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ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH
Vanderhoof, BC

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

February 1st, 2026

"Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nation, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you."



HOLY TRINITY
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EUCARIST

Saturday St. Joseph.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday St. Joseph.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Holy Trinity.....12:00 noon
Tues & Thurs.....6:30 p.m.
Wed & Fri.....9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment.

BAPTISM

Contact Father Pier for more
information.

MATRIMONY

Please contact Father Pier for an
appointment at least six months

PRAYER REQUESTS: For Brenda Antoine, Jason Aritolla, Mackie Basil, Julio Bonilla jr., Cooper Cursley, Evelyn Embree, Ronald Gilmore, Brent Gray, Ellen Haynes, Patrick Irving, Lisa Ketlo, Halli & Hunter Krawczyk, George LaBrash, Jennifer Lock, Wanda Miller, Della Morin, Eunice Nash, Virginia Power, Dorothy Ranck, Ian Scott, Madeline Scott, Vanessa Stewart, Gerry Theissen, Mike VanDusen, and for all who are ill or in need of God's healing grace.

The traditional site of the Sermon on the Mount is on a hill that rises only about 200 meters above the Sea of galilee, not far from the site of the fishing village of Capernaum. The climb up its gentle slope with Jesus would not have been hard. One can imagine a grandparent holding the hand of a small child on that easy hike.

Gathering with neighbours and friends, the crowd sat down to listen to a man who would make this region the centre of his public ministry. Jesus used the backdrop of the olive groves and green meadows below, rolling hills to the south and the blue sea to the east as his amphitheatre. It offered a tranquil setting for him to teach them.

He laid out before them a path towards a longed-for community of peace and goodwill where, by living the Beatitudes, social and spiritual justice would prevail.

Experiencing then as now a broken world, his listeners knew exploitation, fear and injustice remained all too common. His teachings offered hope to all and they continue to resonate. Striving to live the Beatitudes brings Jesus' vision alive.

Zephaniah, six centuries before Jesus, provided a prophetic glance of a realizable future, if only we turn to the Lord. "Then they will pasture and lie down, and no one shall make them afraid."

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‘Our reach is always farther than our grasp’. Today’s readings show the special place the poor and the just have in God’s heart. In Zephaniah we see how the Babylonian and Assyrian conquests have reduced Israel to a lowly few, but we hear we hear how those with a humble heart find favor among this remnant. And this is paralleled in the Gospel where the reading of the Beatitudes confirms that happiness is promised to those for whom the world makes no provision – in other words, the grasp of our real life filled with pain on earth is nothing compared to how far God is helping us to reach. **Homework:** Pray the Eucharistic prayer, concentrating on how many times we are reaching farther with the help of God.

Feb07: Ministry Workshop. This Saturday morning workshop from 9:15 to 10:30 will feature a general introduction to ministry and will share preparation and procedures for Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers, Lector Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, and Art Environment Ministers. Efforts are being made to develop Altar Server Ministry.

Feb02: Presentation of the Lord feast, World Day of Consecrated Life. The Church has set aside Feb02 as the day for prayer for consecrated life. There will be a mass at 6:30pm and we will remember all the religious that have served our community of St. Joseph’s Church and School. Come and offer thanks.

Feb11: Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick. The Church has set aside Feb11 as the day for prayer for the sick, and a special effort is made to celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. To accommodate the greatest number of anointings, on Wednesday, February 11 I will celebrate the sacrament at 9am and at 6:30pm. I will also offer an abbreviated anointing service after the regular masses on February 14 and 15.

Lent: starts Feb18. Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on Feb18** – services at St. Josephs at 9 and 6:30 and at Saik’uz at 12noonish. WE ARE COLLECTING PALMS from last year to be burned and used for ashes.

ALPHA Advertisement: start inviting people for our mid-February course.

LHC Life Healing Choices: next offering of the course is October 2026; pray always for those with addictions.

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES: Feb02 – 6:30pm mass for Consecrated Life

PARISH ACTIVITIES: Feb07 – Liturgical Ministry Workshop, 9:15-10:30am

PARISH ACTIVITIES: Feb11 – Anointing of the Sick at masses 9am and 6:30pm

QUIET PARISH HEROS : those who volunteer in cleaning our facility



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SPRING WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 2026:

May 22 – 24, registrations now being accepted. For Further information on this Healing Ministry, please refer to our website. **Confidentiality Assured.**

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