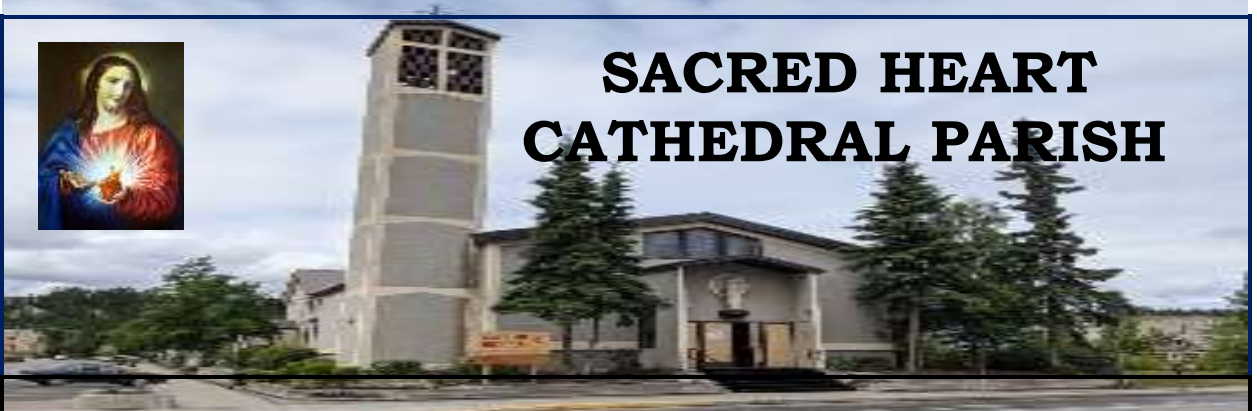




SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH



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Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

07 January 2024



Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

HOUSE BLESSING

On this great occasion you can bless your home. Blessed Chalk and instructions are available in entrance of the Church. May the Lord bless you all in this new year.

PARISH UPDATES

Please Be Informed, Interested and Willing To Get Involved, Share/Donate, Support, Participate, Cooperate

I. WELCOMING TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Amelia Faith Labid was baptized on 31st December 2023, daughter of Leovir John Labid and April De la Cruz and the Godparents were Allan Ocampo and Lorie Tungol. *Congratulations and to God be the glory.*



II. JOURNEYING THE PATH TO SANCTITY

On 30th December 2023, William Patrick Bradley and Pavlina Livingstone Sudrich was solemnly united in the Sacrament of Marriage by Fr. Slawomir Szwagrzyk at St. John the Baptist Church in Carcross, YT, Canada. Witnesses were Sara Pethick and Clara Bradley. *Congratulations and to God be the glory.*



III. ON SPIRITUALITY

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JANUARY 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.



IV. SPECIAL PROGRAM AND CALLING FOR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

Called to Love: Education in the Faith, and Vocation within the Family

Catechesis for Adults and Parents

Every 2nd Friday,
7pm to 8:30pm

In the CYO hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral –
406 Steele St., Whitehorse

Starting Friday, October 13th, 2023 until May 10th, 2024

Session 6 - Friday, January
12th, 2024 at 7pm

Topic: *“Fathers and Mothers as Educators: The Rights and Duties of Parents; The Meaning of the Parents’ Duty.”*

Presenters: Allan & Leaseth Ocampo,

V. CATECHISM CLASSES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Important Details:

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 08, 2024. Parents are enjoined to give time for reviewing the lessons with children especially in making their journals. It will be more appreciated if they can find time to open the links or visit the website for the videos used in their classes. *Please teach them the fundamental prayers and have them memorized by heart.*

For further information please see Father Slawek or email Caroline Knickle at catechesis@sacredheartcathedral.ca

VI. SPECIAL ATTENTION:

For those Parishioners who have moved or transferred to another place, please inform us of your new addresses and postal code numbers, serviceable contact numbers and valid email addresses as may be applicable, so that we can update your record in our Database System. Please write them in your respective Sunday Offering Envelopes or email to us for proper documentation.

Furthermore, to those whose Sunday Offering Envelopes are used by other members of the family, please don't forget to indicate your registered name to avoid confusion or misrepresentation in your records having the same Envelope Number. You may encourage other family members to register individually and have their own Number for their Sunday Envelopes.

VII. MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date / Time: **January 10, 2024** Wednesday @ 7:00 AM; Venue: Trinity Lutheran (corner 4th St. and Strickland)
Donation: \$10.00 to support Braeburn Camp

February 07, 2024 Wednesday is the next Men's Breakfast. For more information, please contact Rick Griffiths, 667-6014, rgriffiths.yt@icloud.com

VIII. Yukon African Music Festival 2024

Date / Time: **Friday, February 16th at 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM and Saturday, February 17th at 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

Venue: **Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre (Westmark Hotel), 201 Wood St, Whitehorse**

PARISH MINISTRY

1. DAILY HOLY MASS CELEBRATIONS

A. Sunday Masses				B. Daily Masses		C. Special Masses	
5:00 PM Saturday	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 NN	7:00 PM	12:10 NN Monday to Friday	9:00 AM First Saturday of the Month	Weddings and Funerals (by Appointments)

D. Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Intentions	Date	Day	Time	Intentions
Jan 06	Sat	9:00 AM	+Miguel, Lilia, Valentina and Family	Jan 09	Tue	12:10 NN	+ Edmund, Bronislawa Wiśniewski
		5:00 PM	Karolina & Jach	Jan 10	Wed	12:10 NN	Karolina & Jach
Jan 07	Sun	9:00 AM	+Alfreda, Pedro & Family	Jan 11	Thu	12:10 NN	+ Carlos & Modesta Ubalde
		10:30 AM	All Parishioners	Jan 12	Fri	12:10 NN	+Demetrio Vecilos & Lydia Panganiban
		12:00 NN	+ Francine Richer				
Jan 08	Mon	7:00 PM	+Brenda Rutherford	Jan 13	Sat	12:10 NN	+Ethan James Tulan & Casiano Sorral
		12:10 NN	+ Pat Lliequeare				

E. Requests for Special Intentions during Holy Mass Celebrations

You may request to offer the following Mass Intentions:
 1. **Requiem Mass** (Funeral services, Death anniversary/ remembering the souls) 2. **Special Milestones** (Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.)

3. **Healing Mass** (fast recovery from sickness, reconciliation of relationships /ties)
 4. **Thanksgiving Mass** (for most special intentions)

2. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS AND RITES

<p>Sacrament of Baptism Baptism Preparations: 1st and 2nd Friday of the Month Baptism Ceremony: Saturday at 6:00 PM and Sunday at 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM or call for an appointment Sunday: Before the Mass Monday to Friday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 NN</p>
<p>Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion Catechesis Classes: October 2023 - May 2024 Sacramental Rites: Spring and Summer 2024</p>	<p>Sacrament of Marriage Marriage Preparations: Spring Time Only Wedding Ceremony: Couples' Preference</p>

Sacrament of the Sick:

This is administered once a Year during the **World Day of the Sick (February 11)** during Holy Mass.

On other days, this sacrament is administered by special request. Indicate clearly the Name of the Sick, Place, Time and the Contact Person. The priest will administer this sacrament ASAP.

3. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Regular Schedule: Thursday: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral

We are with you in Praying for your intentions, petitions & all forms of supplications. Drop them in the Prayer Intent Box. Prayer Leaders and Alternates are still needed. *Please contact Katanne Belisle for more details.*

We need to recover our "taste" of Adoration so our desire for God may be rekindled, as we must wish to be in His presence. "Jesus alone heals our desire, elevate them and purify them of selfishness so we can love truly God and our neighbor. – Pope Francis



The patient and humble endurance of the cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do. –St. Katherine Drexel

*A clean heart create for me, O God...
Psalm 51:12*

Celebrating the Commemorations of the Saints For the 1st Week in Ordinary Time –Year B

The feast of the saints is important because it is a way of honouring God and growing in our love for Him¹². It also reminds us of the ways the Lord has been and continues to be at work in the world², and of the triumph of the Gospel³. By celebrating the feast days of saints, we commemorate their lives, their virtues, and their intercession for us. (EWTN)



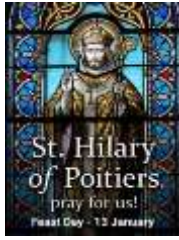
January 08

Baptism of the Lord



January 12

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys



January 13

St. Hilary

“Like the Magi, let us lift up our eyes, listen to the desire lodged in our hearts, and follow the star that God makes shine above us. As restless seekers, let us remain open to God’s surprises.

Let us dream, let us seek and let us adore, for Life is not just our here and now, but something much greater”.

- Pope Francis



The Feast of the Epiphany – Some Musings

“ . . . and they knelt down and paid Him homage.”

We’ve had a green Christmas this year with temperatures quite unseasonable for this time of year. The other morning a dense fog obscured the trees behind me and at times it was difficult to see houses across the street. It was easy to understand the words of St. Paul, “we see now as through a glass darkly.” Yet regardless of the weather, the three Wise Men were willing to follow a star to a mean stable in Bethlehem to find the Child born King of the Jews. These Wise Men were also wise enough to follow the directions of the angel who came to them in a dream telling them not to return to Herod but to go home by a different route. I wonder how often we miss these subtle clues sent by our Lord to guide us on our own paths in life. We can become so caught up in the things of this world that we miss those things that really matter in life. Because we are so surrounded by these earthy things it isn’t always easy to discern what is really important to our spiritual being. Yet many of the things of this world can become spiritual in their own way. The everyday tasks that take up so much of our time can become a means of prayer and thanksgiving; they can become small moments in our lives that remind us of our need for the loving compassion and care of our heavenly Father. I’ve said before that if we really knew how to look at life all life would become prayer. If we make little rituals for our daily tasks, life takes on a new meaning. When doing dishes we can thank God for the fact that we have enough to eat, enough to drink. We can ask for the grace to help our sisters and brothers who are less fortunate than we are and the grace to notice them when we meet them on the street or when we’re shopping in the grocery store. When we leave our homes we can pray silently asking for the grace to be a gentle and uplifting spirit to those with whom we will come in contact as we go about our other shopping, or in our workplaces and classrooms. These little rituals can keep us mindful of all the blessings of our lives and make us more aware of the opportunities to witness to our faith in all our dealings with others. These are not the gifts of the Wise Men but they are things that keep us aware of the needs of others and help us to count our blessings as we reflect on all the blessings of our own lives.

The world in which we live is filled with complex technology that can do so many things for us. We have places that make our coffee, places that give us nourishment. We get in our cars and push a button that turns the car on. We can even see the person we’re calling long distance because we have FaceTime. We no longer use paper maps because we have a GPS that will guide us to our destination. The Wise Men had none of that. They had faith that by following that star they would eventually find Him born King of the Jews. We can learn from that. Let’s turn off our technology for a moment and watch and listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and follow it. It’s not too late to resolve to pay closer attention to the signs and wonders that come our way each day and keep in mind that we have the promise of eternal happiness if we follow the teachings of Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

Wishing you a year of many signs and small miracles.

Betty Bruch

It is our humble pleasure to serve you in cooperation with our Parish Rector and our Diocese Bishop.

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