



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A  
September 24-30, 2023



Are You Envious Because  
I am Generous?  
Matthew 20:1-16

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God sees the truth in our hearts and our minds. He waits until the right time that it will be unfolded for His justice to reign.



## 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
						Sept. 23	5:00 PM	+ Rosanna Chacko
Daily Masses	Monday to Friday		12:10 NN			Sept. 24	9:00 AM	+ Simeon & Albina Leparto
Special Masses	9:00AM, 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month		Weddings and Funerals (by Appointments)				10:30 AM	+ Jose Yao
							12:00 NN	Theo Desrochers – Healing & Peace of Theo and Family
							7:00 PM	All Parishioners
II. Sacramental Preparations and Rites						Sept. 25	12:10 NN	+ Ricardo Domingo
1. Baptism Preparations	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2nd Friday of the Month (pls. ensure correct and accurate information in the Registration Form)					Sept. 26	12:10 NN	+ Leoncio Barbarona
						Sept. 27	12:10 NN	+ Bernardina Barbarona

<b>Baptism Ceremony</b>	Saturday at 6:00 PM		Sept. 28	12:10 NN	+ Gus and Vivian Pasowisty	
	Sunday at 1:00 PM		Sept. 29	12:10 NN	Kathryn Isabelle Lopez	
<b>2. Reconciliation</b> (or call for an appointment)	Sunday	Before or after the Mass		Sept. 30	5:00 PM	+Sarah Bernas & Damaso Rosero
	Saturday	4:00 PM – 4:30 PM or call for an appointment		***** <b>Requests for Holy Mass Celebrations</b>		
	Monday to Friday	11:30 AM – 12:00 NN		<i>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.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requim Mass / Death Anniversary / Remembering the Souls</li> <li>2. Funeral Mass and other Services</li> <li>3. Special Milestones (Birthday and Wedding Aniversary)</li> <li>4. Thanksgiving Mass (Most Special intentions) Other Special / Highly Significant Intentions</li> </ol>		
<b>3. Holy Communion and 4. Confirmation</b>	Catechesis Classes; October-November <b>Sacramental Rites:</b> Spring and Summer Only					
<b>5. Marriage Preparations</b>	Spring Time Only					
<b>6. Sacrament of the Sick</b>	By appointments					
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<b>III. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>						
<b>Thursday</b>	1:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Sacred Heart Cathedral				
We are sincerely encouraged to write and place in the Drop Box our prayers and petitions to be invoked during the Time of Adoration. Devotees will take turns in reading the petitions.			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.			
We are ardently called to spare even a very short Quality Time with our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar. Please coordinate with <a href="#">Katanne Belisle RHN</a>			Your Donations and Love Offerings in cash or in kind are highly appreciated and very instrumental in the continuation and sustainability of our church' operations and projects.			
<b>IV. Youth Ministry</b>						
<b>Worship and Adoration Time:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 PM - 8:00PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral – please coordinate with <a href="#">Mariana Giaccaglica</a>			<b>Youth of Fire:</b> For Grades 5-8, Friday at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, Christ the King Gym, please coordinate with <a href="#">Andrea Lefebvre</a> .			
<b>V. Devotions and Commemorations</b>						
September 24-30: Memorials of Day Saints and Martyrs			October 1: Beginning of the Rosary Month			

## PARISH UPDATES

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

**October 1 - Parish Prayer in the Cemetery – Gray Mountain, Sunday at 2:00 PM.**

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.

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

## UPDATES ON CHURCH PROJECTS

### Renovation of the Cathedral.

This year I would like to end the topic of insulation of the basement. By the end of October, the contractor undertook to install cladding. The material that will be used is: Ceraclad Triple-Coated Rainscreen Siding System, FH7252A Granite Ft Brown (you can see the sample at the church entrance). This material was produced in Japan and it took "a bit" to bring it to

Canada. (We bought more material to finish the main entrance with the same material. But this will be done together with the insulation of the walls of the cathedral.)

If we succeed (read if we raise enough money) I would like to replace the door on the north side of the cathedral and the door that leads to CYO.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to insulate the walls of the cathedral this year. The contractor who was to undertake this task unfortunately did not sign the contract. He just found another job. Starting work in late autumn would not guarantee completion by the end of December. So we could not get a 40% discount from Good Energy Solution. In January 2024, I will apply again for funding from the CDF.

-Fr. Slawomir, Rector.

## 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)

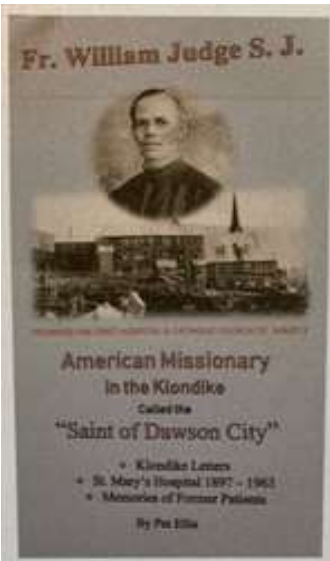
Grade **Three students** - First Reconciliation classes (October and November, Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

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.)

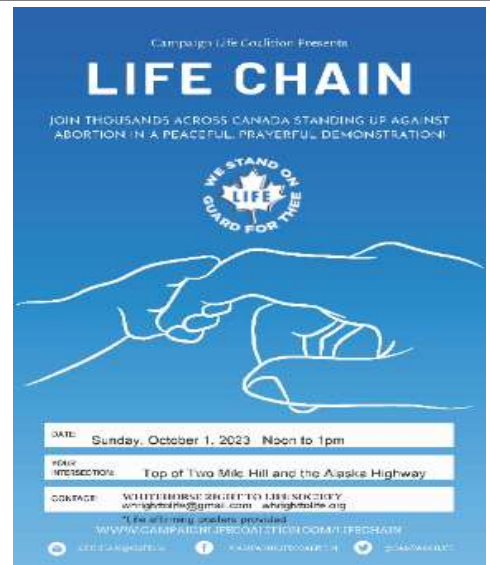
For further information please see Father Slawek or email Caroline Knickle at [catechesis@sacredheartcathedral.ca](mailto:catechesis@sacredheartcathedral.ca).



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and Vocation within the Family*  
**Catechesis for Adults and Parents**

Everyone is welcome!  
No cost with \$20 donation  
for July 1st-15th session.

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

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

Register now!

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees - September 24**

The Sacred Heart Social Justice Committee is our parish link to **Yukon Cares**, a community based refugee support group that was started in our parish in 2015 and has supported refugees from Eritrea, Liberia, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria and a host of other countries. They sent us this update.

Yukon Care writes, "Another Yukon fall means the sponsorship year has come to an end for two families sponsored by Yukon Cares. And another sponsorship is in the works! Although the sponsorship year is over for these families, the relationships we have built with them continue. As many of you know, these families are not just people we support but they are our friends and amazing members of our community. We celebrated their time in the Yukon this July with a BBQ filled with bocce, water fights, kids running everywhere and amazing food. A huge thanks to all of you who have helped in so many ways: settlement committees, English tutors, drivers, furniture and clothing donations, bikes, driving lessons, fundraising, and on and on. It's the money and time that you contribute that makes it possible for us to sponsor refugees. The incredible efforts of volunteers make the first year (and beyond) in Canada easier and more successful. **THANK YOU!!**

**URGENT NEED FOR HELP WITH HOUSING** It's crucial that the family of 7 find a bigger place. They are underhoused for a family of that size and need a more permanent home. If you have any leads or have a rental unit with 3-bedrooms that may become available please get in touch. They have been excellent tenants in their current place." - **Michael Dougherty, Social Justice Committee**

**On spirituality:**

*"Let your faith be bigger than your fears." – Unknown"*



**September 24: Sunday**

**ANTIPHON:**

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**READING 1: Isaiah 55:6-9 (133A)**

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.



**RESPONSE:** *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord is near to all who call upon him.*

**READING 2: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go

on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to

depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct

yourself in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & ALLELUIA** *cf. Acts of the Apostles 16:14b*

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. *Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16a**

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the land-owner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**Prayer:**

*Most merciful Lord, You are generous beyond comprehension. You bestow mercy upon those who turn to You from their sin and seek to serve Your holy will. May I be among those who labor in Your vineyard, and may I also be among those who desire to see everyone accept the invitation to receive the fullness of Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**September 25, Monday**

**ANTIPHON:**

*Turn Your eyes, O God, our shield, and look on the face of Your anointed ones; one day within Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. (Psalm 83)*

**READING 1: Ezra 1:1-6** *You who are God's people may go up to Jerusalem to build the house of the Lord.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6** **Response 3.a**

**RESPONSE:** *The Lord has done great things for us.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 8. 16-18** *A lamp is placed on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.*

**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)*

**September 26, Tuesday****ANTIPHON:**

*May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.*

**READING 1: Revelation 7. 9-17** Behold those who come through the great ordeal.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Response 7.a**

**RESPONSE: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.**

**READING 2: 2Corinthians 4.7-15** We carry in our body the death of Jesus.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9. 23-26** *Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for My sake will be saved.*

**Or John 1. 24-26** *Whoever serves Me must follow Me.*

**Prayer:**

*My divine Lord, Your love for Your earthly mother was perfect in every way. That earthly bond was transformed and elevated by Your spiritual union with her on account of Your mutual obedience to the will of the Father. Please draw me into Your divine Family by helping me to listen to and to obey all that the Father speaks. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**September 27, Wednesday (World Tourism Day)****ANTIPHON: Cf Luke 4**

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.*

**READING 1: Ezra 9: 5-9** God has not forsaken us in our slavery.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Tobit 13 .2, 3-3, 6abcd, 6ef. Response 1.**

**RESPONSE: Blessed be God, who lives forever.**

**READING 2: 2Corinthians 4. 7-15** We carry in our body the death of Jesus.

**GOSPEL: Luke 9. 1-6.** *Jesus sent the twelve to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal..*

**Prayer:**

*My all-powerful Lord, You have authority over evil, the power to heal and offer all the gifts of eternal salvation. Help me to be open to the ways that You desire to come to me. Please free me from the attacks of the evil one, bring healing and hope, and bring forth the abundance of Your glorious Kingdom in my life. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

**September 28, Thursday****ANTIPHON: Cf Psalm 85**

*Turn Your ear, P Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trust in You, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

**READING 1: Haggai 1. 1-8** Build the house, and I will pleasure in it.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 149. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b. Response 4a.**

**RESPONSE: The Lord takes delight in His people. OR Alleluia (2-3x).**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9. 7-9.** *John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?..*

**Prayer:**

*My ever-present Lord, You call to me day and night, inviting me to change as I listen to Your holy Word. I thank You for these constant promptings of grace and commit myself to remain open to all that You ask of me. I choose You, my Lord. And as I turn to You, I pray that I will have the courage I need to respond wholeheartedly to Your call. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

September 29, Friday

**ANTIPHON: Revelation 12.7-12a**

*Michael and his angels fought the dragon.*

**READING 1: Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14** Thousands upon thousands served before the Ancient One..

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138. 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5. Response 1c.**

**RESPONSE: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 1. 47-51. You will see the Son of Man, with angels ascending and descending upon Him.**

**Prayer:**

*My praying Lord, as You spent time alone with the Father, You united Your human nature with Him, thus elevating our nature to a glorious degree. Please draw me to You, dear Lord, so that I may know You and the Father through true, deep and sustaining prayer. May this oneness with You be the cause of my deepest fulfillment in life. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

September 30, Saturday

**ANTIPHON: CF. Psalm 1.**

*Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.*

**READING 1: Zechariah 2. 1-5, 10-11** Lo, I will come and dwell in your midst.

**RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE: Jeremiah 31. 10, 11-12ab, 13. Response 10d.**

**RESPONSE: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 9, 43b-45. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands. They were afraid to ask Him about this saying.**

**Prayer:**

*My revealing Lord, You opened Your divine heart to Your Apostles and invited them to understand and choose Your suffering and death. And though they hesitated and struggled, You continued to invite them to embrace the Father's will. Give me the grace I need, dear Lord, to embrace every spiritual truth first and foremost and to allow that Truth to free me from fear and fill me with the gift of understanding. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

## Celebrating the Commemorations of the Saints For the 25<sup>th</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>13</sup>. By celebrating the feast days of saints, we commemorate their lives, their virtues, and their intercession for us. (EWTN)



**Sts. Cosmas and Damian** were brothers, born in Arabia. According to Christian tradition, Cosmas and Damian were educated in Syria and became distinguished physicians in Cilicia, where their charity converted many to Christianity.

They are martyrs and patron saints of physicians. Since they refused payments for their services, they were called the "silverless ones". St. Cosmas consecrated as Bishop of Chalcedon and St. Damian as Bishop of Pavia, Italy.

As death proved,  
Dying in the service of  
God is glorious.

As your lives proved,  
So much good can happen  
from serving God.

..Sts. Cosmas and Damian..

The Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael are **ambassadors of the Holy Trinity**<sup>1</sup>.

They each perform a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects, Gabriel announces, and Raphael guides<sup>2</sup>. They appeared in human form to the patriarch Abraham<sup>1</sup>.

They represent an image of the Father (St. Michael), the Word (St. Gabriel), and the Holy Spirit (St. Raphael)<sup>1</sup>. Their feast day is September 29<sup>2</sup>.



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## St. Jerome

- St. Jerome was born about the year 345 A.D. and died September 30, 420 A.D.
- There is no specific date when St. Jerome was canonized, but his feast day is September 30.
- He is the patron saint of archeologists, Bible scholars, librarians, and students.



There are things in life that are bigger than ourselves. Life is short. Live it well.

-St. Jerome\_



## Reflections on the Gospel Today – Septemebr 24, 2023

### Do You Begrudge My Generosity?

**Meditation:** What can work and wages, welfare and the unemployed tell us about the kingdom of God? In the parable of the laborers in the vineyard we see the extraordinary generosity and compassion of God (Matthew 20:1-16). There is great tragedy in unemployment, the loss of work, and the inability to earn enough to live and support oneself or one's family. In Jesus' times laborers had to wait each day in the marketplace until someone hired them for a day's job. No work that day usually meant no food on the family table. The laborers who worked all day and received their payment complain that the master pays the late afternoon laborers the same wage. The master, undoubtedly, hired them in the late afternoon so they wouldn't go home payless and hungry.

### ***God is generous and gives us work for his kingdom***

God is generous in opening the doors of his kingdom to all who will enter, both those who have labored a life-time for him and those who come at the last hour. While the reward is the same, the motive for one's labor can make all the difference. Some work only for reward. They will only put in as much effort as they think they will get back. Others labor out of love and joy for the opportunity to work and to serve others. The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to serve God and his kingdom with joy and zeal and to serve our neighbor with a generous spirit as well.

### ***Empowered to serve with a joyful and generous spirit***

The Lord Jesus wants to fill each one of us with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit so we can bear great fruit for God's kingdom (the fruit of peace, joy, righteousness, and love) and also bring the fruit of his kingdom to our neighbor as well. We labor for the Lord to bring him praise, honor, and glory. And we labor for our neighbor for their welfare with the same spirit of loving-kindness and compassion which the Lord has shown to us.

Paul the Apostle reminds us, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not others, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward - you are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24). Do you perform your daily tasks and responsibilities with cheerfulness and diligence for the Lord's sake? And do you give generously to others, especially to those in need of your care and support?

### ***Prayer:***

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may serve you joyfully and serve my neighbor willingly with a generous heart, not looking for how much I can get, but rather looking for how much I can give.

**-Don Schwager, The Servants of the Word -**

God sustains every soul and dwells in it substantially, even though it may be that of the greatest sinner in the world. This union between God and creatures always exists.

– St. Jerome of the Cross