



# Saint Joseph's Parish

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3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A | December 11, 2022

## LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

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**Tues 1-4:30pm**

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**Sacraments:**

**Holy Mass**

**Sat 5:00 pm**

**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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One of the most beautiful things about God who comes to earth to love us is that humanity has to receive the miracle. This week we hear the story of cousins John the Baptist and Jesus making sense of their respective missions, with their followers.

From prison, John sends word to ask for confirmation of Jesus as Messiah. Jesus replies from his ministry, that people should report back the miracles. The question acknowledges the possibility of doubt, as does Jesus' answer. Faith is both witnessing what God is at work doing in the world and choosing to place our hope in the goodness we see, even without the guarantee of certainty.

And, after answering John, Jesus reminds John's followers that they have already placed their faith in a prophet. The son of God builds on the faith the people have in John to draw them to himself. And this is how it is in making disciples of the Incarnate God who comes as an infant. We grow to love Jesus to come to us again, so that we can go out and carry the God-child to others. So meet Love here again and then go and tell others about the miracles Jesus has worked in your presence.

Leah Perrault St. Joseph's Missal pg. 91



Holy Trinity  
Church  
Mission  
Saik'uz



*“Rejoice in the  
Lord always;  
again I say,  
rejoice. Indeed,  
the Lord is  
near..”*

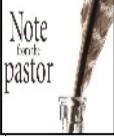
*Philippians 4.4-5*



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**WEEK Three: a time of patiently waiting.** We are still waiting for the world we long to see. Like our ancient ancestors, we yearn for peace and justice, healing and restoration. Today we are told that the signs of Jesus' presence are all around us, if we know how to see them. The Gospel lists the signs we are to look for, especially when we are distracted or doubtful, confused or disappointed. The good

news is that there is even more to come. We live in an impatient world, and today we are told: "Be patient!" **Advent Opening Our Hearts for Jesus... ..through prayer and Scripture:** both prayer and scripture are 'dynamic', meaning that they are alive with a spirit that is constantly changing, active and moving forward. Hence, we engage with them knowing that we will be changed. **Homework:** Spend 30 seconds first thing when you wake up praying 'Come Lord Jesus.

**Discipleship Report Card:** will be collected until January 1<sup>st</sup>; received responses posted on foyer bulletin board. Invite your loved ones to fill out and return and be a part of our picture.

**ADVENT Prayer Partner:** Before mass starts, we are encouraged to meet someone and offer to pray for their intentions during mass.

**ADVENT Rooster mass:** from Dec 16 to 24, mass is at 6am and 9am except for Sunday

**ADVENT Reconciliation:** Monday, Dec 19, 9:30 to 11:00 am; 6:30 to 8pm

**Advent Gift Bag:** a bag of goodies has been prepared by the parish for all parishioners; please pick up the bag with your name, and help us deliver bags to those unable to attend.

**Neighbourlink: Wednesday 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. Food Safe is required.

**ALPHA in the Winter:** remember to be inviting people to our Winter ALPHA beginning in mid January and running for 10 weeks. Our job is to invite with an open heart.

**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;

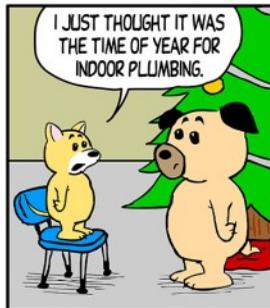
PARISH ACTIVITIES- **new lunch coordinator needed for Neighbourlink**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Dec 18, Parish Christmas Potluck, evening**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **ALPHA in January... invite people**

**QUIET PARISH HEROS:** those who helped prepare the parish gift bags

There will be a inter-church outdoor caroling event at the Manor, Wednesday, December 21st at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. We will attempt to video and send a copy to Riverside. Dress warm. Song sheets provided.



THE TRIANGLE SHAPE OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE SHOULD REMIND YOU OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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- LEPERS
- CLEANSED
- LIFE
- HAPPY
- CLOTHES
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## Christmas Schedule

**December 16-24:** Novena mass at 6 am  
(except 18- mass at 9:30)

**December 24:** Nativity of the Lord  
7:00 pm Holy Trinity

**December 24:** Nativity of the Lord  
11:00 pm St. Joseph's

**December 25:** Nativity of the Lord  
10:00 am St. Joseph's

December 30 Holy Family Mass 9:00 am

**December 31:** Mary the Mother of God with benediction and adoration 5:00 pm St Joseph's

**January 1 2023:** Mary the Mother of God  
9:30 am St. Joseph's

**January 1 2023:** Mary Mother of God  
12:00 pm Holy Trinity



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**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:** “On Sundays and other holydays of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. They are also to abstain from work or business that would inhibit the worship to be given to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day, or the due relaxation of mind and body.” (Can. 1247)

In Canada there are two holydays of obligation: January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
December 25, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Luke 4.18

<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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