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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 12th and 13th, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-18a, Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6, Philippians 4.4-7, Like 3.10-18
The crowds asked "What should we do?"



Week Mass Times 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	12th	5:00 pm	†Jesse Eileen Towns
Sunday	13th	9:00 am	†Jerry & †Gwen Zank †Necitas Sasing Ramos
Monday	14th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Tuesday	15th	6:15 pm	
Wednesday	16th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Thursday	17th	11:00 am	@ Bulkey Lodge
Friday	18th	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Saturday	19th	5:00 pm	†Oblates deceased and living
Sunday	20th	9:00 am	†Michelangelo & Concetta Sia †Victorino Pacheco

PARISH MINISTRIES

Pastoral Assistant: Dennis Gonia
Secretary: Brenda Pyper
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Chairperson & Diocesan Appeal Coordinator:
 Michael desHarnais
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RCIA & Children's Catechism: Dennis Gonia
Children's Liturgy: Ann Marie Maclsaac
Altar Servers: Nancy Verbeek

Ministry Schedule December 19th & December 20th, 2015 4th Sunday of Advent

DATE	Saturday, Dec.19	Sunday, Dec.20
GREETERS	Dave & Marj Hemenway	Knights of Columbus
LECTORS	Christine Tessier Vigil Overstall	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Willy Koldyk Janna Delany	Knights of Columbus
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer Servers	Volunteer Servers

COLLECTION REPORTS

December 5th & December 6th, 2015, 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

Church \$2,257.75
 School \$290.00

Parish Goal	=	\$ 21,674.00
Amount to Goal	=	\$ 2,577.00
Actual to Date	=	\$ 19,097.00



Thank you for your generosity!



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Kees, Ron, Dan, Vienna Hunter, Agnes, Patti,
 James, Nelson, Rose, Charlie, Nolan, Marie,
 Thomas, 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. 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."

PASTOR'S NOTE

Advent's promise brings rejoicing: Take heart! Rejoice! God is near! Live faithfully and without anxiety. Today's words are addressed to people in difficult situations, in different times and places. The words are for us, too. God has already come in Jesus, but we still have expectations of something more. In the midst of that, the message to us is to stand firm and rejoice in what is now.

Homework: Take one minute 3 times in one day (wake up, noon, and bed-time), and each time think of one different thing that makes you rejoice.

Holy Mother Church and not Holy girlfriend Church:

(taken from 'Sex au Naturel' by Patrick Coffin, who was citing a blogger, Kathy Shaidle.) It's not called The Holy Girlfriend Church. We don't get to hold out for the green-eyed redhead of our self-centered fantasies. Mother is Mother: demanding, set in her ways, and often an embarrassment, especially when she talks about touchy topics in front of our cool friends, wears that awful old pantsuit, makes us wear a scarf. Mother says no, and your Girlfriend never would. Your Girlfriend would let you change the rules in the middle of the game, so you could win. Every night would be poker night with the boys. She'd never get old and boring and senile. Or embarrassing. The Holy Girlfriend Church exists. It just isn't the Catholic one, and never will be.

Octave to Christmas December 17-24:

The '**O Antiphons**' are composed of a title for Christ and a corresponding petition beneficial for our conversion and salvation.

December 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge. *Reflect on calling on God to make good choices.*

December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power. *Reflect on how we are rescued when we obey good laws.*

December 19: O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay. *Reflect on how true love for our neighbor calls for immediate action.*

December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness. *Reflect on asking for sight to see beyond the passing things of this world to the things that last forever.*

upcoming EVENTS

Please mark your December calendars for the following meetings and events:

Dec 19 Bring in your flowers/poinsettia's for the church
Dec 20 Decorating of the Church - starts at noon
Dec 24 Christmas Eve : 5PM Children's Mass
10PM "Midnight" Mass
Dec 25 Christmas Day : 10AM Mass
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Mass: 7PM Mass
Jan 1 New Year's Day Mass: 9AM Mass



THANK YOU CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE!

The parish received a donation of \$1930.22 this month from the CWL Bazaar. The proceeds were split 3 ways between the church, school & CWL. Thank you to all for their hard work and dedication to this annual event.



FLOWER DONATION REQUEST

We are asking parishioners to please bring in donations of flowers and poinsettias for the decorating of the advent and Christmas season. We will be accepting flowers after December 19th, thank you in advance for your generosity.

ATTENTION FORMER FRONTIER APOSTLES

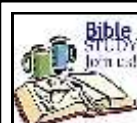
What does it mean for descendants of residential school staff to reconcile with Canadian history? To explore this question, Caroline Crocker, a graduate student at the University of Victoria, is reaching out to other Canadians like herself - people whose parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or other relatives worked in the Indian Residential School System - to ask them to join a focus group on Saturday, **January 30, 2016** to discuss the topic. Caroline's research project is on reconciliation (improving relationships and healing) in Canada between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, specifically in regards to the Indian Residential School system. If you worked at an Indian Residential School and you think possibly your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews would be interested in participating in this discussion, contact Caroline by phone at 613-986-2276 or by email at crocker@uvic.ca for further information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis (OEC) is seeking for a full-time assistant to the Directors in the implementation and administration of programs and projects. Formation Program

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to:

vicargeneral@pgdiocese.bc.ca
Very Rev. Rectorino M. Tolentino, Jr.
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia
6500 Southridge Avenue
Prince George, B.C.
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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 DECEMBER: Generosity

Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. God is abundance. You can choose to give what you have. It is one of the best ways to show joy and friendship. It feels good to give freely, just for the sake of giving. It is part of God's circle of love.

CONCERT DAY- in the gym this year!!

The concert will be on December 17th with a show in the morning at 10:30 and a show in the evening at 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to the morning show. For the evening performance, children should report to their classrooms by 6:15 PROMPTLY to ensure enough time to dress in their costumes so the performance can begin on time. Please let **your child's teacher know if he/she won't be here for either performance.**

We are asking everyone to be thoughtful and respectful of the school. Please do not bring in beverages, gum, or food. Cell phones must to be turned off for the performance.

HERE ARE A FEW SAFETY CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE SO PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW:

BEFORE THE CONCERT: To ensure safe supervision of all children, we ask that students (except the grade 7s who are the main actors) not be brought to the school before 6 pm. We will open the doors at 6:00 pm and students will wait in the foyer with a supervisor until their classroom teacher comes to get them. Teachers will be arriving at 6:00 to pick up any foyer students and then unlock the classrooms.

AFTER THE CONCERT: we ask that members of the audience remain in their seats for five minutes after the show is over to allow the students to go back to their classrooms and pick up their things. If you do go down to **your child's class, could you please remove your footwear** in the student foyer to keep the hallways and classrooms clean. Outdoor shoes can be worn in the gym. Young children should be accompanied in the parking lot and drivers are asked to drive very slowly. Thank you for your cooperation with these matters.

NEEDED: REAL TREES (ASAP)

Our Christmas pageant set would be greatly enhanced by having some real evergreens on stage. Are you able to bring back a few extra Christmas trees from your foray into the **forest for a Christmas tree? If so, we're looking for 5 or 6 trees, 7 to 9 feet tall.** The set is being prepared now so any **time this week or next Monday, we're ready for them.** Call the school to let us know if you're bringing in trees, so we **don't get too many.** Please note that all trees used in the production are donated to individuals or the church for further decorative use. Thank you!



The annual CWL membership fee of \$36.00 is now due. You can place this amount in the collection basket, clearly labeled "CWL", or either hand-deliver or mail it to the parish centre.

2015-2016 Missals are still available at a cost of \$5 each.



Funds raised at the pancake breakfast for the Bulkley Valley Syrian Refugee Relief **\$464.50. Thank you!**

"Keep Christ in Christmas? Surely that's what the season is about...?"

Sadly, with the rush to get ready for festivities and the rampant commercialization of Christmas, the birth of Christ is forgotten or ignored by many. The Knights of Columbus run the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign each year to help remind society that at Christmas we honour the birth of Jesus Christ.

Magnetic nativity scenes are available which can be attached to your car refrigerator, metal front door. They are available from the Knights for \$5.00.

James W. Schwab
Grand Knight
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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

DECEMBER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND ACTIVITIES

6—2nd Sunday of Advent	11:30 AM Mass
13—3rd Sunday of Advent	11:30 AM Mass
20—4th Sunday of Advent	11:30 AM Mass
	Christmas Decoration after Mass (Sacrament of Reconciliation)
21— Reconciliation	(call office for the time)
24—Christmas Mass	7:30 PM
27—Holy Family	11:30 AM Mass

REMINDER: confession will be made available on the **20th of December and the following day (21st—Monday)** as part of our advent Reconciliation Service. Mass is also celebrated on Monday the 21st at 8:30 AM with Fr. Pier. Everyone is welcome to join.

Church Decoration for Christmas will be on the 20th of December after the mass. We make this early announcement and ask for every help possible for this activity. Thank you!



REMINDER:

We are asking parishioners to please bring in donations of flowers and poinsettia's for the decorating of Christmas season. We will be accepting flowers starting December 18th, thank you in advance for your generosity.



Diocesan Annual Appeal 2015-2016
St. Anthony's Parish Goal: \$5,029.00
Actual to Date: \$2,930.00
Amount to Goal: \$2,099.00



We pray for the Sick:

Denise, Helen & Harry, Eric Sr., Arsenia, Araceli, Sara, Dorothy, Reginald, Juanito, Kelda, Shaylyn, Max and Pol

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY, December 20, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Claudine Ketchell and Tammy Heibert
LECTORS	1. Adrian Meeuwiseen 2. Liz Gerei
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Vic and Gail James
ALTAR SERVERS	Lucas and Alicia Bishop
Gift Bearers	Bill Gould and Yolande Binner
Collection Counter	Dennis Gonia
Church Cleaning	(Dec. 14-19) Claudine Ketchell

December 24 Ministries 7:30 PM Mass

Readers: 1. Steve Rose 2. Susan Hak
EMC: Volunteer
Servers: Volunteer
Gifts bearers: Harry and Helen Doyle

COLLECTION REPORTS (Thank you for your support!)
Sunday Collections December 6, 2015

Loose \$ 7.00
Envelope \$663.00

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)

CHAPTER THREE MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD ARTICLE 2 WE BELIEVE III. ONLY ONE FAITH

172 Through the centuries, in so many languages, cultures, peoples and nations, the Church has constantly confessed this one faith, received from the one Lord, transmitted by one Baptism, and grounded in the conviction that all people have only one God and Father. St. Irenaeus of Lyons, a witness of this faith, declared:

173 "Indeed, the Church, though scattered throughout the whole world, even to the ends of the earth, having received the faith from the apostles and their disciples. . . guards [this preaching and faith] with care, as dwelling in but a single house, and similarly believes as if having but one soul and a single heart, and preaches, teaches and hands on this faith with a unanimous voice, as if possessing only one mouth."