



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A**  
**November 12, 2023**



The Gospel of Today: Matthew 25: 1-13

## 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
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#### B. Daily Masses

12:10 NN Monday to Friday
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#### C. Special Masses

9:00 AM First Saturday of the Month	Weddings and Funerals (by Appointments)
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#### D. Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Intentions	Date	Day	Time	Intentions
Nov 11	Sat	5:00 PM	+Floriano Leparto	Nov 13	Mon	12:10 NN	+Kate Janelle Lopez
Nov 12	Sun	9:00 AM	All Parishioners	Nov 14	Tue	12:10 NN	Blessing for family
		10:30 AM	Thanksgiving to St. Estanislus de Kostka	Nov 15	Wed	12:10 NN	+ All Souls in Purgatory
		12:00 NN	Marcel Benoit – for successful surgery	Nov 16	Thu	12:10 NN	+ Gus and Vivian Pasowisty
		7:00 PM	+Gus and Vivian Pasowisty	Nov 17	Fri	12:10 NN	+Ljubica & Madimir Dolanjski, +Jana & Ivan Parcovic
Nov 18	Sat	5:00 PM	+Monique, Clarence & Family				

*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.*

The songs of birds and the sound of music should remind us of the eternal and ever new canticle of heaven. –St. Anthony Mary Claret

## 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 - May 2024

**Sacramental Rites:** Spring and Summer 2024

### 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

### Prayer for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament  
of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.



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I adore you Jesus, true God,  
and true man, present in the Holy  
Eucharist, kneeling before you and  
united in spirit with all the faithful on  
earth and all the saints in heaven. In  
gratitude for so great a blessing, I  
love you with all my heart, for you are  
worthy of all praise and adoration.  
Lord Jesus Christ, may I never offend  
you with my lack of love. May your  
Eucharistic presence refresh me in  
body and soul. Mary, Mother of the  
Eucharistic Lord, pray for me and  
obtain for me a greater love for  
Jesus. Amen. (*Lay Cistercians of  
South Florida*)

### 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.*

## 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.**

#### 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 **Marriage Enrichment Program** sponsored by the **Couples For Christ (CFC) – Whitehorse** is going on Today, November 12, 2023 at the CYO Hall. **Speakers are a Team from Vancouver.** May all couples who are present in this noble endeavour gained new and deeper insights on the essence of the Sacrament of Marriage and renew their vows to be more pleasing to God and may the Holy Spirit walk with them all throughout their journey towards sanctity.



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### PARISH UPDATES

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

#### 1. November 19, World Day of the Poor

On 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 19, 2023, is the World Day of the Poor.

This very significant event is instituted by Pope Francis in 2017 so that "throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ's charity for the least and those most in need". –Message of His Holiness, Pope Francis

*First World Day of the Poor, 19 November 2017*



#### 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. 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.*

#### 4. BRAEBURN LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP ASSOCIATION AGM



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

**-Stella Martin**

### 5. 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.

**NOVEMBER 13, 2023: NO Catechesis Class for the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION.**

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

#### 6. Religious Christmas Card Sale

Madonna House Religious Christmas Cards For Sale is still available on a limited supply for the month of November at \$15.00 per set. Volunteers are selling after the Masses. All proceeds will be for the Catechists Trainings and programs of the Good Shepherd. Your kind support and generosity are gratefully appreciated. – *Caroline Knickle, Parish Catechist*

## 7. Youth Ministry: YOUTH ON FIRE, For Grades 5-8

### ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER:

FRIDAYS: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

November 17: CHES Gym

November 24: TBA

- *Andrea Lefebvre - Coordinator*

### Tips for Young People to be well-grounded on God.

1. Rejoice in the grace of Christ
2. Devour the Bible
3. Pray, pray, pray...
4. Keep (sexually) pure
5. Serve in your local Church Gospel
6. Study sound doctrine
7. Work your socks off
8. Lose your ego
9. Grow up
10. Remember the Gospel

-Will Graham, *Fresh Breeze*

## 8. Adopt An Inmate Envelope For Donations



Adopt an Inmate Provides Support & Connections To Incarcerated Individuals."

**MISSION:** Adopt an Inmate is dedicated to promoting the value and rehabilitation of people in prison. By connecting them with supportive adopters, our organization amplifies their voices, expands their support systems, and increases the likelihood of successful re-entry into society. Through educational programs and community partnerships, we strive to improve the criminal justice system and create a more just and compassionate society. Join us in making a difference – [adopt an inmate](#), volunteer, or donate today. (*Adopt an Inmate, Oregon*)

*Envelopes are available at the back of the church.*

## 9. 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 12<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.



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.

**CALLED TO LOVE** - The next session (4) of the Called to Love program for adults and parents will be held on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 7 to 8:30pm in the CYO Hall at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The topic will be "*In the Light of Vocation - The vocation of Marriage and The Vocation to Virginity and Celibacy*", presented by Joshua and Denise Grimard, Missionary Family at St. Theresa Catholic Mission in Telegraph, BC.

## 10. On Discernment and Vocation: ORDINATION OF ADRIAN ZAMORA

We are pleased to share with you the joyful news of Fr. Adrian Zamora's Priesthood Ordination on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November in the Cathedral of Arequipa, Peru.

Many of you may remember Adrian who came to our diocese as a missionary seminarian for a year from February 2020 to February 2021. He spent most of his time at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Fort Nelson, BC and this was a formative experience for him.

Please pray for Fr. Adrian as he carries on the work of Christ in our world. The celebration can be viewed on the Arzobispado de Arequipa Facebook page and YouTube channel. <https://www.facebook.com/ArzobispadoAQP/>



## 11. WHITEHORSE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Whitehorse Community Choir invites everyone to its Christmas Concert Fri. Dec 1 & Sat. Dec 2. The theme is Christmas Through Time. Yukon Arts Centre 7:30pm both evenings. Tickets available at [yukontickets.com](http://yukontickets.com) or the Yukon Arts Centre Box Office.



## 12. Social Justice Committee Notes

The **32nd Global Village Fair** provides us with the opportunity to find Christmas presents that also support Fair Trade, cooperative and community based groups. This year it will be held at the Elk's Hall on Saturday, November 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 24th Annual **Chiapas Solidarity Christmas Card** signing will be held after masses on November 18 and 19th. St. Francis students prepare cards to be sent to a group working on socio-economic projects with indigenous Mexicans in the poorest state in Mexico. This action allows parishioners to show that their care and concern has a global reach and joins us in efforts to create a more just world. Parishioners will be invited to contribute a \$2 to a small gift to them as well.

- Michael Dougherty

### 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 32<sup>nd</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

November 12, Sunday:

Theme: Windows to Your Soul

**ANTIPHON:** *cf. Psalm 87:3* *Let my prayer come into Your presence. Incline Your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

**READING 1:** Wisdom 6.12-16 *Wisdom is found by those who seek her.*

12Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her.<sup>13</sup>She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her;<sup>14</sup> one who watches for her at dawn will not be disappointed, for she will be found sitting at the gate. 15For setting your heart on her is the perfection of prudence, and whoever keeps vigil for her is quickly free from care; 16Because she makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them on the way, and goes to meet them with full attention.<sup>1</sup>

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 63:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 *Response: 1a*

**RESPONSE:** *My soul thirst for You, O Lord my God.*

<sup>2</sup>O God, you are my God— it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, In a land parched, lifeless, and without water.<sup>3</sup> I look to you in the sanctuary to see your power and glory.

**RESPONSE:** *My soul thirst for You, O Lord my God.*

<sup>4</sup>For your love is better than life;<sup>5</sup> my lips shall ever praise you! <sup>5</sup>I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands, calling on your name.

**RESPONSE:** *My soul thirst for You, O Lord my God.*

<sup>6</sup>My soul shall be sated as with choice food, with joyous lips my mouth shall praise you! <sup>7</sup>I think of you upon my bed, I remember you through the watches of the night.

**RESPONSE:** *My soul thirst for You, O Lord my God.*

**READING 2** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.*

Hope for the Christian Dead.

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be unaware, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.<sup>15</sup> Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,<sup>16</sup> will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.<sup>17</sup> For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>18</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together<sup>19</sup> with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, console one another with these words.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & ALLELUIA** *Matthew 24: 42, 44*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Keep awake and be ready; you do not know when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:** **Matthew 25:1-13** *Look! Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.*

**The Parable of the Ten Virgins.:**

1“Then” the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, 4but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. 5Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ 7Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ 10While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. 11<sup>a</sup> Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ 12But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13<sup>b</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**Prayer:**

*Lord of perfect charity, You desire to speak to me and reveal Yourself to me in many ways. I pray that I will always perceive You with my eyes and ears, and use all of my five senses for Your glory. Please free me from every inordinate and unhealthy attachment so that I am free to completely attach myself to You. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 13, Monday:**

**Theme: LOVING EVERY SINNER**

**ANTIPHON:** *Cf. Psalm 27 The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your heritage, and govern them for ever.*

**READING 1: Wisdom 1. 1-7** *Wisdom is a kindly spirit; the Spirit of the Lord has filled the world.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 139. 1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 R24b**

**RESPONSE:** *Guide me, Lord, along the everlasting way.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 17. 1-6** *If the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, ‘I repent’, you must forgive.*

**Prayer:**

*My most compassionate Lord, You love the sinner and deeply desire that they turn to You in their need. Please give me Your heart of compassion so that I will be free to love them as You love them. May I never become an instrument of temptation for them to fall further away from You but, instead, become an instrument of Your unfailing mercy. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 14, Tuesday**

**Theme: SERVANTS OF THE MASTER**

**ANTIPHON: Psalm 46.** *All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.*

**READING 1: Wisdom 2. 23-3.9** *In the eyes of the foolish the righteous seemed to have died, but they are at peace.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34. 2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Response: 2**

**RESPONSE:** *I will the Lord at all times.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 17. 7-10.** **“We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”**

**Prayer:**

*My Lord and Master, You have commanded me and all Your servants to obey Your commands of perfect love. Your will alone is what is best for our lives and Your dictates bring fulfillment and purpose to our lives. May I, with Your Blessed Mother, always obey You in everything, for I am a servant of You, dear Lord. May I joyfully do what I am obliged to do. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 15, Wednesday:**

**Theme: THANK YOU, MY LORD.**

**ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 47.** *Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of Your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth, your right hands is filled with saving justice.*

**READING 1: Wisdom 6. 1-11.** *Listen, O kings, and understand.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 82. 3-4, 6-7, R8**

**RESPONSE:** *Rise up, O God, bring judgment to the earth.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 17. 11-19** *Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?*

**Prayer:**

*My gracious Lord, You bestow Your mercy upon me in superabundance. Without You, Jesus, I have nothing; but with You, I receive everything. May I always know and understand my need for Your grace. And as I am gifted with it, may I respond with the deepest gratitude, thus, saving my soul through faith. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 16, Thursday:**

**Theme: PERCEIVING THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**Ferial: St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertude**

**ANTIPHON:** Cf. **Psalm 16.** *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of Your glory.*

**READING 1: Wisdom 7. 22-8.1.** Wisdom is the breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119. 89-90, 91+130, 135+175 R89**

**RESPONSE:** *Your word is for ever, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 17, 20-25** *The kingdom of God is among you.*

**Prayer:**

*My mysterious Lord, Your Kingdom is everywhere, all around us and within us. I do believe. Give me the eyes of faith so that I may continually perceive Your hand at work. May I always be attentive to all that You wish to reveal to me and open to the deep meaning of the mysteries You do reveal. Increase my faith, dear Lord, so that I may know You and join in the upbuilding of Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**November 17, Friday:**

**Theme: EMBRACING THE PRESENT MOMENT**

**Memorial: St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**ANTIPHON:** Cf. **Matthew 25.** *Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you:*

*Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for Me.*

**READING 1: Wisdom 13.1-9:** If the foolish had the power to know so much that they could investigate the world, how did they fail to find sooner the Lord of these things?

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19. 1-2, 3-4ab R2**

**RESPONSE:** *The heavens proclaim the glory of God.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 17. 26-37.** It will be like that on the day that the Son of Man is revealed..

**Prayer:**

*My ever-present Lord, You come to me always, suddenly and unexpectedly, and so often I do not hear You or perceive Your presence. Please help me to live continually for You and by Your grace, choosing Heavenly realities over temporary indulgences. May I live this way always, meeting You every moment of my life and anticipating that glorious final meeting with You at the time of judgment. Jesus, I trust in You (My Catholic Life)*

**November 18, Saturday:**

**Theme: PRAYING FOR THE WILL OF GOD**

**ANTIPHON: Psalm 53.** *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to You with willing heart, and praise Your Name, O Lord, for it is good.*

**READING 1: Wisdom 18.14-16; 19.6-9.** Dry Land emerged where water had stood before, an unhindered way out of the Red Sea, and the Israelites rejoiced like lambs..

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 105. 2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Response 5a.**

**RESPONSE:** *Remember the marvels the Lord has done. Or Alleluia, alleluia.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 18. 1-8** *God grants justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him.*

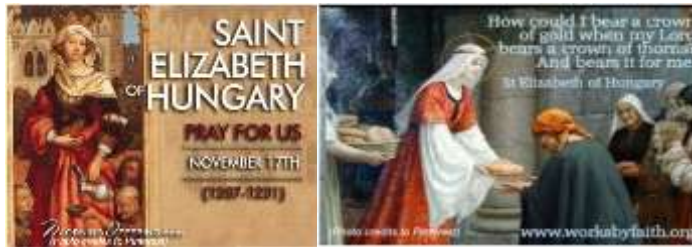
**Prayer:**

*My all-wise Lord, Your will is perfect in all things, and You always bestow Your grace upon me when I pray without ceasing. Please give me a trusting Heart, dear Lord, so that I will never waver in my hope that You will always answer my prayers in accord with Your will. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life).*

*It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to a person, and a person to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for God is charity. – St. Albert the Great*

**Celebrating the Commemorations of the Saints For the 32<sup>nd</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>1</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)



***As a Tribute to the Women Saints, the PARABLE of the Bridesmaids is highlighted as it is our Gospel this Sunday.***

The PARABLE OF THE Bridesmaids comes as Jesus moves from the teaching stage of His ministry into the days of His Passion and crucifixion. He is calling on His disciples to stay alert. Jesus knows they must be ready to carry the Good News into the world.

We too can be preoccupied with the day-to-day, and easily distracted. Still, Jesus calls us, as people who believe, to stay close and pay attention. We are His disciples in our time and place.

In 1982, the Bride I met in a faith community where we spent a year volunteering to help street kids. There was a daily rhythm to our prayer life that included Mass, as well as morning, evening and midnight prayer. As the years passed and we became parents of six children, Sunday Mass remained our priority; however, our spiritual practices changed to include prayer with the children, on the way to the school in the morning, before meals and bedtime.

Today, we stay close to the Lord, albeit often on the run. While daily mass is the priority, I pray the Rosary while Jennifer calls on the Lord through more spontaneous prayer. We believe the intentional, daily effort to live in the right direction, and, hopefully, ready when the Lord calls. – Harry Mc Avoy, Newmarket, ON



### 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!**

***Every quest is to be received as if it were Christ Himself – St. Benedict***