



St. Joseph's Parish

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SUNDAY BULLETIN for December 22 & 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5; Ps 80; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

“Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?”



Weekly Mass Schedule 4th Sun. Advent & Christmas

Saturday	22nd	5:00pm	Mass † Necitas Sasing Ramos
Sunday	23rd	9:00am	Mass † Victorino Pacheco † Lucia Jackson
Mon.	24th	5:00pm 10:00pm	Family Mass
Tues.	25th	9:00pm	Mass † Necitas Sasing Ramos
Wed.	26th		No Mass
Thu.	27th	11:00am	Mass at Bulkley Lodge
Fri.	28th	9:00am	Mass
Saturday	29th	5:00pm	Mass † Manuel & Cecilia Garcia
Sunday	30th	9:00am	Mass † Georgina Lavoie
Mon.	31st		No Mass
Tues.	1st	9:00am	Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30pm
Adoration: First Friday of Month 6:30 - 7:30pm

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 REPORTS

Dec 16, 2018

Church \$1136.20 School \$50.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Ministry Schedule December 24th & 25th, 2018 *The Nativity of the Lord*

DATE	Monday, Dec.24	Tuesday, Dec.25
GREETERS	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> The Zieglers The DenBoers <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> The Hemenways Nilda Hudson	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> The Habjans
LECTORS	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Kayley Johnstone Katriona Barralon Cooper Moisey <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Jim Schwab Mary-Ellen Kallio	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> Spicers
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	<u>5pm: Family Mass</u> Tina Gemmell Tina Bruintjes Maria Sowa <u>10pm: Vigil Mass</u> Tina Gemmell Johanna Habjan Mary Stroet	<u>9am: Christmas Mass</u> Johanna Habjan Maria Sowa Al Bruintjes

Ministry Schedule Dec 29 & 30, 2018

DATE	Saturday, Dec 29	Sunday, Dec 30
GREETERS	David & Marj Hemenway	Jim & Marie Ziegler Jean Miller
LECTORS	Jim Schwab Tina Gemmell	Brian Burrill Mary-Ellen Kallio
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Janna Delany	Al Bruintjes Tina Bruintjes Mary Stroet
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteers	Volunteers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Mass Schedule *** next page***

Tues Jan 8: Bible Sharing @10:15

Mon Jan 14: Building Our Faith @ 7pm



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

School Principal: Rosemary McKenzie

Our school website: www.stjosephs.ca

Phone: (250) 847-9414

Catholic Schools: "What Do You Want of Me, Lord?"

DIOCESAN EVENTS

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2018

Called Together 2018-19 has reached 84% in pledges, total = \$335,853. St Joseph's Parish Goal is: \$27,386

Pledged to date: \$15,685

PARISH EVENTS

OFFICE CLOSED until Jan 9, 2019

The Church office will be closed during the Christmas Octave. Please call Fr Benjie for any emergencies.

ROSARY RECITED – WEDNESDAYS @ 12:15PM

Everyone is invited to say the rosary during lunch hour on Wednesdays in the church. Prayers are being said for the sick children of our community.

SNOW REMOVAL – HELP NEEDED

Is there anyone out there that wouldn't mind shovelling the walkways at the church; or operating the snow blower? Please contact St Joe's office.

BUILDING OUR FAITH - MON. JAN 14, 2019

Everyone is invited to attend these sessions.

It's the most compelling story ever told. In **Episode 3: "The ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing greater can be Thought,"** Takes us on a journey from the heights of Mount Sinai to the mysterious sites of Istanbul, from the glittering streets of Paris to the glorious Sistine Chapel. Father Robert Barron presents the Catholic Faith's compelling vision of God as the ineffable and majestic Trinity.

BROADWAY PLACE is in need of warm socks, mitts and gloves for their clients this winter. Any other warm, winter clothing is also appreciated. Please put items in the wooden boxes at the back of the church marked "Broadway Place". Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS - 5PM DEC. 24

We are looking for families with **children ages 4-12** to take part in Christmas Family Mass. There will be a short meeting early Dec. to decide logistics. We are asking parents, grandparents to help prepare. The very young children will be a part of the simple **Nativity Story**. The older children can do **Readings, Procession of Gifts** or help younger ones. Please spread the word and encourage our children to take part.

Contact Marie Ziegler (250)847-2574; zie_gler@hotmail.com

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Emmanuel, God-with-us, the calendar reminds me that I am moving closer to the celebration of your birth. How near you are, not simply as I approach the feast of Christmas, but at every moment of my life. May awareness of your presence help me to cast off anxiety. May your listening ear embolden me to pray with confidence. May I always know it is you, it is you, who are the source of joy in my heart, now and for all eternity. Amen. May it be so! **Christmas joy and God's blessings.**

- Rosemary McKenzie

CAROL FEST

Congratulations to our grade 5, 6, and 7 choir students who performed so beautifully at Carol Fest last week. It was a beautiful gathering of voices. A special thank you to our directors, Mr. Maskell and Mr. Watkins.

CWL – THANK YOU

The Catholic Women's League donated \$2, 404.68 from the parish bazaar to the school. We thank them for this generous sharing.

ROI THEATRE

After the students eat lunch at 11:30 on Friday, December 21st they will walk to the Roi Theatre.

Parents and siblings are invited to join us and are asked to pay **\$3.00** each; this will be collected at the theatre.

The movie is "The Star" and is rated PG.

There are NO buses in the afternoon on this day!!! Please pick up your child/ren from the Roi Theatre at 2:30pm. More information to follow.

**THE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE
A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.
ALL THE BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.**



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Dave, Warren, Ethan, Art, Margaret, Mary, Olivia, Sophie, Nolan, Scott, Rachael, Maurice, Owen, Ryan and James.

If you know of someone sick or shut-in who would like the church to visit or bring communion, call 847-2012



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

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

Payment of your annual dues is required to maintain your fraternal benefits with the Knights of Columbus.

Annual fee of \$40.00 for 2019 is now due.

Please pay the financial secretary at the next meeting or send a cheque to Knights of Columbus Fr. Callaly Council.

Address: PO.Box 454 Smithers BC V0J 2N0

Please contact the Grand Knight directly, if you would like to make another arrangement to pay.



**Catholic Women's League
Smithers**

Membership dues remain at \$40. and should be received by Dec 31, 2018.

Check out the new provincial website:

www.bcyukoncwl.com and www.CWL.ca



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24th (Mon)

Family Mass at 5:00pm

Midnight Mass at 10:00pm

Christmas Day – Dec. 25th(Tues)

Nativity of the Lord

Mass at 9:00am

Houston Mass at 11:30am

Holy Family – Dec. 30

Dec. 29 at 5pm

Dec. 30 at 9am

New Years Day (Tues)

Mary Mother of God

Jan 1st at 9am

Houston Mass at 11:30am

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SUNDAY MASS TIME 11:30 am



PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Pastoral Assistant/Caretaker: _____

Joint Parish Pastoral Council &
Finance Committee Members

Eric Bishop · Georgina Dotto
CWL Representative

Ministry Schedule SUNDAY December 23, 2018 4th Sunday of Advent

GREETERS	Volunteer needed
LECTORS	Volunteer needed
EMC	Volunteer needed
ALTAR SERVERS	Volunteer needed
GIFT BEARERS	Volunteer needed
COLLECTION COUNTER	Volunteer needed
CHURCH CLEANING	Volunteer needed



We pray for the Sick:

Sheila, Vic, Joan, Tony, Ken, Devynn, Bob,
Helen & Harry, Sara, Reginald, Juanito, Kelda,
Shaylyn, Rufina, and Apolinario

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Nativity of Our Lord: Dec 25 (Tues) @11:30 am
Holy Family: Dec 30 (Sun) @ 11:30am
Mary Mother of God: Jan 1 (Tues) @ 11:30am

Fundraiser

Grand In Hand

We are finished with this fundraiser.
A huge THANK YOU to all those who contributed in any
way to make this project a success.

COLLECTION REPORT

Dec 16, 2018 \$262.00

Called Together, Giving Sharing, Serving.

St Anthony's Goal = \$2500 Pledged to date: \$1955

Thank you for your generous continued support.

Flowers For Christmas

We would appreciate donations of flowers & poinsettias
for our Christmas Masses. Thank you in advance.

St Anthony's CWL

Check out the new provincial website:
www.bcyukoncwl.com and www.CWL.ca

Food Bank

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

Potluck Luncheon

Please join us after Mass on the 4th Sunday
of each month *except Dec., July & Aug.*
(unless otherwise posted on schedule)