed more earnestly and devoutly...not simply a reduction in our food, but the elimination of our evil habits" (St. Leo the Great).

### CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS—PRINCE

GEORGE is hiring for the 2020-2021 school year.

Openings include a principalship in Smithers, BC as well as teachers at our eight schools in the diocese. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in working in our CISPG schools please head to our website at <http://cispg.ca/cispg/careers/> for details of the posting and to complete the online application.

### SHARE LENT—COLLECTION

The Canadian bishops' conference is concluding the work of addressing issues with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. In light of this progress, the annual Share Lent collection is authorized in the diocese this year.



**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**  
**School Principal:** Rosemary McKenzie  
 Our school website: [www.stjosephs.ca](http://www.stjosephs.ca)  
 Phone: (250) 847-9414

*Catholic Schools: "I Can Do All Things Through Christ"*

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

*As I begin this Lenten journey, the desire of my heart is to draw closer to you, source of compassion, and to embody your tenderness and care for others. May I cooperate with your grace so that I see with fresh eyes, listen with open ears and discover anew your divine perspective and the joy of living as your beloved. Amen.*

*~ Living Lent with Love ~ Rosemary McKenzie*

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Signing out students - parents, please sign your child out at the office if you pick him/her up
- Lost & Found—laid out for reclamation on Mon. March 2nd and gone on March 13th.
- Spring Break – March 16-March 29- Schools resumes Monday, March 30!

**SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Lunch – THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to everyone for making us this delicious pancake lunch and helping with clean-up. Thanks to all the students and staff who willingly helped set-up, take down, clean-up and do dishes, etc. Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras marks the end of ordinary time in the Catholic Church before we prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for Easter in the 40 days of Lent.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

St Joseph's Catholic School is seeking a temporary full-time administrative assistant. Requirements include: excellent written and other communication skills, exceptional interpersonal skills with both adults and children, a high degree of proficiency in office software including Microsoft Word and Excel, and experience in a systems-based approach to office management. Willingness to complete Basic Childcare First Aid is required. This position supports the administrator and the ability to handle personal and confidential information in a professional manner as an administrative team member is essential. Applicants need not be Catholic, but must understand and be respectful of Catholic values and lifestyle. Apply with a cover letter and resume to: The Hiring Committee St. Joseph's School, Box 454, Smithers, BC, V0J 2N0, or email to [stjosephs@cispg.ca](mailto:stjosephs@cispg.ca). A detailed job description is available upon request.



**Catholic Women's League  
Smithers**

**General meeting**—Tues. March 10th at 7pm. Please consider attending. We have 50 members who could attend.

Drop off baby layette items for Pregnancy Outreach into the box by the CWL bulletin board until March 1.

Order your 100th Anniversary pin by contacting Marj Coupe at 250-846-9239 by February 29. Cost is \$10 + shipping.

World Day of Prayer – Smithers Council is hosting the **World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph's Church. We will need some baking for this event. Please phone Eileen Bouvier at 250-847-3478. **Please invite your friends and families.**



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

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

**Monthly Meeting:** Second Tuesday of the month.

Invite someone to apply for the Bishop Lobsinger, OMI Bursary. More information on the K of C Bulletin Board.



**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

**Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation**

**Bishop Thomas Lobsinger, OMI Memorial Bursary Program** is available to all Catholic students residing in British Columbia. Applicants must be enrolling in second or subsequent year of higher education. 30 bursaries valued at \$500. each are available. Any interested student must write to request a bursary application form: Marcel Renaud, State Bursary Chairman 22910 Purdey Ave. Maple Ridge, BC V2X 7M1. For more information see the K of C Bulletin Board.

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## Houston Sunday Mass Time 11:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Jack Michalchuk

### We pray for the Sick:



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

### FOOD BANK

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

### COLLECTION REPORT

Month of January, 2020

Jan. \$1201.00

### 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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