



# St. Joseph the Worker Parish

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December 12th and 13th, 2015

*Third Sunday Of Advent*

From the Pastor's Desk

## Gaudete Week

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

Prepare our hearts  
and remove the sadness  
that hinders us from feeling  
the joy and hope  
which his presence  
will bestow.



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Thank you to all those who attended and supported this worthy program.

We will post total amount of donations next week.  
All proceeds will go directly to Thembaletu Children's Shelter in Anerely, South Africa.

## Ministry Liturgical Schedule...December 19th & 20th, 2015

	Saturday 5:00 pm	Sunday 10:00 am	Sunday 6:00pm
<b>Altar Servers</b> Coordinator-Pam Corpus	MC T. Lanuza, B. Newton TR J. Westhaver, TR Laszlo T.	MC C. McCreesh, J. Edwardson M. Edwardson, TR J. Grohovac TR H. Rempel	MC M. Faber S. Faber, A. MacRae
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b> Coordinator-Karen Douglas	T. Tobin K. Douglas	J. DiCastrì M.Goley	O. Hinojosa C. Hinojosa
<b>Lectors</b> Coordinator-Linda Chatton	C. Blais I. Mihalicz	M.A Neal P. O'Brien	S. Hryhoryshen S. Fitzmaurice
<b>Ushers</b> Coordinator-Maryellen Trudeau	M. Trudeau, M. White F. Boylan, B. Randall	B. Quinn, G. Rossato R. Strong, J. Ross	tbd
<b>Presenters of the Gifts</b> Coordinator-Ursule Betts	J. Green M. White	M.A. Neal and M. Neal	tbd
<b>Children's Liturgy</b> Coordinator-Martin Poulin	<b>Seeds 10:00 Mass</b> C. Whiteley	<b>Promise 10:00am Mass</b> L. Hawkes	<b>Good News 10:00am Mass</b> S. Vukovic
<b>Vacuums</b> Coordinator-Ralph Scheurle	Paul Glass		
<b>Hospital Ministers</b> Coordinator-Claude Mury		L. and L. McDonnell	

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, January 16th, 2016. 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: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. (Philippians 4:4-5)  
 Question for Adults: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?  
 Question for Children: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of celebrating a Novena of Masses 9 days before the birthday of Jesus. It will be celebrated in Pilipino Language from December 15th-23rd at 6:00pm. at Saint Patrick's Church. All are welcome Celebrants are Fr. Mel Bayron, Fr. Vince Borre and Fr. Al Alilio. Theme is the Year of Mercy; the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. For more information, please contact [Father Al @ fatheral65@gmail.com](mailto:FatherAl@fatheral65@gmail.com) or call 250-580-1816.

Holy Cross Christmas Concert - The 3rd Annual Christmas concert will be taking place at Holy Cross Parish on Friday, December 18th at 7pm. We invite you to come and join us on this fun and musical evening. A special performance by Fr. William to close off the concert! Followed by coffee, tea and goodies. Admission by donation. We hope to see you there!

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)

Extra Ordinary Eucharist Ministers needed at the Gorge Road Hospital to visit and serve communion every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Arrival time of 10:00am. Please contact parish office 250-479-7413.

Calling All Youth Grades 7-12 - Save the Date! Join us for our Annual Diocesan Retreat Camp Homewood on February 5th-7th, 2016. \$150 per participant. This includes all food, accommodation and activities. For more information contact Bonni Roset [broset@telus.net](mailto:broset@telus.net) or Terri Ann Wynans [wynans@shaw.ca](mailto:wynans@shaw.ca)

### 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](http://Christ)



### 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

Please note the office will be closed for the Christmas break on the following days:

Thursday, December 24th - closed at noon  
 Friday, December 25th - Christmas Day through  
 Monday, January 4th

Office will re-open on Tuesday, January 5th, 2016

2016 Collection Envelopes are ready for pickup at the back of the church. Any parishioner who did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the parish office (including those donating through PAD and Credit Card). Please discard all 2015 envelopes after December 31st.

Last Senior's Lunch Bunch of the Year - Come and join us on Wednesday, December 16th at 12:00 noon. To sign up please contact Allan Sequeira 250-479-2333.

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.

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. 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 Saturday, 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.

Hope to see you there.

Attention All Ministries - If you wish to have something printed in the bulletin, kindly email the office a short concise article with particulars or drop by the office with your written submission. We will be happy to promote your ministry events! If you do not see it in the bulletin please contact the office to follow up. We appreciate your help with this.

## Up Coming Events & Start Dates

Dec 16	12:00 noon Seniors Lunch Bunch
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
Jan 2 & 9	10:00am St. Joe's Bottle Drive and K of C Tree Chipping - St. Joe's Parking Lot

# This Week in our Community

Monday December 14 Memorial St. John Of The Cross, Priest, Doctor Ordinary Office

Parish Office Closed

No Mass

7:30pm K of C General Meeting -Church Hall

Tuesday December 15

9:00am Mass

7:00pm Couples for Christ Choir Practice - Church

Wednesday December 16

9:00am Mass + Pedro Cabellon

12:00 noon Senior's Lunch Bunch - Church Hall

7:00pm Wing and Prayer Choir Practice - Church

Thursday December 17

9:00am Mass + Godfrey Pinto

Christian Rocks Choir Practice - check your email

Friday December 18

9:00am Mass + Antonio and Deodata Pimentel

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

Saturday December 19

10:00am Centering Prayer - Rectory

5:00pm Mass + Teresa Sequeira

6:00pm Jesus Youth Ministry - School Gym

Sunday December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00am Mass

No Catechism/Sacramental Prep Classes

11:15am K of C Pancake Breakfast

6:00pm Mass + Patricia Miendi

Save The Date on your calendars for the Diocesan Family Conference August 12th - 14th, 2016 - The keynote speaker will be Fr. Clair Watrin, who is excited to speak to families on the mission given to them and will inspire parents, grandparents, youth and children to "like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" 1 Peter 1:16

Save the date for an unforgettable weekend at the beautiful ocean side of Nanoose Bay. Registrations will be open early in the new year.

**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: \$46,232.10

Number of Gifts: 155

% of Goal Pledged: 85.62%

# Contacts in the Parish

Pastor  
 Administrative Assistant/Secretary  
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 Diocesan Responsible Ministry Coordinator  
 Altar Server Training/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  
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 Coffee/Hospitality Committee  
 Finance Committee  
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 Lector Training Coordinator  
 Liturgy Committee  
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 Parish Pastoral Council

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