



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

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Saturday Eucharist
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Eucharist
9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. (French)
7:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharist
Mon to Fri - 12:10 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
Monday to Friday - 11:30 – 12:00 pm
Saturday – 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
(or call for an appointment)

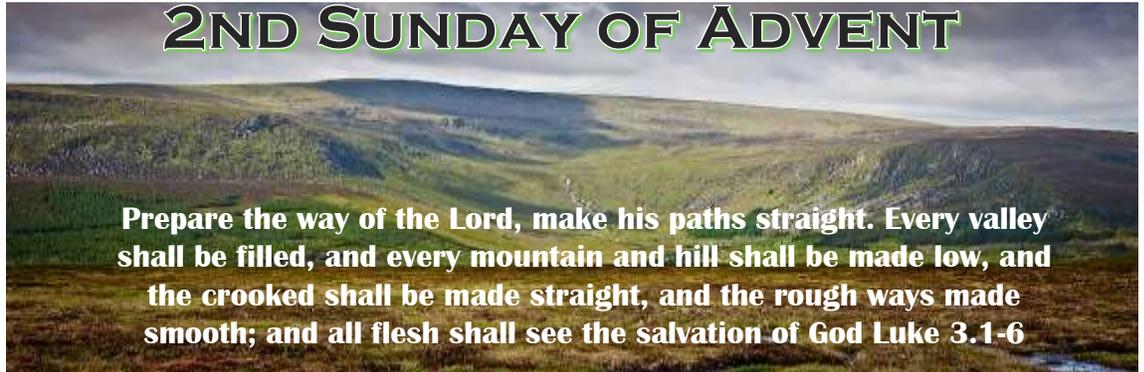
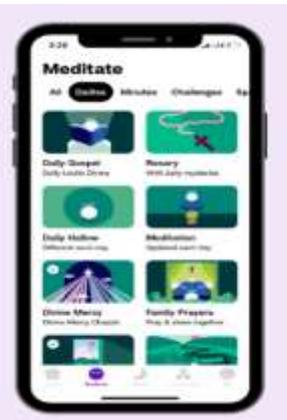
Baptism Preparation
The first & second Fridays of each month at 7pm in rectory.

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HALLOW

Catholic Prayer & Méditation App



Covid -19 Restrictions:

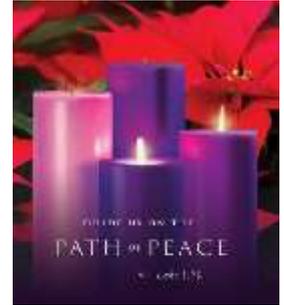
- Indoor gatherings will no longer be limited to 25 individuals
- Proof of vaccination will not be required for faith-based gatherings
- Masks and social distancing still required

WEEKLY EVENTS, CELEBRATIONS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 5

9am: + Alfredo 10:30am: + Hermana, Panfilo, Lawrence, Mark
12pm: + Rita Renaud
7:00 pm: For all parishioners

Monday	6	12:10 pm	+ Gabriela
Tuesday	7	12:10 pm	+ James William
Wednesday	8	12:10 pm	+ Hermez
Thursday	9	12:10 pm	+ William Thorn
Friday	10	12:10 pm	+ Claudette Boyer
Saturday	11	9:00 am	+ Valentina Opina
		5:00 pm	+ Solina Boniface



Advent & Christmas Masses

NOVENA MASSES BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Dec. 15-17 8:00pm * Dec. 18 (Sat) 5:00pm

Dec. 19 (Sun) 7:00pm * Dec. 20-23 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE: DECEMBER 24

5:00pm * 7:00pm (French) * 9:00pm * 11:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: DECEMBER 25

9:00am * 10:30pm * 5:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Dec. 20-22 - 11:30 to 12 pm/ 7:30 to 8:00pm (before masses)

Dec. 23 - 10:00 am to 12 pm/ 6:00pm to 8:00pm (all day)





**INDIGENOUS
DELEGATION TO
ROME –**

The Catholic Bishops of Canada are pleased to announce that 25-30 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors, and youth will meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican from

December 17-20, 2021, accompanied by a small group of Canadian Bishops. For more details, please visit the **CCCB Indigenous Delegation webpage**. This link is also posted on the Whitehorse Diocese website.

SYNOD

“Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.” - *Pope Francis*

Walk together as a Church in the Holy Spirit

November 7, 2021 to April 30, 2022

Please visit the [Synod Webpage on our Diocesan website](#).

All materials for leading or participating in group discussions are available there, as well as information for individuals who want to submit a personal reflection.

How can I participate:

1. Attend the parish roundtable
2. Host a small group discussion with friends or family
3. Submit your own personal reflection

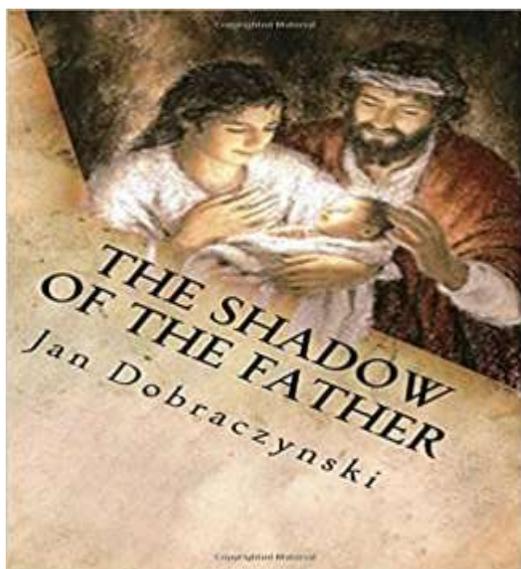
Visit whitehorsediocese.ca/Synod for more details

How can I prepare my heart

1. Pray the Adsumus Sancte Spiritus prayer
2. Reflect on the main theme and question of the Synod:
How is the journeying together happening today in our Local Church?
3. Read the scriptures:
Acts 10:34 (Peter's Speech)
Matthew 15:21-28 A Woman's Faith
John 14.1-42 Jesus and the Samaritan woman
John 9 : Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

BOOK REVIEW

"The Shadow of the Father" - one of the most important books of Jan Dobraczynski, is based on the record



of the Gospel, the evangelical text. It shows Joseph, the guardian of the Holy Family as a human being subjected to obedience to God and his intentions, a man who must understand and accept his part of being a shadow of the true Father of Jesus who will be born by his Miriam-chosen to him by God. Joseph, a native of Bethlehem, heir to the heritage of kings David and Solomon and the noble tribe of Judah, is up to Nazareth in search of the woman for whom he will sacrifice his life. Over there he meets a charming, friendly, yet mysterious girl named Miriam. However, starting to understand that between Miriam and him stands an impetuous force of abysmal proportions, as God's fist, will make their relationship continue unexpected ways: the One Who will be born and Who will become the liberator of the people scattered and oppressed in Israel. The book gives testimony to the values that never lose their importance: **faith, family, responsibility, patience, and true love.**"

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Sunday collection envelopes for **2022** are ready for pick up at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

If you wish to use **direct deposit** for donations, the forms are at the main entrance of the Cathedral, or email us at office@sacredheartcathedral.ca

CATHOLIC CALENDARS: Calendars are now available at the entrance of the church. Bring it home for your family.

FUNDS COLLECTED: Sunday collection for November is \$7,593.00. Funds for the NET team is \$ 10,000.00 and Renovation funds is \$ 4,050.00. Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY MISSALS: Missals are at the entrance of the cathedral, for **\$7.00**. Please drop your payment in the slot provided.

DIOCESE STAFF RETREAT: The staff retreat will begin on **December 6th** and ends on December **10th**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION / COMMUNION: First Reconciliation for those who have attended the catechesis will be celebrated on *Saturday December 11 at 11:00 am in the Church*.

NET UPDATE: Our current NET team has been involved in 7 retreats this fall in both the parish and the schools. The team spends three days a week at Vanier. The team has been involved in the parish leading confirmation prep and both Youth on Fire (Middle school) and Oasis (High School) youth groups. We are grateful for all that they are doing. If you would like to contribute to helping us have NET here, donations would be gratefully received. Your prayers for our youth are also helpful.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: The catechesis will resume in person on Wednesday, Dec 8 at 6:30-7:30pm at the CYO Hall.

YOUTH ON FIRE: Meeting will be on Friday, Dec 10 in the CYO hall at 6:30pm-8:30pm.

CHRISTMAS STAR FOR ADVENT. There are three different templates-if you don't like this please make your own. Write your gift or wish on a STAR template. Design your STAR & bring it to the church, tape it on the walls of the cathedral. Rejoice with everyone.

ENERGY UPGRADE AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

As you may already know, we, as a church, have been working on a project to upgrade the cathedral from an energy point of view.

This is being done because an energy audit showed that \$8 to 9,000 could be saved annually if proposed upgrades were completed. This also is being done because we need to replace our furnaces. If we upgrade the insulation in the building, the purchase and operating cost of a new furnace or boiler will be much lower as it can then be considerably smaller in size and need less fuel to heat the building.

The energy saving upgrades recommended in the audit include: upgrading the cathedral windows to triple pane windows, as we have already done, and upgrading the lower-roof insulation, which has also been completed. Next the report recommended adding wall insulation, adding a heat recovery ventilator with demand-controlled ventilation – in other words, a new ventilation system. Finally, the report recommended installing a new, smaller, and more efficient furnace or boiler.

Photos of the various stages of the lower-roof insulation project were in last week's bulletin. The next stage is to upgrade the wall insulation and the ventilation and heating system.

To date, we have been very fortunate to have received significant funding from the Community Development Fund and from the Energy Solutions Centre. We also have received significant support from many parishioners and adherents that was critical to the success of the project. For that help, thank you very much.

We hope to receive more grant funding for the next stages of the project, but will also need help from parishioners and adherents. We will keep you updated on what is happening, and how you can help.

Fr. Slawek

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Evangelization: Catechists – Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity & in the power of the Holy Spirit.



5 décembre 2021
2^e dimanche de l'Avent, Année C
Thème de l'Avent : Avec lui, espérer encore.

Dieu n'abandonne pas ses promesses.

Malgré les vicissitudes de l'histoire, Dieu n'abandonne pas ses promesses. En Jésus, il les réalise pleinement. Avec lui, un chemin s'ouvre dans nos déserts. C'est une voie de libération tracée par lui et proposée à tout être humain.

Vie liturgique # 452 Avent 2021

Le Célébrant aujourd'hui le 5 décembre : Fr. Slawek.

Procédures pour Covid-19 :

- **Masque, Distanciation, Désinfection des mains à l'entrée et à la sortie.**
- **Écrivez votre nom et # de téléphone sur la feuille de présence.**
- **Lingettes disponibles pour désinfecter votre banc à votre arrivée si vous le désirez.**

INTENTION DE MESSE : +Rita Renaud, par Hélène Lapensée

Lundi 6 décembre : St-Nicolas

Mercredi le 8 décembre : l'Immaculée Conception

L'Immaculée Conception est la conception de la Vierge Marie « sans tache », c'est-à-dire exempte du péché originel.

ANNIVERSAIRE : Le 10 : Zara Zedda (13 ans)

ENVELOPPES POUR LA QUÊTE DU DIMANCHE : Les boîtes d'enveloppes pour 2022 sont prêtes à être récupérées à l'entrée de la Cathédrale. Si vous souhaitez utiliser le dépôt direct pour vos dons, les formulaires sont à l'entrée de la cathédrale, ou **envoyez un courriel à office@sacredheartcathedral.ca** **QUÊTE DU DIMANCHE :** La quête du dimanche pour novembre est de 7593,00 \$. Les fonds pour l'équipe NET sont de 10 000 \$ et les fonds de rénovation sont de 4 050,00 \$. Merci pour votre générosité.

GROUPE NET : L'équipe NET a été impliqué dans 7 retraites (Paroisse et écoles). Ils sont à l'École Vanier 3 jours par semaine. Ils sont impliqués dans la préparation pour la Confirmation, ainsi que les groupes de jeunes (Youth on Fire et Oasis). Si vous souhaitez contribuer à nous aider à avoir NET ici, les dons seraient grandement appréciés. Vos prières pour nos jeunes sont également bienvenues.

ÉTOILE DE NOËL POUR L'AVENT : Créer votre propre étoile avec votre message pour décorer notre église pour Noël vous êtes même invités à en faire plus qu'une. Il y a 3 modèles mais vous pouvez créer le vôtre. Les étoiles seront installées pour décorer l'église.

DÉLÉGATION AUTOCHTONE À ROME : Les évêques catholiques du Canada sont heureux d'annoncer que 25 à 30 aînés des Premières Nations, Inuits et Métis, Gardiens du Savoir, survivants des pensionnats et jeunes rencontreront le Pape François au Vatican du 17 au 20 décembre 2021, accompagnés d'un petit groupe d'évêques canadiens. Pour de plus amples détails, veuillez consulter la page Web de la Délégation autochtone de la CECC. Ce lien est également affiché sur le site Web du Diocèse de Whitehorse.

JOURNÉE NATIONALE DE PRIÈRE EN SOLIDARITÉ AVEC LES PEUPLES AUTOCHTONES 12 décembre 2021 :

Nous sommes appelés à la guérison, au pardon, à la réconciliation.

Un proverbe inuit dit : « *il y a longtemps, dans l'avenir ; faites voir notre histoire aux enfants, peut-être cela aidera-t-il à façonner l'avenir* ».

MOT DE FR. SLAWEK : Comme vous le savez peut-être déjà, nous avons travaillé sur un projet d'amélioration de la cathédrale d'un point de vue énergétique. Une vérification énergétique a montré que 8 à 9 000 \$ pourraient être économisés annuellement et

nous devons remplacer notre système de chauffage. En améliorant l'isolation du bâtiment, le coût d'achat et d'exploitation d'une nouvelle fournaise ou chaudière sera moindre. Les améliorations éco énergétiques recommandées dans l'audit sont : les fenêtres de la cathédrale en fenêtres à triple vitrage, déjà fait, et l'isolation du toit inférieur, achevée. Le rapport recommandait d'ajouter une isolation murale et un nouveau système de ventilation ainsi que l'installation d'une nouvelle fournaise plus petite et plus efficace. L'étape suivante consiste à améliorer l'isolation des murs et le système de ventilation et de chauffage. À ce jour, nous avons eu beaucoup de chance d'avoir reçu un financement important du Fonds de développement communautaire et du Centre de solutions énergétiques. Nous avons également reçu un soutien important de nombreux paroissiens et adhérents, ce qui a été essentiel à la réussite du projet. Pour cette aide, merci beaucoup. Nous espérons recevoir plus de subventions pour les prochaines étapes du projet, mais nous aurons également besoin de l'aide des paroissiens et des adhérents. Nous vous tiendrons au courant de ce qui se passe et de la façon dont vous pouvez aider.

P. Sławomir Szwagrzyk Recteur et curé (rector@sacredheartcathedral.ca)

Messes pour la période des Fêtes

Vendredi 24 décembre à 19h

Dimanche le 26 décembre à 12h

Samedi le 1^{er} janvier 2022 à 12h

Dimanche le 2 janvier à 12h.

Some Musings

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free.” So sang Zachariah at the birth of his son John who would baptize Jesus in the Jordan river thus beginning the Lord’s ministry. It’s a lovely hymn of praise and thanksgiving and promise of redemption. We seldom hear these words proclaimed at the liturgies and that seems a sad thing to me. The canticle of Mary, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord” is one we hear more often. There are many of these hymns throughout the Old Testament. They are hymns praising the works done or promises fulfilled by the God of Israel. We, with our oh so smart technology, seem to have forgotten how to praise the Lord in that way. We should re-learn how to do that.

At this time of year as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it seems to me that this is a perfect time to do that. As I look around me at all the blessings of my life, I need to find words to praise the Lord and thanking Him for these things. Yes, we struggle with illness and pain of body and spirit, but praising the Lord should not depend on how we feel. Loving God is a matter of choice: we can choose to love, praise and thank Him or we can, in our pride of heart, come to think that the blessings are the result of our own efforts and that our pains and illness are punishments from God. Neither of these things is true. God does not try us or bless us out of some whim; He has a purpose in all that He does. We may not understand His purpose but we need to trust that He knows what is best for us. Mother Teresa once spoke of “the dark night of the soul” and when we find ourselves tried in that crucible it is up to us whether we will trust in God’s providential care or turn from Him to follow our own path.

Each of us is meant to prepare the way of the Lord. And that means more than just decorating our homes for the festivities, more than buying presents and planning menus. It means more than preparing our hearts for His Second Coming. Jesus comes to us in so many ways and we need to prepare His way for those times as well. He comes to us in His Sacraments and in His people and we need to prepare ourselves for that coming as much as for any Christmas. He promised to be with us until the end of the age and has kept that promise by living in His Sacraments. As I sat at Mass the other weekend, I asked myself how well prepared I was to receive Him in His presence in the Eucharist. So often we don’t prepare well for the Sacraments, forgetting that in that Sacrament is our Lord and Savior.

He is also with us in creation. I look out my window and see the trees in a mantle of white snow. The creatures that play and romp in the yard have gone. It’s a world that makes me want to say with the three young men in Daniel, “Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord; Praise and exalt Him forever.” This year as we make preparations for Christmas let’s make a real effort to prepare our hearts as well. Let’s take time each day to sit quietly and contemplate the real meaning of that first coming of our Lord and reflect on our response to it; let’s take time to commit ourselves to a better way of living so our lives, our works, our thoughts truly give Him the praise that is due.

Let’s prepare a way for Him in our hearts, live the true spirit of Christmas and rejoice in the fact that He lives among us still.

Wishing you a week of peace and joy and many small miracles. *Betty Bruch*



We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation

We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, faces and creeds.

It is a source of great sadness when our blessed diversity becomes a source of division, threat, and intolerance. Furthermore, as we deal with life's challenges and hurts, our pain can feed our fear and anger, destroying opportunities for forgiveness and healing, and preventing the journey to achieving them. Unless we take responsibility for our healing, it is difficult to move forward.

Indigenous peoples have responded to this common human situation through various traditions, seeking spiritual healing. For example, a common teaching is to seek healing by going 'on the land.' The land – whether a desert or wilderness – is the place where we encounter the Love of our Creator, inviting us to leave our baggage behind, and to encounter the God and Creator of Peace, Light and Hope. The "Sharing Circle" is another way in which a person who has been harmed can be welcomed and heard by the other member of the circle, in order to move from a place of brokenness and retribution, to a pathway of restoration and peace.

Saint John Paul II reminds us that there can be, "No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness." And he insists: "I shall not tire of repeating this warning to those who, for one reason or another, nourish feelings of hatred, a desire for revenge or the will to destroy."¹

Forgiveness becomes harder the older we get. An elderly missionary priest once reflected about an important choice we all make as we age; "One can be an angry old man or a wise old fool. Choose wisely!"

The discovery by the Tk'emlúps te Secwépenc First Nation of the 215 unmarked graves and further grave discoveries at other former residential schools, has given rise to much sorrow and anguish of knowing that Catholics were among those who ran residential schools established by the federal government that operated in this country from the 1870s until the late 1990s.

Pope Francis reminds us that 'forgiveness' is not temporary or shallow. As he states in *Fratelli Tutti*:

Forgiving does not mean forgetting... Free and heartfelt forgiveness is something noble, a reflection of God's own infinite ability to forgive... Those who truly forgive do not forget. Instead, they... choose not to yield to the same destructive force that caused them so much suffering. They break the vicious circle; they halt the advance of the forces of destruction. They choose not to spread... the spirit of revenge that will sooner or later return to take its toll.²

We often have such a hard time finding and seeing God. In response to the question, why do you ask where God is, a Tlicho Dene woman once commented that we should look around, despite all the violence on the earth, it continues to provide for us. Our mother continues to provide for us, and gives us everything.

The insight of one Dene Elder is that the Creator shows us the way to healing. The Land is always giving back. Our parents and grandparents are people who have given their lives for us. We have made many mistakes. But there has been someone who has given His life for us. We have been forgiven many times by the blood of Jesus Christ. The privilege of our humanity carries with it the great responsibility of the respect and care of our brothers and sisters – especially those who deal with obstacles, injustices, or other barriers to their human freedom and blessedness.

One of these barriers is discrimination and prejudice because of the differences among peoples. The COVID-19 pandemic has made this worse, and unless we find a better and more respectful path, people's minds and hearts will be further corrupted. This better way always begins in our own lives; in our own minds and hearts. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us: "Make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!" (Ezekiel 18:31) We can work towards reconciliation, growth, and healing, when we are open to this in our own lives.

In this year of St. Joseph, perhaps this elder of our faith – the father of Jesus and husband of Mary – can teach us an important feature of this path. As Pope Francis states:

Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.³

There is a proverbial Inuit saying: " 'A long time ago, in the future.' **Let the children see our history, and maybe it will help to shape the future.**" **Let us pray and work in such a way that our children will know that the people who preceded them took seriously the problem of intolerance and prejudice – especially during times of uncertainty and fear – and responded by working for a culture of caring and respect. What a gift we can give our young people – an example and memory that they can take forward to an unknown, but, hopeful future**

¹ [XXXV World Day For Peace 2002, No peace without justice, no justice without forgiveness | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](#)

² [Fratelli Tutti \(3 October 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

³ [Apostolic Letter Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church \(8 December 2020\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)