



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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December 5th and 6th, 2015

*Second Sunday Of Advent*

From the Pastor's Desk

## Prepare The Way

"The world needs to discover that God is the Father, that there is mercy, that cruelty is not the way, that condemnation is not the way, because it is the Church herself who at times takes a hard line, and falls into the temptation to follow a hard line and to underline moral rules only; many people are excluded. The image of the Church as a field hospital after a battle comes to mind here: it is the truth, so many people are injured and destroyed! ... I believe that this is the time for mercy. We are all sinners, all of us carry inner burdens. I felt that Jesus wanted to open the door to His heart, that the Father wants to show us his innate mercy, and for this reason he sends us the Spirit. ... It is the year of reconciliation." - Pope Francis



"Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ." — Benedict XVI

## Themba lethu

Jenny Daniels Memorial

Christmas Concert

An Evening with the Arbutus Singers

Join us at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Wednesday, December 9th

7:30pm

By Donation



All proceeds will go directly to the Themba lethu Children's Shelter in Anerely, South Africa. Your donation supports early childhood education, building of homes for orphans, improving nutrition and many other programs.

## Ministry Liturgical Schedule...December 12th & 13th, 2015

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC tbd	MC tbd	MC tbd
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator-Karen Douglas	U. Betts J. Betts	P.L. Ross J. Ross	M. Hardy E. Oliveira
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	W. Kyle E. O'Donnell	A. Grohovac L. Hawkes	C. Lissamer B. Bella
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, K. Kopeck J. Aquino, W. Burgess	B. Quinn, G. Rossato J. Moreau and J. Moreau	tbd
<b>Presenters of the Gifts</b> Coordinator-Ursule Betts	W. Randall R. Randall	Sisters of St. Ann	tbd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Martin Poulin	<b>Seeds 10:00 Mass</b> C. Whiteley	<b>Promise 10:00am Mass</b> W. and R. Weber	<b>Good News 10:00am Mass</b> T. Aerts
<b>Vacuumers</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	R. Scheurle		
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Claude Mury		V. Gustafson J. Parks	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:15-4:45 pm or by appointment.  
 Sacrament of Marriage: Inquiries must be made 6 months in advance. Register at the office. Marriage preparation class is compulsory.  
 Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 to register for the next Baptism Preparation Class to be held on Saturday, (date to be determined). Next Baptisms will take place on the weekend of January 30th/31st. All Baptisms are held during all masses of the last weekend of each month.  
 Catechism and Children's Liturgy, Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion: Contact the Parish Office at 250-479-7413 for more information.  
 Pastoral Care Visits While in Hospital: We remind the faithful that privacy legislation in BC prevents the release of information regarding hospital admissions. If you or someone you love are admitted to a hospital and would like a visit from your pastor or Eucharistic Minister, please call your parish office or VGH/RJ hospital emergency pager 250-889-3761 and ask for Fr. Ian Stuart to make this request.

From today's Gospel: John went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:3)  
 Question for Adults: In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?  
 Question for Children: What do you want to ask God to forgive you for? What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

Anawim House Clothing Gift Drive - Anawim House would like to thank you for your continued support over the last 24 years. During Advent, a box has been placed at the entrance of the church to receive NEW CLOTHING items to be used as Christmas gifts to the poor and homeless. Some suggestions are socks, underwear, sweaters, jeans, shirts, jackets and gloves. Our Annual Christmas Tree fundraiser is being held at 973 Caledonia. Thank you for remembering the poor this Christmas.

Advent Retreat - Fr. Emmerich Vogt will be returning to the city for a parish mission to be held December 7th - 10th. Fr. Emmerich will speak at the Cathedral in the mornings and in the evenings at Sacred Heart. His talks are superb and you won't want to miss this event! Mark your calendars: 10:30am at the Cathedral on Monday to Thursday; 7:00pm at Sacred Heart on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Diocesan Mass for Year of Mercy - Bishop Gary Gordon invites you to a special Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 8th (Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception) at 7:00pm to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy and the 50th Anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II. Please note that your presence is actually desired for 6:45pm as we will begin with a special ceremony to mark "new ground". A reception will follow.

Youth Retreat - (Christmas is a season not a day) Franciscans and Friends Youth Group Tuesday December 22nd 10:00am-4:00pm at St. Joseph's Friary, 1076 Joan Crescent. Please bring a donation for Anawim House. Lunch will be pot luck style. Contact: [franciscansandfriends@gmail.com](mailto:franciscansandfriends@gmail.com)

### Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses  
 Monday ~No Mass  
 Tuesday ~ 9:00am  
 Wednesday ~9:00am  
 Thursday ~9:00am  
 Friday ~9:00am  
 Saturday ~ 5:00pm  
 Sunday ~ 10:00am  
 & 6:00pm

Please refrain from wearing strong scents

### Respect for Life Ministry

If you are expecting a child and are feeling confused; if you are thinking that there is no way out of this situation for you; if you want to talk to someone, call or text [250-812-0087](tel:250-812-0087) or email: [respectlifem@gmail.com](mailto:respectlifem@gmail.com) [Christ.com](http://Christ.com)



### Keeping in Contact

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian companionship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you wish to register in the parish please fill out the pink registration form located outside the church office or back of church.

## Newsworthy and Noteworthy

Journey Through Advent  
Through Prayer and Short Daily Reflections  
There are three booklets to choose from:  
(available at the back of the church)  
"Pope Francis Living Advent with Joy & Peace"  
by Chris Koellhoffer"  
"Unto us a Child is Born" by Henri Nouwen  
"A World Awaits" by C. S. Lewis

Christmas Flower Donations - Envelopes are at the back of the church for those who wish to contribute to the Christmas floral display. Print your "In Memory/Intention of" a loved one on the envelope (write your envelope # in space provided) and drop into the collection basket.

Children's Liturgy is running two separate "classes" during Mass on the 4 Sundays of Advent. Children whose families will not be able to participate in the Play on Christmas Eve are invited to join in the back Library Area where we will run a multi-age Children's Liturgy class. Children whose families plan to have them participate in the Children's Nativity Play at the 6 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to come downstairs for rehearsals each Sunday. Please see Carmelle Whiteley if your child would like to be included in the Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play. 250-886-2987 or [carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com](mailto:carmelle.whiteley@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul will be holding their monthly collection next weekend at Saturday, December 12th at 5:00pm Mass and Sunday December 13th at 10:00am and 6:00pm Masses. They will be passing out free 2016 calendars to all parishioners. We Need Your Help with Children's Liturgy! We are looking for two more teachers, one each for the Promise and Good News groups. The age range of these children is 5 - 8 yrs. old. Please contact the office 250-479-7413 if you are interested. CWL will be selling "Angels for Africa" ornaments, a fundraiser for children orphaned by AIDS on December 12th/13th, after Mass. Please save old jewellery, ribbons, and bright fabric to leave in the CWL box kept in the church foyer. Ushers Needed for the Christmas Eve 11:30pm Mass - Please contact the office and we will pass your name onto the Coordinator.

St. Joseph Grade 7 Christmas Bottle Drive in conjunction with The Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Chipping - on Saturday, January 2nd and January 9th, 2016 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the St. Joseph's parking lot. What to bring: any beverage containers that have a recycling surcharge (ie.: beer bottles/cans, alcohol bottles {plastic/glass}, wine bottles/bag in a box, pop bottles/cans, juice boxes/cartons; water bottles). Please rinse your containers out.. Please no milk or milk type containers as we cannot recycle these.

### Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 10	7:00pm Parish Reconciliation Service
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Family Mass - 6:00pm Vigil Mass - 8:30pm Vigil Mass - 11:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day Mass 10:00am
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Mass 6:00pm
Jan 1	New Year's Day Mass 10:00am

## This Week in our Community

Monday December 7 Memorial St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor Ordinary Office

Parish Office Closed

6:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Rectory

7:00pm Marriage Enrichment Program - Church and Community Room

Tuesday December 8 Solemnity The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Mass Special Int. "Thanksgiving" for Martorana Family

7:00pm Diocesan Mass - Cathedral

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 9

9:00am Mass Special Int. "Thanksgiving"

12:00 noon CWL Christmas Party - Church Hall

7:30pm Jenny Daniels Memorial Concert with the Arbutus Singers - Church

7:00pm RCIA

Thursday December 10

9:00am Mass + Souls of the Venasquez Family

7:00pm Parish Reconciliation - Church

Friday December 11

9:00am Mass + Agnes Mottishaw

10:00am Adoration followed by Benediction - Come and adore and listen

Saturday December 12 Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness Of The Americas

5:00pm Mass + Armando Oliveira

6:00pm CWL selling Angels for Africa ornaments

6:00pm Jesus Youth Ministry - School Gym

Sunday December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass

11:15am Regular Classes for Pre-Sacraments/Year I Sacramental Prep: Children's Advent Reconciliation

11:15am Sunday Coffee

11:15am CWL selling Angels for Africa ornaments

6:00pm Mass + Ana and Manuel Oliveira

7:00pm CWL selling Angels for Africa ornaments

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for 1st and 3rd Friday Home Visits. This ministry provides a social and spiritual connection to individuals who are homebound and would benefit from a visit from fellow parishioners. Reasons for visits range from providing spiritual support to a friendly visit. Volunteers travel in two's, so you will always be with another volunteer. Please call office 250-479-7413 if you are interested.

### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our sincere appreciation to all parishioners who have responded to date with gifts and pledges.



Parish Goal: \$54,000  
Actual to Date: \$45,282.10  
Number of Gifts: 146  
% of Goal Pledged: 83.86%

# Contacts in the Parish

Pastor  
 Administrative Assistant/Secretary  
 Custodian  
 Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator  
 Baptism  
 Could You Ever Come Back  
 to the Catholic Church?/Centering Prayer  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Children's Religious Education  
 Development and Peace  
 Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)  
 Jesus Youth - Grades 8 to 12  
 St. Joseph's School  
 Catholic Women's League(CWL)  
 Knights of Columbus  
 St. Vincent de Paul  
 Building and Maintenance Committee  
 Coffee/Hospitality Committee  
 Finance Committee  
 Lector Schedule Coordinator  
 Lector Training Coordinator  
 Liturgy Committee  
 Masithuthukisane Project  
 Social and Ecological Justice Committee  
 Parish Pastoral Council

Fr. Alfredo Monacelli  
 Jennifer Smith/Sandi Duncan - Office hours 8:30 am-3:30 pm Tuesday-Friday  
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