



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
October 1, 2023





“God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.”
~ (Saint Augustine)



PARISH MINISTRY



I. Daily Holy Mass Celebrations						Mass Intentions		
Sunday Masses	5:00 PM Saturday	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 NN	7:00 PM	Date	Time	Intentions
						Oct. 01	9:00 AM	(+) Melicia & Agrifino Leparto
Daily Masses	Monday to Friday		12:10 NN				10:30 AM	Manokorkor- for God's Blessings
Special Masses	9:00AM, 1 st Saturday of the Month		Weddings and Funerals (by Appointments)				12:00 NN	Marie Monfette
							7:00 PM	(+) All Souls in Purgatory
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II. Sacramental Preparations and Rites						Oct. 03	12:10 NN	(+) Alma Pecson
1. Baptism Preparations	1 st & 2nd Friday of the Month (pls. ensure correct and accurate information in the Registration Form)							Jessie Rosero – 59 th Birthday
						Oct. 04	12:10 NN	David Mac Martin - Birthday
Baptism Ceremony	Saturday at 6:00 PM					Oct. 05	12:10 NN	(+) Gus & Vivian Pasowisty
	Sunday at 1:00 PM					Oct. 06	12:10 NN	(+) Napoleon & Ausberta Asis

2. Reconciliation (or call for an appointment)	Sunday	Before or after the Mass	Oct. 07	5:00 PM	Vicenta R. Barbarona – for Healing & Thanksgiving
	Saturday	4:00 PM – 4:45 PM or call for an appointment		Requests for Holy Mass Celebrations	
	Monday to Friday	11:30 AM – 12:00 NN	Offering of a Holy Mass Celebration is a special way of lifting to God our acclamations, contriteness, and thankfulness as a sublime expression of praising and glorifying God.		
3. Holy Communion and 4. Confirmation	Catechesis Classes; October-November Sacramental Rites: Spring and Summer Only		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Requiem Mass / Death Anniversary / Remembering the Souls</i> 2. <i>Funeral Mass and other Services</i> 3. <i>Special Milestones (Birthday and Wedding Anniversary)</i> 4. <i>Thanksgiving Mass (Most Special intentions)</i> <i>Other Special / Highly Significant Intentions</i> 		
5. Marriage Preparations	Spring Time Only				
6. Sacrament of the Sick	By appointments				
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III. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament					
Thursday	1:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Sacred Heart Cathedral	<p>COME!... LOOK!... FEEL!... LISTEN!... BELIEVE!... PRAY! JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR IS AT THE ALTAR OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HIGHLY AWAITING YOU.</p> <p>You may send your requests in person at the office, thru emails, or dropping the notice/s at the offertory box / basket for our attention and appropriate actions.</p> <p><i>Thank you for Your offerings in any amount, in kind or in form. God grants the merits of your hearts and souls.</i></p>		
We are with you in Praying for your intentions, petitions & all forms of supplications. Drop them in the Prayer Intention Box.					
IV. Youth Ministry					
Worship and Adoration Time: 2 nd Thursday at 6:30 PM - 8:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral – please coordinate with Mariana Giaccaglia			Youth of Fire: For Grades 5-8, Friday at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Christ the King Gym, please coordinate with Andrea Lefebvre .		
V. Devotions and Commemorations					
			<p style="text-align: center;">October 1 - Parish Prayer in the Cemetery – Gray Mountain, Sunday at 2:00 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All are invited to join this very significant activity in commemoration of all the Saints and Souls of our dearly departed ones since November 1-2 is already Winter Time. (You may bring flowers and candles, if you like)</p> 		
<p>Marian Month: October as a “Marian Month”, we, the faithful and devotees of the Blessed Virgin Mary are enjoined to sing the Marian Hymns during the finale of the Holy Mass and in our Daily Rosary Prayers. It is believed that singing Marian Songs in the Morning Praise and Evening Prayers, the devotees received extraordinary peace, healing, comfort and love.</p>					

PARISH UPDATES

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

For Full Awareness and Guidance on Catechesis and Sacramental Programs, Keep Posted!

Catechism Classes Of Children and Youth

Important Details:

All of our catechism classes begin the first week of October. Here is a list of classes we currently offer. **See the registration form for further information.**

Children ages **3, 4 and 5 years old** - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level one (Thursdays 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. **OR** Saturdays 10:00 to 11:30am)

Children ages **6 to 9 years old** - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level two (limited this year to children who have already participated in CGS)

Grade **Three students** - First Reconciliation classes (October and November, Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Grade **Three students** - First Communion classes (January to May 2024, Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Grade **Four students** - catechism classes for those who have celebrated First Reconciliation and First Communion (Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

Grade **Seven students** - Confirmation classes (October to May, tentatively Mondays 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES starts on October 16, 2023 in the CYO Hall.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS BEGINS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 AT 6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH. IT IS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN. REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE THERE.

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

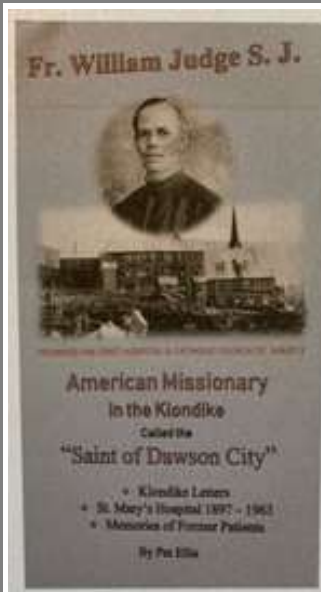
To Our Lady of the Rosary

O Virgin Mary,
grant that the recitation of your Rosary
may be for me each day,
in the midst of my manifold duties,
a bond of unity in my actions,
a tribute of filial piety,
a sweet refreshment,
an encouragement to walk joyfully
along the path of duty.
Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary,
that the study of the mysteries
may form in my soul,
little by little, a luminous atmosphere,
pure, strengthening and fragrant,
which may penetrate
my understanding,
my will, my heart, my memory,
my imagination, my whole being.
So shall I acquire the habit of praying
while I work,
by insistent acts of admiration
and of supplication,
or by aspirations of love.
I ask this of you,
O Queen of the Holy Rosary,
through Saint Dominic
and Blessed Bartholomew Longo,
your sons of predilection,
the renowned preachers
of your mysteries
and the faithful imitators
of your virtues.
Amen



Let us honor the
Month of
October for the
sanctity of the
Holy Rosary.

A Family that
prays together
are blessed with
one another by
our Blessed
Mother and
our risen Lord
and
Saviour Jesus
Christ.



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Searching for a "New Abode"!

A fellow named Rachael from Vancouver is coming this October 1, 2023 and she is searching for a "new abode" that is single room near the Sacred Heart Church: She may be working for the Yukon Government. Anyone who can find a place for her, you may contact her with this number (605)-622-0617.

*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



With **Cold** weather approaching, **MARYHOUSE** is again in need of coats, boots, hoodies, snow pants, long johns, hats and mitts for the men who come to us.

Please bring donations to **504 Cook St.** It may be helpful to call before coming, **(667-7146)** to ensure someone is at home to receive your donations. Please do keep us and those we serve in your prayer. Thank you.

UPDATES ON CHURCH PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS

Rev. Fr. Slawomir Szwagrzyk, Rector

Update on our Energy Retrofit

Spring of this year – Insulation of the basement (CYO Hall)

During the spring of this year, we completed the insulation of the basement, including CYO Hall. In May, we made our final payment of \$129,650 for the additional insulation.

40% of the project cost was covered by a grant from the Energy Solutions Centre. We also received a grant from CDF of \$75,000.00 Additionally, we paid an advance of approximately \$10,000 for new basement exterior siding to cover the newly installed insulation that extends above ground level on the outside of the building.

To insulate the basement walls, we had to excavate around the foundations. As part of this process, the sidewalks on the west and north sides of the church were removed and later replaced with new sidewalks upon completion of the insulation work (\$20,450.00).

Spring and Summer of this year – Architectural Design

During the summer, the architect completed the drawings for the insulation project on the main floor of the cathedral. We made a payment of \$18,000 for this work. The total cost for the architect's services is estimated to be around \$45,000. Until now, we have paid approximately 75% of this total expected cost.

Fall of this year – Siding for the Basement Exterior Walls and an Exterior Door

On September 28th, we signed a contract to install the basement siding. The estimated total cost for this project is of approximately \$38,900, with an initial payment of \$10,000 already made. The basement siding is expected to be installed by the end of October (middle of November).

Earlier this year, our church was unfortunately broken into on two separate occasions. As a result, we are now in need of a new door for the cathedral. This incident has presented us with an opportunity to upgrade this door to a better-insulated one. Our goal is to find sufficient funds to invest in a new, high-quality, well-insulated commercial-quality door.

Fundraising

To pay all the renovation bills (*not counting the front door*) we need about \$50,000. From June 20 up until today, thanks to your generosity and God's providence, we've raised \$13,800. Therefore, we now need to raise \$36,200.

Church Furnace

We earnestly regret to inform you that our Church Furnace is not functioning since September 7, 2023. However, we are working on it and we are waiting for the delivery of the needed spare parts to finish the essential repair and maintenance works. We are very sorry for the discomfort and inconvenience inside the Church because of a colder ambiance. Hence, you are encouraged to enhance the warmth of your "Outfit-of-the Day" / clothing when you come to our Holy Mass Celebrations.

Thank you.

On spirituality:

Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis for October 2023

“For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.”



October 1, Sunday: [A Life Of On-going Conversion](#)

ANTIPHON: Daniel 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that You have done to us, O Lord, You have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against You and not observed Your commandments. But give glory to Your name and deal with us according to the bounty of Your mercy.

READING 1: Ezekiel 18. 25-28

Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. (6a) Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

RESPONSE: Remember Your mercies, O Lord

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

RESPONSE: Remember Your mercies, O Lord .

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

RESPONSE: Remember Your mercies, O Lord

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

RESPONSE: Remember Your mercies, O Lord .

READING 2: [Philippians 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5](#)

Plea for Unity and Humility.:

1If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, 2complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.^a 3Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves,^b 4each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others.^c 5Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus;⁶Who,⁷ though he was in the form of God,^d did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.^e 7Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness;⁸ and found human in appearance,⁹ 8he humbled himself,^f becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.⁹ 9Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name:¹⁰ that is above every name,¹⁰ 10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,¹¹ of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ 11and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,¹² to the glory of God the Father.¹

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & ALLELUIA John 10:27

R. Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: [Matthew 21:28-32](#)

The Parable of the Two Sons.:

28“What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ 29He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards he changed his mind and went. 30The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. 31- Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. 32^a When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Prayer:

Most merciful Lord, You continuously call us to repentance. We have all sinned against You and do so every day. Please give me the gifts of humility and honesty so that I will be aware of the ways in which I refuse to say yes to Your perfect will and so that I can repent of those sins and daily turn back to You. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 2, Monday: Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

ANTIPHON: (Cf. Daniel 3)

Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him all above forever.

READING 1: Exodus 23.20-23a. *My angel will go in front of you.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 91. 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 10-11; R11.

RESPONSE: *The angels of the Lord will guard you in all your ways.*

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 103: Alleluia. Alleluia. *Bless the Lord, all you angels, you ministers who do God’s will. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 1-5, 10. *In heaven, their angels continually see the face of my father.*

Prayer:

Living Word of God, my Lord and my King, I thank You for the way in which You come to me and all Your children through Your written Word. Fill me with a love for that Word so that I will daily engage my mind in the deep truths revealed within it. May I meet You, dear Lord, and grow in an understanding of Who You are and what You wish to reveal to me. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 3, Tuesday: Courage To Conquer Fear

ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 85.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to You all the day long. O Lord, You are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

READING 1: Zechariah 8. 20-23. *Many people shall come to seek the Lord in Jerusalem.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 87: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7 Response: Zechariah 8.23

RESPONSE: *God is with us.*

GOSPEL: Luke 9. 51-56. *Jesus set His face to Jerusalem.*

Prayer:

My courageous Lord, You faced Your suffering with much courage, strength, surrender and hope. You saw the value of Your free embrace of Your suffering and chose it with all the power of Your soul. Give me the grace I need, dear Lord, to also resolutely determine to journey toward the cross I am called to embrace in life, so that my free embrace of my cross will unite me more fully with You. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 4, Wednesday: Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

ANTIPHON:

Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

READING 1: Nehemiah 2. 1-8. *I fit pleases the king, send me to the city of my ancestors, so that I may rebuild it.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137. 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6 R.6ab

RESPONSE: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I forget You.*

GOSPEL: Luke 9. 57-62. *I will follow you wherever you go.*

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are gracious, merciful, and kind. Set me free from my prejudice and intolerance towards those I find disagreeable, and widen my heart to love and to do good even to those who wish me harm or evil. (*Don Schwager, Servants of the Word*)

October 5, Thursday: Memorial of St. Faustina Kowalska

ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 118

You are just, O Lord, and Your judgment is right; treat Your servant in accord with Your merciful love.

READING 1: Nehemiah. 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ezra opened the book of the law of Moses and praised the Lord; and all the people answered: "Amen, Amen".

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19. 7, 8, 9, 10. Response: 8a.

RESPONSE: *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

GOSPEL: Luke 10. 1-12. *Your peace will rest on those who welcome You*

Prayer:

My courageous Lord, You came face-to-face with a harshness and cruelty in this world that ultimately enabled You to give witness to Your divine love by freely laying down Your life. Please send me forth on Your mission and strengthen me with every divine virtue so that I will not fear any form of persecution but always remain steadfast in my love of You, overcoming all fear through the gift of faith. My life is Yours, dear Lord. Do with me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 6, Friday: Memorials of Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher and St. Bruno

ANTIPHON: CF. Sirach 36

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, that the prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of Your servant, and of Your people Israel.

READING 1: Baruch 1. 15-22 We have sinned before the Lord and have not believed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 79. 1-2, 3-4, 5+8, 9. Response 9b.

RESPONSE: *For the glory of Your name, O Lord, deliver us.*

GOSPEL: Luke 10. 13-16. *Whoever rejects me, rejects the one who sent me.*

Prayer:

My merciful Lord, You call me to daily repent of my sin and to do so through the manifest signs of sitting "in sackcloth and ashes." Give me the grace of true sorrow for my sins and help me to sincerely repent as I trust in Your mercy. As I do, please also guide me so that I may humble myself and express my sorrow in manifest ways toward those against whom I have sinned. May this humble act bring healing and unity in You. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

October 7, Saturday: Memorial of Our Lady of Rosary

ANTIPHON: Cf. Luke 1

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

READING 1: Baruch 4. 5-12, 27-29. The one who brought these calamities upon you will bring you everlasting joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69. 29+32, 33-34, 35-36. Response 33a.

RESPONSE: *The Lord listens to the poor.*

GOSPEL: Luke 10. 17-24. *Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.*

Prayer:

My indwelling Lord, I am blessed beyond belief by Your divine presence dwelling within me. Please open my eyes to see You and my ears to hear You so that I will be able to dwell with You Who have come to dwell in me. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)

Celebrating the Commemorations of the Saints For the 26th Week

The feast of the saints is important because it is a way of **honouring God and growing in our love for Him**¹². It also reminds us of **the ways the Lord has been and continues to be at work in the world**², and of **the triumph of the Gospel**¹³. By celebrating the feast days of saints, we commemorate their lives, their virtues, and their intercession for us. (EWTN)



October 1: Feast of St. Theres of the Child Jesus.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, also known as St. Thérèse of Lisieux or the Little Flower, was a **French Carmelite nun who is widely venerated for her spiritual accomplishments**¹²³. She was born Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin on January 2, 1873 in Alençon, France, and lost her mother at the age of four¹²³. She entered the Carmelite convent at 15 and lived a life of humility, simplicity, and trust in God¹²³. She died of tuberculosis on September 30, 1897, and was canonized in 1925¹². She is the patroness of the missions, florists, and soldiers. (MS Bing)



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Born: 1182 Died: 1226 (44 years old)
Feast Day: **Oct. 4**
Patron Saint of:
Italy, Ecology, Merchants, Animals, Archeologists, Messengers, Metal Workers

In 1229 St. Pope John XXI recognized Saint Francis the patron of workers. Founder of the Franciscan order and known for his example of humility and commitment to poverty and desire to follow the example of Christ, St. Francis chose to be poor that he might be like Jesus. Francis was known for his great peace and sanctification of the world that he might be totally disciplined by the will of God. The recognized God's creation as a reflection of the beauty of God.

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St Bruno was Founder of the Carthusian Order, a strict monastic order that follows a life of silence, prayer, and penance. He was born in Cologne around 1030 and was a renowned scholar and teacher. He died in 1101 in a monastery in Calabria, where he settled with some of his followers. He was canonized in 1514 and is the patron of exorcists and possessed persons.

07 October
Our Lady of the Rosary
Memorial

This Memorial (originally 'Our Lady of Victories') commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7 October 1571), when the Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope St Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. This great Marian prayer is sometimes traced back to St Dominic de Guzman and his confreres, preaching against the Albigensian heresy in the 13th century, although it seems more likely to have its familiar form in the 15th century.

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St Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who was chosen by Jesus and Mary to spread the message of Divine Mercy. Some facts about her life include: Her given name was Helena and born on August 25, 1905. She didn't plan to become a nun, but had a vision of Jesus at age 19 that changed her mind. She joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925 and took the name Maria Faustina. She had mystical experiences of Jesus and Mary, who asked her to write a diary and promote the devotion of the Divine Mercy. She died on October 5, 1938, and was canonized by Pope John Paul on April 30, 2000. Her Feast Day is October 5.

RESPECT for Authority and LOVE to the One in Authority are Twin Forces that convert a Sluggard to OBEDIENCE. DISRESPECT to Authority and DISHONOR to the One in Authority are Twin Forces that keep an Egoist to DISOBEDIENCE. – Vicenta R. Barbarona