

St. Joseph's Parish

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Passion Of The Lord


April 5, 2020

Isaiah 50; Psalm 22; Philippians 2; Matthew 26

"Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross."

 Weekly Mass Schedule Passion Sunday		
Saturday	5:00pm	No Mass
Sunday	9:00am	No Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Mon.		No Mass
Tues.	6:15pm	No Mass
Wed.	10:30am	No Mass at Bulkley Lodge
Thu.	9:00am	No Mass
Fri.	9:00am	No Mass


Confessions: by appointment
(talk to Fr Jack directly)

 *Please remember the following in your prayers:*

Tim, 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?



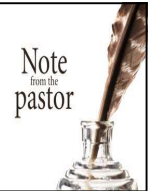
Receive daily reflections and challenges to fuel your Lenten journey towards the tender love that waits for you. Christ is waiting for you. Have you accepted his call? Go to the link <https://watch.formed.org/browse> and find "Lenten Reflections". Or email sjpsmithers@outlook.com and Mary will send it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

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"

COLLECTION REPORT for MONTH of March, 2020
Monthly Expenses \$9200. March. Collections \$4434.05

Thank you for your generous support!

 Greetings St Joseph and St Anthony Parishioners. A little update. I'm starting to feel better after whatever I had, and will soon be out of self isolation ... only to remain in physical distancing anyhow ... like the rest of us. A couple of housekeeping issues. Firstly, we have a new service provider for internet in Smithers. Please note that, in light of this, we also have a NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: sjpsmithers@outlook.com. Please update your records and delete our old one. This is the primary way you can communicate with Mary Spicer, our Parish Secretary. As you've heard, I am still praying daily and Sunday Mass for you and your intentions. If you would like to designate one of the weekday Masses for a special intention, please email Mary at sjpsmithers@outlook.com to arrange a date. Sunday is always reserved only for the intentions of all our parishioners, and cannot be designated otherwise according to the dictates of canon law. Just as many of us are concerned about navigating the future, including financially .. So too are our parishes. Please continue to leave a space in your planning for gifts to the LORD via our parishes. Though we can't pass the basket at this time, the need for it remains. We will be looking into expanded electronic transfer opportunities But until then you can mail your contributions to St Joseph Catholic Church, box 454 Smithers BC V0J 2N0. St Anthony can do the same, and we will keep track of them from here for now. Please DON'T send cash in the mail. If you are a cash only giver, please collect your weekly offerings at your home until the time that you can give it in person again. Our parishes have no income at all other than your donations. Please continue to do what you can. If you have greater means, consider increasing your giving to help balance out those who are struggling more to give right now. Thank you for your consideration in this.

Many blessings. Fr Jack

PARISH EVENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Fr Jack will be saying weekday Masses privately for your intentions.

WEEKEND MASSES:

There will be no Public Mass on Saturday or Sunday at St Joseph's Church. See Bishop's letter on 3rd page.

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

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.

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

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.

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.



Update: March 24, 2020

A message from Bishop Jensen

Diocese of Prince George

Regarding Coronavirus preventive measures

Until further notice, Bishop Jensen has dispensed the people of the diocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Public Mass on Sundays and weekdays is suspended. Priests will offer Mass privately, so that the worship of God may continue through the Church even when there is no congregation present.

In keeping with the recommendation to “stay home”, churches are not open for private prayer.

Regular parish meetings and other prayerful or organizational gatherings should be cancelled (e.g. Parish Pastoral Council meetings, Stations of the Cross, etc).

The Chrism Mass has been postponed to a later date.

The Sacrament of Penance is available with accommodations for “social distancing”. Priests are always available for emergency sick calls.

The liturgies of the Triduum will be celebrated by priests without a congregation.

In keeping with the directive of the BC Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Health, people should be practicing social distancing and staying home. In these unprecedented times, we must follow the best practices recommended by science, even as we implore the mercy of God to deliver us from this evil.