



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**November 5, 2023**



**The Gospel of Today:**  
**Matthew 23: 1-12**

**“But you are not to be called rabbi..... for you have one instructor, the Christ... and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.**

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## PARISH MINISTRY

### 1. DAILY HOLY MASS CELEBRATIONS

#### A. Sunday Masses

5:00 PM  
 Saturday

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

12:00 NN

7:00 PM

#### B. Daily Masses

12:10 NN  
 Monday to Friday

#### C. Special Masses

9:00 AM First  
 Saturday of the Month

Weddings and Funerals  
 (by Appointments)

#### D. Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Intentions	Date	Day	Time	Intentions
Nov 04	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Adrian & Adriano Rosero	Nov 06	Mon	12:10 NN	+Pio & Simplicio Rosero
		5:00 PM	+ Carlos Jandic	Nov 07	Tue	12:10 NN	MaryJoy Gomez-Birthday
Nov 05	Sun	9:00 AM	+Marie O'Hara	Nov 08	Wed	12:10 NN	+Maryjone Bernadette Barbarona
		10:30 AM	All Parishioners	Nov 09	Thu	12:10 NN	+Gus & Vivian Pasowisty
		12:00 NN	+Clarence Parrott	Nov 10	Fri	12:10 NN	+Unborn Children & Victims of Abortion
		7:00 PM	+Walter O'Hara	Nov 11	Sat	5:00 PM	+Floriano Leparto

*Let us remember all our beloved departed loved ones and will especially remember those whose funeral masses have been celebrated in our parish. May God grant them eternal rest and His everlasting light shine unto them.*

**Be a true Christian. Detach from being a Pharisee or a Saducee. Nothing is lost to stay in low profile –Vicenta R Barbarona**

## E. Requests for Special Intentions during Holy Mass Celebrations

You may request to offer the following Mass Intentions:

1. **Thanksgiving Mass** (for most special intentions)
2. **Special Milestones** (Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.),

3. **Healing Mass** (fast recovery from sickness, reconciliation of relationships /ties)
4. **Requiem Mass** (Funeral services, Death anniversary/ remembering the souls)

## 2. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS AND RITES

### Sacrament of Baptism

**Baptism Preparations:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month  
**Baptism Ceremony:** Saturday at 6:00 PM  
 and Sunday at 1:00 PM

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday:** Before the Mass  
**Saturday:** 4:00 – 4:45 PM or call for an appointment  
**Monday to Friday:** 11:30 AM – 12:00 NN

### Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion

**Catechesis Classes:** October 2023 - November 2023  
**Sacramental Rites:** Spring and Summer 2023 Only

### Sacrament of Marriage

**Marriage Preparations:** Spring Time Only  
**Wedding Ceremony:** Couples' Preference

### 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, 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 Intention Box. Prayer Leaders and Alternates are still needed. Please share and encourage your families, friends, and colleagues to visit the Blessed Sacrament even for just a couple of minutes. -Please contact Katanne Belisle for more details.



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*“Giving a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is an intimate hour of encountering God as Jesus Christ wished to perpetuate His adorable presence among us after He ascended definitively into heaven.”*  
 -Vicenta Barbarona

## EARNEST CALLING TO US ALL!

The **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is now resumed to its regular schedule every **Thursday from 1:00 PM to 8:00PM**. May we be more sensitive and attentive to the earnest calling of the Holy Spirit that the Lord is awaiting for us to visit Him in the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament. Indeed, it is very miraculously amazing if we keep on adoring and thanking God no matter what our stature in life is. Please spare even so short of your most “precious moments” to the Lord. **Please, come.**

## Adoration Time for youth and young adults with music Thursday, November 9, 6:30-8:00PM

### 4. DEVOTIONS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Know your Angels and Believe their Presence  
 Pray for them  
 Let us pray the Holy Rosary Daily.  
 Know your personal Saints and learn from their examples: the values, experiences, adventures, and wisdom  
 Believe in the Divine Providence and the Divine Mercy.  
 Join crusades or prayer meetings for understanding, peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land and the whole world.  
 Paying Tribute to the World Day Of The Poor – 19<sup>th</sup> November

### 5. COUPLE'S MINISTRY

The **Couples For Christ (CFC) – Whitehorse** will sponsor a **Marriage Enrichment Program on November 11-12, 2023** at the CYO Hall. **Speakers will be a Team from Vancouver.** This is open to all interested couples.

For further details, please contact :  
**Allan and Leaseth Ocampo**  
**at +1 (867)-689-9310**  
 Or you may email us if you are interested to join.



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## PARISH UPDATES

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

1. Fr. Slawek will be celebrating the Holy Masses in Teslin and Atlin on November 5, 2023.  
 Let us pray for his safety and guidance of the Holy Spirit.



## 2. Book Of Life

The **Book of Life** will be in the Cathedral in front of the altar for the month of November. If you want to put a picture of a family member or a friend who passed away or update the information, enhance your memento, you can do so by stopping at the parish office or by sending an email to the parish.

## 3. Indulgence for the Souls in Purgatory

Obtaining indulgences by the faithful in the Catholic Church is a centuries-old tradition. Throughout history, there have been many opinions on this topic. There have been times when, through the improper treatment of indulgences, very serious abuses have occurred. During the Second Vatican Council, it was realized that indulgences are a very important matter. For this reason, on January 1, 1967, Paul VI, promulgated a revised doctrine on the practice of indulgences as inscribed in the Apostolic Constitution *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*. When Canon Law was established in 1983, John Paul II put high emphasis on this subject (*Canon 992-997*).

An indulgence is partial or plenary, depending on whether it relieves from temporal punishment in part or in whole. Paul VI abolished indulgences determined by a specific time (e.g. the number of days or years), because there is no time in eternity. A plenary indulgence assures that God remits to man all temporal punishments due for sins, already forgiven as to guilt in the sacrament of penance. *Obtaining a plenary indulgence for oneself avoids the punishments of purgatory, while obtaining a plenary indulgence for the dead saves souls from purgatory.* A partial indulgence, on the other hand, assures a partial remission of temporal punishments by God.

It should be remembered that the faithful can obtain a partial or plenary indulgence only for himself, or offer it for the deceased but for no one living, since each person is able to transform his or her own life and fulfill the conditions required to receive the indulgence. A plenary indulgence can be obtained only once in a day, except for those facing death, while partial indulgences can be obtained several times in a single day.

Souls who are already experiencing the glory of Heaven are asking for the graces we need on earth.

From November 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, we have a special time of grace. In these days we can obtain great gifts for the souls in purgatory. We would like to remind you what conditions must be met.

### How to obtain an indulgence for souls in purgatory?

#### November 1-2

1. Visit a church or chapel
2. Say the Our Father and Creed
3. Confession
4. Holy Communion
5. Prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father

#### November 1-8

1. Visit the cemetery
2. Pray for the dead
3. Confession
4. Holy Communion
5. Prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father

*It is possible to obtain one indulgence in one day, which you can only offer for the souls in purgatory.*

## 4. Appeal of the Holy Father for PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

*Let us continue praying and do some works / sacrifices dedicated for Peace in the Holy Land and of the Whole World.*

*To Jesus, we must put all our Trust.*

## 5. BRAEBURN LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP ASSOCIATION AGM



*Thursday, November 16,  
6:30 PM at the CYO Hall  
PLEASE COME AND  
SUPPORT OUR CAMP!*

*-Stella Martin*

## 6. Special Thanks and Appreciations to :

**JOHN DEXTER G. ALBEOS**

for giving 1 ream of White Bond Paper (short size).

**KUSINA LOCAL c/o ALMA ECHEVERIA**

for giving 1 Box of Printer Ink with 4 cartridges in complete set of colours delivered via the Amazon.

## 7. CATECHISM CLASSES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Important Details:

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Level One** - for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years old

**NOTICE OF NEW SCHEDULE:** Thursdays **4:00PM** to **5:30 PM**

**First Reconciliation classes** - for students in grade three are Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Confirmation classes** begin October 16 and is now going on every Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. They are for students in Grade Seven (VII) and older.

For further information please see Father Slawek or email Caroline Knickle at [catechesis@sacredheartcathedral.ca](mailto:catechesis@sacredheartcathedral.ca).

## 8. MEET OUR CATECHISTS FOR 2023



**MARIANA GIACCAGLIA**  
CGS Level 1  
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**CAROLINE KNICKLE**  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion & 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation  
CGS Level 1 & 2  
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**KATHLEEN LABRIE**  
CGS Level 1 & 2  
(Border Photo credits to clikr.com)



**CLAIRE CAUDLE**  
CGS Level 1  
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**OFELIA TATU**  
CGS Level 1  
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**ADDIE ROSE SOMBITO**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
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**LEASETH OCAMPO**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
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**EMILY KNICKLE**  
Confirmation  
(Border Photo credits to clikr.com)



**REGH VERGARA**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
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**MONICA BEST**  
Confirmation  
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**YOLANDE CHEREPAK, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1**

*With great  
Gratitude and  
Love...*

**9. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** would like to heartily say *“Thank You to everyone who supported our recent **Bake Sale!** We raised **\$443.00** for CGS program materials and the upcoming Catechist Training Course. **Special Thanks and Appreciation** is also accorded to **Claire Caudle** for organizing the event.”* – **Caroline Knickle, Parish Catechist and Team Leader**

## 10. Religious Christmas Card Sale



Madonna House has a beautiful collection of religious Christmas cards for sale! They have partnered with our local Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program who will be selling a variety of styles during the month of November. All proceeds will go towards materials for the CGS programs and the catechist training course which will be held July 3 to 10, 2024. Volunteers will be selling the cards after Masses. They are priced at \$15.00 per set. Limited supply available. Thank you for supporting our CGS program and the faith formation of our children by purchasing a set! – *Caroline Knickle, Parish Catechist*

**11. Youth Ministry: YOUTH ON FIRE, For Grades 5-8**

**ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER**

**FRIDAYS: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

November 3: CKES Gym

November 10: No Youth Day (Remembrance Day)

November 17: CHES Gym

November 24: TBA

- *Andrea Lefebvre - Coordinator*



**12. REMEMBRANCE DAY – November 11**

The Canadian pose today in silence to remember those who died in war and to pray for the victims of aggression and inhumanity throughout the world. *This a day to pray for peace, to consider that we are doing as individuals, as a community and as a nation to bring God's peace into the world.* This is a day when a believing community should rededicate itself by prayer and action to the ideals Jesus gives us in the Beatitudes.

**13. Updates on Church Projects:**

Rev. Fr. Slawomir Szwagzyk

**Siding for the Basement Exterior Walls and an Exterior Door**

The Energy North Construction Ltd., is continuing the works as designed and contracted. Our humble appeal to all parishioners and other good people to help us raise the needed funds for the completion of the said projects.

We sincerely thanked and appreciated those who have given donations especially those who preferred to be anonymous. God take your accounts justly and blessedly.

**14. Sunday Collections and Major Expenses For October 2023**

Total Collections for 5 Sundays of October 2023 = **\$15,217.00**

Major Expenses: **\$26,366.35 (Period covered: October 1, 2023 to October 1, 2024)**

- 1) Property and Equipment Breakdown Insurance of the Cathedral/ Hall/ Rectory/ Garage
- 2) Liability Insurance

**On spirituality:**

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**GUIDE TO SCRIPTURAL READINGS AND MEDITATIONS FOR 31<sup>st</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A**

**November 5, Sunday:**

**Theme: EXALTED THROUGH HUMILITY**

**ANTIPHON: cf. Psalm 104:3-4** *Let the heart that seeks the Lord rejoice, turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.*

**READING 1:** Malachi 1. 14-2.2, 8-10 *You have turned aside from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your instruction.*

21 You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. 22 If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely listen to their cry. 23 My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. 24 If you lend money to my people, the poor among you, you must not be like a money lender; you must not demand interest from them. 25 If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; 26 for this is his only covering; it is the cloak for his body. What will he sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will listen; for I am compassionate. 27 You shall not despise God, nor curse a leader of your people.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18:1-2, 3+6b, 46+50ab Response: 1**

**RESPONSE:** *I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

<sup>1</sup> I love you, LORD, my strength. <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock where I seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**RESPONSE:** *I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

<sup>3</sup> I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I was saved from my enemies. <sup>6</sup> I called to the LORD in my distress, and I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

RESPONSE: *I love you, O Lord, my strength.*

<sup>46</sup> The LORD lives—blessed be my rock! The God of my salvation is exalted. <sup>50</sup> He gives great victories to his king; he shows loyalty to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever

RESPONSE: *I love you, O Lord, my strength*

**READING 2** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 *We are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but also our own selves.*

<sup>7</sup> Although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle<sup>2</sup> among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. <sup>8</sup> With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. <sup>9</sup> You recall, brothers, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.<sup>4</sup> <sup>13</sup> And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & ALLELUIA** *Matthew 23: 9, 10*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher, the Lord Jesus Christ!  
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 23:1-12 The scribes and Pharisees did not practise what they teach.*

### **Denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees**

<sup>1a</sup> Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. <sup>4b</sup> They tie up heavy burdens<sup>2</sup> [hard to carry] and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup> <sup>5a</sup> All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. <sup>6</sup> <sup>6a</sup> They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, <sup>7</sup> greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' <sup>8</sup> As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. <sup>11a</sup> The greatest among you must be your servant. <sup>12</sup> <sup>12a</sup> Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

### **Prayer:**

*Most humble Lord, You are exalted above all because You were humble beyond all. You knew the truth of Who You are and embraced that truth with all Your might. Please give me Your eyes to see myself as You see me, so that in Your humble gaze, I will see my sin, repent wholeheartedly, and turn to You as the source of all my love. Jesus, I trust in You.  
(My Catholic Life)*

**November 06, Monday:**

**Theme: THE REWARD OF ETERNAL GLORY**

**ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 24 Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God..*

**READING 1: Romans 11. 29-36** *God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69. 29-30, 32-33, 35-36 R14c**

RESPONSE: *Lord, in Your great love, answer me.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 14. 12 - 14.** *When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.*

### **Prayer:**

*Most glorious God, You came to earth to suffer and die. In that act of perfect love You brought about the greatest good ever known. You offered this holy service of love in the most hidden and humble of ways. As a result, You are now glorified forever. Help me to share in Your acts of humble and hidden service so that I, too, may one day share in the glory of Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 07, Tuesday**

**Theme: YOU ARE INVITED**

**ANTIPHON: Psalm 26.** *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.*

**READING 1: Romans 12. 5-16a.** *So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 131: 1, 2, 3 Response: 2**

**RESPONSE:** *In You, Lord, I have found my peace.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 14. 15-24.** *Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.*

**Prayer:**

*My generous Lord, You have invited me to share in the glory of Your great Feast. You invite me every day to pray, grow strong in my faith, and to share in the Holy Eucharist. May I always respond to You and never excuse myself from Your invitations. Please also use me, dear Lord, to send forth Your invitation to those most in need. Jesus, I trust in You.*

*(My Catholic Life)*

**November 08, Wednesday:**

**Theme: LOVING THROUH “HOLYHATE”**

**Feast: Solemnity of All Saints: Known and Unknown**

**ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 26.** *O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Savior.*

**READING 1: Romans 13: 8-10.** *The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 112. 1-2, 4-5, 9 R5**

**RESPONSE:** *Happy the merciful who give to those in need, or Alleluia (2x)*

**GOSPEL: Luke 14. 25-33** *Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.*

**Prayer:**

*My demanding Lord, You call us all to a life of radical holiness. You desire that I come to love You above all with all my heart. Please give me the grace and wisdom I need to renounce all that is an obstacle to my love and service of You. May You and You alone be glorified in my life. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 09, Thursday:**

**Theme: CARRIED HOME**

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**ANTIPHON: Cf. Revelation 21.** *I saw the Holy City, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.*

**READING 1: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12.** *I saw water flowing from the temple and all to whom that water came was saved.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 46-5, 7-8 R 4**

**RESPONSE:** *The streams make glad the city of God, the habitation of the Most High.*

**GOSPEL: John 2. 13-22** *Jesus was speaking about the temple of His body.*

**Prayer:**

*My gentle Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You love me and search for me with diligence and fidelity. May I trust You enough to stop running from You and hiding from Your gentle voice. Please come to me, pick me up, place me on Your shoulders and carry me home. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 10, Friday:**

**Theme: STEWARDS OF EARTHLY RICHES**

**Memorial: St. Leo The Great, Pope and Doctor**

**ANTIPHON: Cf. Sirach 45.** *The Lord established for him a covenant of peace, and made him the Prince, that he might have dignity of the priesthood forever.*

**READING 1: Romans 15.14-21:** *God give me the grace to be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 98. 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 R2b**

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord revealed to the nations His saving power.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 16. 1-8.** *The children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.*

**Prayer:**

*My Lord of all riches, You and You alone are the Master of all things created. All that I have and possess are Yours, dear Lord. Help me to believe this and to live my life purely as a steward of the possessions I have. Free me from squandering that which You have entrusted to my care. May I use all for Your glory and only in accord with Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

November 11, Saturday:

Theme: **DO SMALL THINGS WELL.**

Memorial: St. Martin of Tours and Remembrance Day

ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 29. *The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

READING 1: Romans 16. 3-9, 16, 22-27. Great one another with a holy kiss.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145. 2-3, 4-5, 10-11 **Response 2.**

RESPONSE: *I will praise Your Name forever, Lord.*

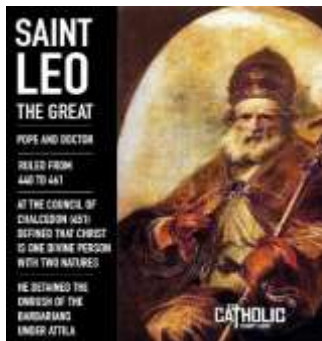
GOSPEL: Luke 16. 9-15 *If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?*

Prayer:

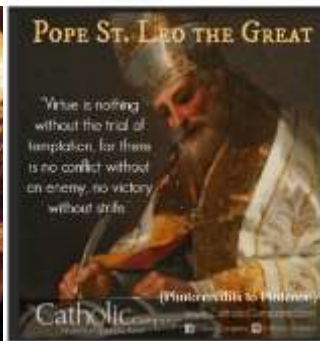
*My trustworthy Lord, You were entrusted with the greatest good ever known. Your Father in Heaven entrusted to You the salvation of the world. Please help me to share in this task by being faithful to Your holy will in every small way. As I seek to serve You in the small matters of life, I pray that I will be able to be used for even greater ones. My life is Yours, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life).*

### Celebrating the Commemorations of the Saints For the 31<sup>st</sup> Week

The feast of the saints is important because it is a way of honouring God and growing in our love for Him<sup>12</sup>. It also reminds us of the ways the Lord has been and continues to be at work in the world<sup>2</sup>, and of the triumph of the Gospel<sup>3</sup>. By celebrating the feast days of saints, we commemorate their lives, their virtues, and their intercession for us. (EWTN)



Memorial: November 10



Memorial: November 11



### Offering of the Heart

Virgin Mary, most loving mother, please give me a heart like yours, firm in its attachments and of unshakable loyalty, an affectionate heart which radiates a discreet tenderness and which is open, a pure heart which lives in the flesh without burdened by it, a generous heart, quick in forgetting its hurts and always ready to forgive, a considerate heart which hides a great deal of love in the smallest details, in the most humble service, a magnanimous heart which rejoices in other's triumphs and shares in their sorrows, a heart which condemns no one, and does not tire of being confided to, a heart taken up by Christ, totally given to His infinite love. Amen.

– Ferdinand Lelotte, SJ, 1958 (translated and adapted by Dr. Chau Thien Phan)

Living with Christ special issue, Prayers to Mary. *Words of Beauty and Wisdom*, (Toronto: Novalis, 2019), p. 11. **PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY DAILY!**



*With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword.*

–St. Martin of Tours



# 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*

Everyone is  
welcome!  
Social with refreshments  
will follow each session

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

*Drop-ins  
welcome*

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

***Starting Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 until May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

*Do you have questions or even concerns about your faith  
or how to transmit it in today's world?*

**This catechesis is for you.**

Sharing our Faith,  
witnessing of God's  
love and transmitting  
faith to our children  
and youth is a mission  
we are all called to,  
most especially parents  
as first educators.

Registration  
recommended.  
Please email  
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for more info.

This journey will be a  
support and a light for  
all parents,  
grandparents,  
godparents, youth  
leaders, teachers,  
neighbors and friends  
who wish to share their  
experience, receive a  
word of truth, and a  
much-needed impetus  
in their Christian  
mission.



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This Catechesis Program is going on!  
It is not yet too late. The series of sharing our faith,  
witnessing God's love, and transmitting our faith is a continuing  
and an ever flowing mission. This is still open to anyone  
who are interested and willing to join the activities.  
You are most welcome to be a part of our journey.  
Please come. God be with us always.

# FAMILY CATECHESIS

## Introduction

The General Directory for Catechesis (GDC) tells us that “catechesis is nothing other than the process of transmitting the Gospel, as the Christian community has received it, understands it, celebrates it, lives it and communicates it in many ways” (105). Catechesis is about much more than passing on information; it is formation which leads to transformation. Family catechesis occurs in all stages of life. As families live their daily lives and interact with one another, they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. “Family catechesis therefore precedes, accompanies and enriches all forms of catechesis” (Catechesi Tradendae 68). Church documents stress that families can only grow in relationship with Christ with the help of the Christian community. Therefore it is important that the Church tend to the needs of families, and in a particular way, to parents as the first educators in the faith. Family catechesis ensures the Gospel message is the lived experience of the entire family. As Pope Francis reminds us, “the family is not merely the sum of persons belonging to it, but a ‘community of persons’ (cf. nn. 17-18). And a community is more than the sum total of persons that belong to it. It is the place where one learns to love, it is the natural centre of human life. It is made up of faces, of people who love, dialogue, make self-sacrifices for one another and defend life, especially of the most vulnerable and the weakest” (Address of Pope Francis to Participants in the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Family, 2013).

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