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SUNDAY BULLETIN for October 24th & October 25th, 2015 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31.7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 5.1-6, Mark 10.46-52

"My teacher, let me see again."



Week Mass Times 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	24th	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	25th	9:00 pm	†Dolores Krauskopf †Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Monday	26th	9:00 am	
Tuesday	27th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	28th	9:00 am	
Thursday	29th	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	30th	9:00 am	
Saturday	31st	7:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	1st	9:00 am	†John Derksen †Romuald Lakowski

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia

Secretary: Brenda Pyper

Parish Pastoral Council

Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator:

Michael desHarnais

Social Coordinator: Johanna Habjan

Liturgy: Gemma Gillis

Youth Ministry: Vacant

Development & Peace: Marj Coupe

Catholic Women's League: Mary Ellen Kallio (Acting President)

Knights of Columbus: James Schwab

School Council Co-Chairperson: Rob Blackburn/Trevor Bruintjes

Parish Finance Committee

Finance Vice Chairperson: Wayne Callison

Casey Pyper, David Schwab

Maintenance: Pete Stroet

Collections: Rita Coupe

RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia

Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie MacIsaac

Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Ministry Schedule Oct.31st & Nov.1st, 2015 All Saints Day

DATE	Saturday, Oct.31	Sunday, Nov.1
GREETERS	Dan & Yarah Ford Nilda Hudson	Jim & Marie Ziegler Mary Vandermall
LECTORS	Vigil Overstall Christine Tessier	Brian Burrill Mary-Ellen Kallio
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany Willy Koldyk	Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS:

October 17th & 18th 2015-29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church \$1,701.02

World Missions \$348.00

**Electronic Funds Transfer
for October \$1140.00**

Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Rachel, Charlie, Leah, Jim, Nolan, Thomas, Nelson, Nyla, Jane, Jules, Sandy, James, Janet, Francis, Esther, Frank, Lucia, Zenny, Ricardo and Shelley

If you or someone you know would like to be on the prayer list, call the parish office at 250-847-2012.. Please note the prayer list will be updated at the end of month.

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."



I WANT TO SEE THOSE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD: That Jesus is the light of the world, and that he has come to bring us out of darkness and into the light, is the theme we celebrate when we remember the story of Christmas. And so it does not surprise us that many stories with Jesus involve people who want to be healed of their blindness and see again. Our blindness can be physical or spiritual or emotional or intellectual– the components of being human. A detail from the gospel story that haunts me is “Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the SIDE OF THE ROAD.” Although it makes logical sense that a blind beggar who cannot earn his keep by ‘normal’ methods has been placed at the side of the road to beg in order to earn money. It makes logical sense but not divine sense. If Jesus stops to see those who have been pushed to the side of the road, then so must we ask to see them.

Homework: What is something that I feel uncomfortable looking at; how would God look at it?

SYNOD ON THE FAMILY in Rome: document being prepared; published soon.

DIOCESAN APPEAL: TODAY is COMMITMENT SUNDAY. We are asked to be a part of our Diocesan family and its efforts to build the reign of God. A committed follower of Jesus contributes TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE to the best of their ability. Thank you for your commitment. The \$400,000 goal is divided as follows: \$104,000 EVANGELIZATION, \$25,000 RECONCILIATION, \$90,000 YOUTH, \$66,000 Schools, \$19,000 VOCATIONS, \$96 HOME MISSIONS. Please feel free to ask any questions that would help you in making your commitment. Thank you.

Month of NOVEMBER: Please mark you calendars for November 1st and the blessing of graves, and November 2 where there will be three opportunities to attend mass for your loved ones.

Blessing of the Graves (November 1st, 2015)
 In commemoration for our dearly beloved departed, Fr. Pier will be blessing the graves and pray for them on the following schedules:
Houston 1 PM
Telkwa 2 PM
Smithers 4 PM
 We encourage everyone to join us in prayer and be in the site with us as we pray for our faithful departed.

2016-2017 Sunday Missal will be available Nov.1st for \$5 each.

upcoming EVENTS Please mark your October & November calendars for the following meetings and events:

Oct 25 Diocesan Appeal Commitment Weekend
 Nov 1 All Saints Day-Blessing of the Graves 4pm Smithers
 Nov 2 All Souls Day– Mass at 12:10pm
 Nov 11 Ministry Training-4-5pm or 6:30-7:30pm

ABOUT ALL SAINTS DAY
 All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church. All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Anglican, Lutheran and Anglican churches. Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness. Today, All Saints' Day is still a holy day of obligation, but only when it falls on a Sunday. Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day. All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Parthenon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints. (From Catholic Online)

All SOUL'S DAY
 Commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity, this day is observed principally in the Catholic Church, although some churches of the Anglican Communion and the Old Catholic Churches also celebrate it. The Eastern Orthodox churches observe several All Souls' Days during the year. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass (see Purgatory).^[1] In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This sanctification is carried out posthumously in Purgatory. The official name of the celebration in the Roman Rite liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church is "The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed". (From Catholic Online)

	Parish Goal	=	\$ 21,674.00
	Amount to Goal	=	\$ 13,794.00
	Actual to Date	=	\$ 7,880.00

Bible Sharing is at 10:15am every Tuesday in the Parish Center. Come & join us in enriching our spiritual selves with the word of God over a cup of coffee or tea.



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie
 Our school website: www.stjosephsschool.ca
 Phone: 250-847-9414

Catholic Schools: "Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts"

VIRTUE FOR SEPTEMBER: Wisdom

This is a timely virtue to consider as we contemplate election results for our country. Jesus very clearly taught that the greatest leaders in the world are ones who serve. Who are the people and what are the needs of the people? All of human kind is part of God's family and therefore we recognize that we are global citizens too.

Catholic Independent Schools Requires a Limited Duration .80 FTE Grade 2 Teacher at St. Joseph's School in Smithers, BC

This is a limited duration .80 FTE position for Grade 2 to June 30th, 2016.

Applicants must hold, or be eligible for a British Columbia Teaching Certificate and have experience with primary grades. A commitment to Catholic values and lifestyle is essential.

Apply at: <http://cispg.ca/teachers/>

Submit your application and supporting documents to :
Superintendent of Catholic Schools
Re: LD .80 FTE Grade 2 Teacher St. Joseph School
6500 Southridge Avenue
Prince George, BC V2N 5P9

This position will be open until filled.

CAKE WALK AND JAR TABLE at the Bazaar

The Grade 7 Class will be participating in the upcoming Parish Bazaar NOVEMBER 21ST and is requesting your assistance in helping us fundraise. We are seeking donations for both the Cake/Cupcake Walk and the Jar Table. At this time we are looking for the donation of jars. Pint size or larger would be wonderful. If you would like to help us even further by filling a jar or two, we would be very appreciative. The sale of the jars is geared for students and could be filled with anything from balloons to hair ties, toy cars to decks of cards to funky erasers.....Or maybe some of that 'extra' Halloween candy! We will also be seeking donations of single layer cakes or a plate of 6 cupcakes for the cake walk. Please drop jars off at the school — a box will be set up in the office. Thank you so very much!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH AND SCHOOL BAZAAR-

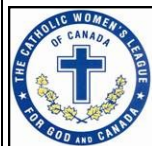
NOVEMBER 21ST

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 2:00 – 4:00 in the school gym. They are looking for donations of baking for both the tea table and bake table, As well as "gently used" items (no clothes or large items please) for the white elephant table and helpers. If you are able to come out Friday Nov. 20th evening at 7:00pm to help make sandwiches and set up it would be greatly appreciated. Help is also needed for Saturday during the Bazaar. Please sign-up on the Food and Workers list in the church foyer. **PLEASE: no peanuts or peanut butter to be used in Tea Table Baking. Please label baking for sale with a "nut alert" label if you are using nuts.**

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Building Together in Faith. Christian stewards recognize God as the source of all of our many gifts.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal, is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our Diocese and the mission of the church.

Please give consideration to making your pledge today.



The Annual Parish Bazaar is on November 21 from 2-4 pm in St. Joseph's School Gym. Contact Willie Koldyk if you can help. Drop off gently used items at the school to sell at bazaar. Raffle tickets are available for \$2 each.

On-line registration is now available at www.cwl.ca
 Visit there anytime for information and to sign up for a free on-line subscription to the Be League magazine or monthly newsletter.



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Visit to the Sick at Home: by a



SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30am

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rev. Pier Pandolfo
Pastor

Dennis Gonia
Pastoral Assistant

Joint Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee
Members

Eric Bishop · Stephen Rose · Georgina Dotto · CWL Representative



NOVEMBER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

1 11:30 Am Mass (All Saints Day) Blessing of the Graves
2 All Soul's Day
8 11:30 Am Mass
15 11:30 Am Mass
22 11:30 Am Mass
29 11:30 Am Mass

Soup and Bun Luncheon will be held downstairs after the mass. Please join us and celebrate community life with us over a bowl of soup and some goodies prepared by our church members.

House Visits by Fr. Pier and Dennis will be done once in a month. Purpose of this is to know our parish members closer and partake with their "ordinary /daily" life and activities. No special or extraordinary preparations are necessary for this visits. Please be open for the possibility that we might ask you to be visited in you homes. It will also be appreciated if you could help us with our effort by recommending or suggesting whom to visit especially when you know somebody who had been less active from the church or might be helped with this planned visitation. Thank you.

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Diocesan Annual Appeal 2015-2016

St. Anthony's Parish Goal: \$5,029.00
Actual to Date: \$1,350.00



We pray for the Sick:

Denise, Helen & Harry, Eric Sr., Arsenia, Reginald,
Kelda, Georgina, Shaylyn, Max, Fred and Pol

Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY, November 1, 2015
All Saints Day

GREETERS	Liz and Frank Gerei
LECTORS	1. Adrian Meeuwissen 2. Glenn Farrell
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Harry and Helen Doyle
Collection Counter	Dennis Gonia
Church Cleaning	(Oct. 26-31) Bishop Family

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!) Sunday Collections October 18, 2015

Loose \$ 2.00 World Missions \$35.00
Envelope \$215.00

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

Article 3: CHAPTER THREE

Faith and understanding

156 What moves us to believe is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason: we believe "because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived". So "that the submission of our faith might nevertheless be in accordance with reason, God willed that external proofs of his Revelation should be joined to the internal helps of the Holy Spirit." Thus the miracles of Christ and the saints, prophecies, the Church's growth and holiness, and her fruitfulness and stability "are the most certain signs of divine Revelation, adapted to the intelligence of all"; they are "motives of credibility" (*motiva credibilitatis*), which show that the assent of faith is "by no means a blind impulse of the mind".

157 Faith is *certain*. It is more certain than all human knowledge because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie. To be sure, revealed truths can seem obscure to human reason and experience, but "the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives." "Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt."

To be continued...