



# Saint Joseph's Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C | October 23, 2022

## THE POOR ONE CALLED AND THE LORD HEARD.

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**Sun. 9:30 am**  
**Saik'uz 12 noon**  
**Daily Mass**  
**Tues-6:30 pm**  
**Wed--Fri 9:00 am**  
**Reconciliation**  
by appointment  
**Baptism**  
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**Matrimony**  
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We are called to be humble. Easier said than done! What does that even mean? Don't be arrogant? The answer lies in understanding ourselves in relationship with our merciful God.

Humility and gratitude are interconnected. Being grateful is to see everything as gift. Unlike a payment or a reward, a gift is underserved. To understand that we have not earned, nor are we entitled to, anything we are given, is humility.

Etiquette dictates that we demonstrate appreciation in order to have received a gift well. Integrity dictates that we are interiorly moved through humility to gratitude and its expression. Our faith dictates, or rather, calls us to receive God's gifts, including every breath we draw in, with a deepening humility. We, ourselves, are a gift from God and the only gift we have to return is gratitude. It's not a trade, but a transformation of the heart when we understand who we are. Nothing we could present would earn God's mercy.

Humility can be difficult to understand or accept until it is seen through the lens of a grateful heart. Becoming aware that we fall short in our response to the love of God should also lead us to see how we are being loved unconditionally.

God, teach us humility and grant us ever more grateful hearts!

Kelly Bourke St. Joseph's Missal pg. 556



Holy Trinity  
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Saik'uz



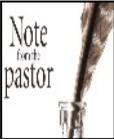
*"Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face."*

*Psalms 104.3-4*



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**Attitude of Prayer.** Today's readings remind us that prayer always begins with an attitude. It does not matter what we've done, how much we have, or who we are. What does matter is what is in our hearts. The constant message has been that God hears the cries of the poor. Whatever our circumstances, humility and a concern for justice matter much. This is either consoling or challenging, depending on the state of our hearts.

With the tax collector, let us cultivate hearts that acknowledge our need for God. **Homework:** At 3pm this week, pray 'Open my heart, O Lord'

**The Final Things: judgement, heaven, hell, purgatory.** In our creed we pray, 'I believe in everlasting life'. Our life as a pilgrim on earth reaches its final destination at the moment of death. At the moment of death we move past this world and its experience of time and change. To move into the everlasting life, there is this final personal judgement. This judgement consists in a crystal-clear revelation of the unchangeable, freely chosen condition to be with God or to be alienated from God. The Church teaches that if our basic love-choice at the moment of death was the absolute GOOD whom we call God, then God remains our personal possession for eternity. This eternal possession of God we call HEAVEN. (Catechism #1023-1029). If our basic love-choice is anything less than the absolute GOOD, then we will experience an eternal emptiness. This eternal and radical emptiness we call HELL. Next week: purgatory and the link to the communion of saints

**Pope Francis on the getting to know Jesus during the MASS:** Pope Francis identified three requirements for getting to know Jesus through the mass. **Requirement 1: Prayer** It is not enough to hear the Gospel or receive the Eucharist. Pope Francis noted, "In order to understand the breadth and length and height and depth of Jesus Christ we need to enter into the habit, firstly of praying, as Paul did on his knees: "Father send me the Holy Spirit to know Jesus." **Requirement 2: Worship, Adoration** In addition to praying, Pope Francis pointed out that St. Paul "worshipped the mystery" that is beyond our knowledge and in this spirit of worship or adoration he asks for this grace from the Lord. "We cannot know the Lord without this habit of worship, to worship in silence, adoration. If I am not mistaken, I believe that this prayer of adoration is the least known by us, it's the one that we do least. Allow me to say this, waste time in front of the Lord, in front of the mystery of Jesus Christ. Worship him. There in silence, the silence of adoration. He is the Saviour and I worship Him." **Requirement 3: Accuse Ourselves** Pope Francis said the third requirement for truly knowing Christ was to know ourselves and as a result be accustomed to describing ourselves as sinners. "We cannot worship without accusing ourselves," he said. "In order to enter into this bottomless and boundless sea that is the mystery of Jesus Christ, we need to pray, 'Lord, I am a person of unclean lips.'

**NEIGHBORLINK PARISH LUNCH COORDINATOR NEEDED:** thank you to Anne Irving who has faithfully coordinated the parish lunches at Neighbourlink on our Wednesday turns (about once every 6 weeks); she is retiring and the parish needs a new coordinator. The parish is able to train you and to support you in this very needed ministry.

**Operation Christmas Child:** boxes and envelopes available in foyer; collection date is November 14-18;

**Ministry Sign Up:** registration form in foyer or in bulletin; sign and return.

**Mary in October:** try to plan to pray the rosary with your Family;

**FORMED.ORG:** all parishioners register FREE; go to Formed.org and sign up using the St.Joseph Vanderhoof entry.

**Transformed lives, transforming community:** mission statement for evangelization;  
**Intimate encounter with God through an open heart:** mission statement for prayer;

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **new lunch coordinator needed**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **POTLUCK, Saturday October 29, after 5pm mass;**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Nov 01 All Saints, mass at 6:30pm**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Nov 02 All Souls, mass SJ 9am and 6:30pm, mass Saikuz 12noon**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Blessing of Graves, Sunday, Nov 06, Vanderhoof 3pm, Saikuz 1pm**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Pastoral Council, Tuesday Oct 25, 7pm,**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Finance Council, Wednesday, Oct 26, 5:15pm**

QUIET PARISH HEROS : those who serve at Neighbourlink

## Luke 18: 9-14 Pharisees and the Tax Collector

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Pharisee

Luke  
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God

Jesus  
law  
collector  
faith

grace  
prayer  
tax  
mercy



Music Ministry is planning an organizational meeting for Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>. We invite all those who are interested in being part of the Christmas Choir to attend in the Church immediately following the 9:30 am Mass.

There will be prayers for Tom Anderson on Sunday Night, October 23, at 7 pm at St. Andrews Parish in Fraser Lake.

The funeral Mass will take place on Monday, October 24, at 10:30 am at St. Joseph's Parish in Vanderhoof.

We offer our condolences and prayers to the Anderson family and ask all the faithful to keep Tom, his family and friends, and his community in their prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Corinthians 5:19

"God never tires of showing us mercy and we should never take for granted the opportunity to receive, seek and desire this mercy. It is something always new, which inspires awe and wonder as we see God's immense creativity in the ways he comes to meet us."  
— Pope Francis

<b>Parish Prayer Requests</b>	Patrick Irving, Jennifer Lock, Rose Marie MacDonald, Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Michael Nelson, Gerry Nickerson, Ruby Irene Patrick, Virginia Power, Dorothy Ranck, Ken Reid,	Lillian Sam, Ian Scott, Madeline Scott, Madison Scott Clark Todd, Bill Urquhart, Mike Van Dusen, Mimi Work and for all who are in need of God's healing grace.
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