



St. Joseph's Parish

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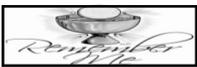
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Secretary: Mary Spicer Bookkeeper: Brenda Pyper

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Genesis 12.1-4; Ps 33; 2 Timothy 1.8-10; Matthew 17.1-9
"Jesus' face shone like the sun."



Weekly Mass Schedule 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	7th	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	8th	9:00am	Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon.	9th		No Mass
Tues.	10th	6:15pm	Mass <i>Fr Jack's intentions</i>
Wed.	11th	10:30am	Mass at Bulkley Lodge
Thu.	12th	9:00am	Mass <i>Special Intention</i>
Fri.	13th	9:00am	Mass
Saturday	14th	5:00pm	Mass
Sunday	15th	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 February, 2020

Monthly Expenses \$9200. Feb. Collections \$8651.50

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Reconciliation Service:

Tuesday April 7 after 6:15 pm Mass. Confessions by 3 priests.

Tuesday: Bible Study 10:15 am

Friday: Stations of the Cross at 7pm

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 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.

MEMORIAL—MARIE THISTLE -9:00 am Sat. March 21

On Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 am there will be a memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of Marie Thistle (funeral Mass was held earlier in the Okanogan). Refreshments then burial will follow.

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

or visit our website at www.retrouvaillevancouver.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—VOLUNTEER—Feb. 26—April 5

Our first week has been busy! A few small counter protests have happened, but more importantly we have had many great conversations about the tragedy of abortion that is happening in our country. It has been good as well to show that we are non-judgmental and a loving and caring group praying for change. Soon we will be getting a couple new signs to show we are here to help those struggling with a current pregnancy or those carrying post abortion stress as well. Please continue to pray for this campaign! We are grateful for faithful volunteers and more are welcome to join. We have many spots to fill.

40daysforlife.com/smithers

If you are unable to participate physically, you can sign up for 40 Days for Life updates along with daily devotions at 40daysforlife.com/subscribe

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

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF PRINCE GEORGE

Preventative Measures to Lower the Risk of Infection

In light of the rapidly evolving public health situation and in line with recommendations made by the Provincial Health Officer concerning the prevention of the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, Bishop Jensen directs the parishes of the diocese to observe the following for the time being:

- remove holy water from church entrances;
 - the Sign of Peace in Mass is always optional (cf. GIRM 154; *Redemptionis Sacramentum* 71); if used, it should be a simple bow, not a handshake;
 - forgo Holy Communion from the chalice for the congregation;
 - people may receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand (there is no guarantee that a communicant’s hands are virus-free);
 - parishioners should be reminded to observe proper basic hygiene, e.g., regular handwashing and staying home when feeling unwell.
- March 6, 2020

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Rowing out into deep waters can be scary. It's easier to stay in the "shallow waters" of our lives, where we feel safe and in control. But staying in the shallow waters won't get us closer to the Lord. So when Jesus says (to Peter who had caught nothing all night), "Put out into the deep," he's not just giving us a gentle suggestion. He is calling us to a deeper trust because he is not finished with us yet. He is calling us to trust and obey him. – "The Word Among Us – Lent 2020" The Church gives us prayer, charitable works, and fasting as tools to go deeper into ourselves and therefore closer to God.

-Rosemary McKenzie

Class news:

The **Grade 3** class are taking part in the Swim to Survive Program offered by the BV Regional Pool. The students will be walking to the pool for March 10th for their last lesson. Children should have a bathing suit, towel, and goggles if needed.

Gr.4/5/6/7 Ski Dates-

Students next ski day is Tuesday March 10th. Students will arrive back at the school around 5:00.

Science Fair

The regional science fair is in Smithers this year on April 3rd & 4th. If your child is interested in participating in this home-based project, www.sciencefairs.ca or contact Karen Kuemper or Tom Watkins at the school.

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. 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.

Ministries: Second Sunday of each month you are encouraged to be Greeter, Lector, or Eucharistic minister.

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.**

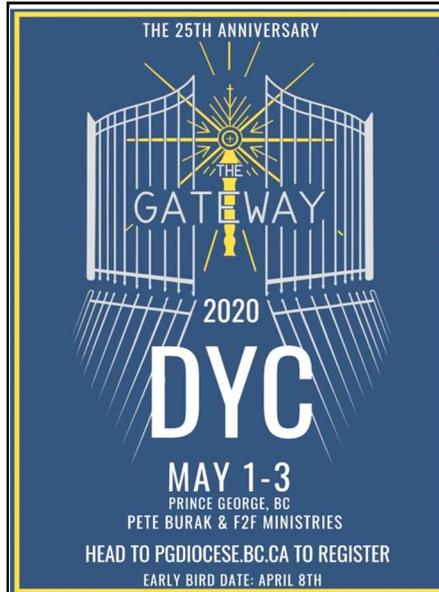


**Knights of Columbus
Fr. Callaly Council 7973**

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

Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month.

Ministries: Third Sunday of each month you are encouraged to be Greeter, Lector, or Eucharistic minister.



Diocesan Youth Conference:

May 1-3, 2020

-for Grade 7 to Grade 12 students

Diocese of Prince George.

The Gateway: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" John10:10

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.

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

- more information on CWL Bulletin Board

All are welcome!

COLLECTION REPORT

Month of February, 2020

Feb. \$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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