



St. Joseph's Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

Exodus 17.3-7; Ps 95; Romans 5.1-8; John 4.5-42

"The water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."



Weekly Mass Schedule 3rd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	14th	5:00pm	Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday	15th	9:00am	Mass	†Robert Scott
Mon.	16th		No Mass	
Tues.	17th	6:15pm	Mass	Fr Jack's intentions
Wed.	18th	10:30am	Mass	at Bulkley Lodge
Thu.	19th	9:00am	Mass	
Fri.	20th	9:00am	Mass	
Saturday	21th	5:00pm	Mass	†Victorino Pacheco †Lucia Jackson
Sunday	22th	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.

FIAT – WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

For vocations to the Religious life. March 20–22nd in Prince George. Refer to flyer in this bulletin.

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

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING (MAID) UPDATE

Experts tell us that writing and sending petitions to one's Member of Parliament is an effective way to get our message across. We are told that the best we can hope for at this stage is that the Federal Government carry out further consultation. Given time constraints, electronic mail (rather than a written letter sent by regular mail) can also be effective. Deacon Larry Worthen of Halifax has provided a platform to reach one's Member of Parliament and has provided a sample online sample letter-petition: http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/federal_government

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
 Phone: (250) 847-9414

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Do we treat each other like brothers and sisters? Or do we judge one another, do we speak evil of one another, do we just tend our own vegetable patch? Or do we care for one another? These are the questions of charity! – Pope Francis

-Rosemary McKenzie

SPRING FUNDRAISER – beautiful, healthy flowers, strawberries, and herbs

Looking for two volunteers to help Christine Kilb with the spring plant fundraiser and learn the ropes for future years. Several thousand dollars are raised with this fundraiser.

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— 2nd Tuesday of month

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

Light Cleaning of church: Thurs. April 2nd at 9:00am

Spring Tea: Tues. May 12 at 7:00pm. All ladies from any church are welcome.

Donation for water well in Kerala, South India will be accepted by all parish members. \$1.00 for each shower/bath you take in March. Place \$ in collection basket marked "CWL water well donation".

Tabling of Bill C-7: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying)". See pgdiocese.bc.ca for response by the CCCB. Write letter or email to MP, and identify as CWL member.

**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.

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
Contact Eileen (250 847 3478) or Gemma (250 847 4074)

All are welcome!

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.

St. Anthony's Parish

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Mass Time - 11:30 AM

Pastor: Rev. Jack Michalchuk

FOOD BANK

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

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.

Please remember the following in your prayers:

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

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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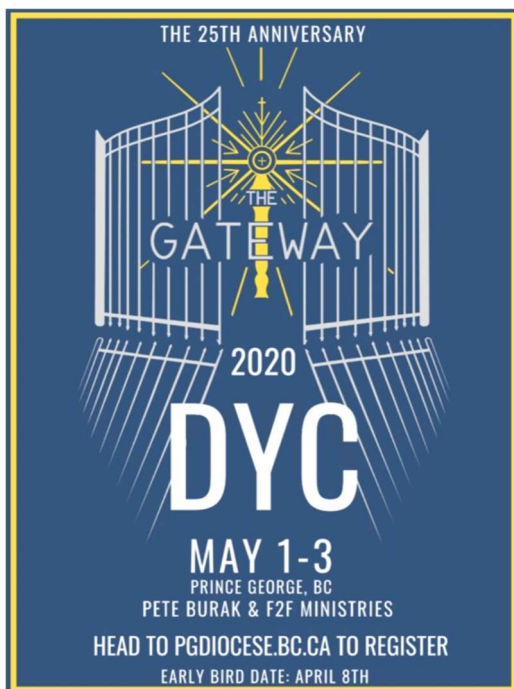
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Diocesan Youth Conference: May 1-3, 2020

For Grade 7 to Grade 12 students

Save the Date

ANNUAL VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

For Young People

May 8-10, 2020

at Camp Morice, Fort St. James.

Facilitated by Fr. Terry Brock, Vocation Director.

Also present will be the Franciscan Sisters of the
Eucharist FSE and Most Rev. Stephen Jensen.

Registration and further details to follow.