



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH



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EASTER SEASON (Week 1: Mar 31-Apr 6)

EASTER SUNDAY

31 March 2024



PARISH UPDATES

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

I. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Holy Saturday (Mar 30) at 8:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS and *Institution of the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion*

EASTER SUNDAY (Mar 31)

CELEBRATION OF REGULAR EASTER MASSES

at 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NN (French Community) and 7:00 PM

II. JUBILEE 2025 - A GREAT SYMPHONY OF PRAYER WEBINAR SERIES.

Year of Prayer 2024: A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program of Life webinar series - In preparation for the Holy Jubilee Year 2025, you are invited to join in the *Great Symphony of Prayer* four video series webinar. Registration is open for both the *English series* which **begins Tuesday, April 2nd**, and for the *French series* which **begins May 7th**. For more information and links, visit the [Diocese of Website Jubilee 2025 webpage](#) or ccb.ca. (A separate autumn series will also be held in October 2024)

III. ADULT CATECHESIS:

Called to Love – Resume Session
April 12, 2024 Friday at 7:00 PM,
CYO Hall.

Session 11: *Four working principles and their particular norms*

By Bishop Hector F. Vila

Session 12: *Particular Methods and Ideologies to Avoid*
by Fr. Leo Llames



IV. APRIL 07: FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY: We are encouraged to offer our prayers and devotion through the Chaplet and Divine Mercy Prayers. Prayer Cards are available at the front lobby of the Church.

V. APRIL 08: SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD AND *CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH / DIOCESE OF WHITEHORSE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.*

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we also celebrate the Consecration of the Church / Diocese of Whitehorse to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is in pursuance to the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who on March 22, 2023 invited Catholics to annually renew an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at this very great solemnity. To experience this grace-filled opportunity and manifest our active Catholic piety, we can gather together as a family in different ways, through prayers and devotion, and during the **special Holy Mass on August 08, Monday at 7:00PM.**

It is in this light that our holy, catholic and apostolic Church is consecrated to her tutelage and loving care.

VI. ON SPIRITUALITY : Prayer Intention for April



“For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.”

– Pope Francis

VII. RITES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

After having duly completed and complied all the requirements on the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the Church with grateful hearts warmly **WELCOME Barbara Drury** who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion, **Katherine Pelletier AND Lukas Vasco** who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion respectively.

VIII. CATECHESIS NEWS:

All Catechesis Classes are suspended in adherence to Spring Break and celebration of the Holy Week. Most Classes will resume the week after Easter. **Classes will resume on April 8, 2024, Monday – Confirmation. Please be guided well.**

IX. INITIATION OF THE FIRST COMMUNION (YOUNG CHILDREN)

The children who have duly completed and complied all the requirements in the Catechesis for the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be initiated on **May 05, 2024 Sunday at 2:00 PM** Holy Mass in the Cathedral. Parents are encouraged to see the Catechists for more details in the preparation of the activity.

X. MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS

For guidance of those who are planning to get married soon in the Church, the Marriage Preparation Activities will start on the **17th April 2024.** First Session at the Conference Room of the Rectory. Feel free to come to our Office for more details.

XI. FAMILY CAMP AT BRAEBURN CAMP

All parishioners are invited to a Family Camp on June 14-17 at Braeburn Camp. Please notify the office if you are interested and save the dates. More details will be announced later.

PARISH MINISTRY

1. DAILY HOLY MASS CELEBRATIONS

A. Sunday Masses					B. Daily Masses		C. Special Masses	
5:00 PM Saturday	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 NN	7:00 PM	Sunday	12:10 NN Monday to Friday	9:00 AM First Saturday of the Month	Weddings and Funerals (by Appointments)

D. Mass Intentions

Date	Day	Time	Intentions	Date	Day	Time	Intentions
Mar 30	Sat	8:00 PM	Nita Madrigal – 70 th Birthday	Apr 02	Tue	12:10 PM	
Mar 31	Sun	9:00 AM	+ Krystyna Bak	Apr 03	Wed	12:10 PM	+Medrado Rosero
		10:30 AM	Barbara Drury – <i>Sacramental Blessings and Thanksgiving</i>	Apr 04	Thu	12:10 PM	Kamila Lopez - Birthday
		12:00 NN	Monique Monfette - <i>Health</i>	Apr 05	Fri	12:10 PM	+Adrian Rosero
		7:00 PM	+Lawrence de Vera	Apr 06	Sat	9:00 AM	+ Violeta & Hermenegildo Osita
12:10 PM	+ Teodora Rosero	5:00 PM					
Apr 01	Mon	12:10 PM					

E. Requests for Special Intentions during Holy Mass Celebrations

You may request to offer the following Mass Intentions: 1. Requiem Mass (Funeral services, Death anniversary/ remembering the souls)
2. Special Milestones (Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc.)

3. Healing Mass (fast recovery from sickness, reconciliation of relationships /ties)
4. Thanksgiving Mass (for most special intentions)

2. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS AND RITES

(Forms are downloadable from our website. It is also available in our Church's Lobby or at the Rectory Office. SACRAMENTS ARE FREE! Your Thanksgiving Offering for the Sacramental Rites will depend on the generosity of your hearts. God knows the contriteness of your hearts and He will reward you abundantly and accordingly.)

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism Preparations: 1st & 2nd Friday of the Month: @ 7:00PM
Baptism Ceremony: Saturday at 6:00 PM & Sunday at 1:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM or call for an appointment
Sunday: Before the Mass; **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; **starts on April 17, 2024**
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 Masses.

On other days, this sacrament is administered by special request. Indicate clearly the Name of the Sick, Place, Time and the Contact Person. The priest will administer this sacrament ASAP.

3. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Regular Schedule: Thursday: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral;

We are with you in Praying for your intentions, petitions & all forms of supplications. Drop them in the Prayer Intent Box. Prayer Leaders and Alternates are still needed. **Please contact Katanne Belisle for more details.**

"Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord...that He may bestow upon you a blessing this day". (Exodus 32.29)



SOLEMNITY OF EASTER SUNDAY

Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven, exult, let Angel ministers of God exult, let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph! Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness. Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice, arrayed with the lightning of his glory, let this holy building shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples... ~Excerpt from The Exsultet

Reflection:

Today's glorious solemnity is the ultimate cause of all joy, fulfillment, happiness, and glory. If Jesus only died on the Cross, destroying death, something would be missing—the restoration of life into a transformed and glorified living. Easter is not only about the forgiveness of sins, it's about the temporal and eternal glorification of every human soul who dies and rises with Christ. When we focus upon the Gospel and consider the many lessons Jesus taught and the example He set, the Cross is often considered the difficult message and Easter the easy message. But is it?

The message of the Cross, as presented to us through both Jesus' teachings and His lived example, is certainly challenging. Each one of us is called to the same depth of selfless surrender of our lives to the Father's will. We must each die completely to ourselves, be purified from every sin and every attachment to sin, from every bad habit and every worldly thought, and from everything that is not God and God alone. When our calling to die with Christ and to embrace His Cross is clearly understood, as it has been by the saints, it is likely that Christians become overwhelmed at the seemingly daunting and impossible task of dying in and with Christ.

When it comes to the Resurrection, one might be tempted to say that it is easy to accept the message it presents. New life in Christ, the fullness of joy, complete transformation, and eternal beatitude in Heaven—these initially appear easy to embrace. However, the challenge that the profound reality of Easter presents to us is that we can be certain that our current understanding of what it means to share in the Resurrection of Christ is but the faintest shadow of the reality. In truth, very few people in this life have come close to understanding the glory to which we are called on account of the Resurrection. Saints Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Sienna, John of the Cross, Thérèse of Lisieux, to name a few, are among those who penetrated the mystery of Easter while still here on earth. They achieved this spiritual knowledge only by fully dying with Christ through a life of profound prayer, penance, and charity that completely united their souls to the Most Holy Trinity.

As we celebrate Easter, it is important to *know* that we *do not yet know* all that is promised to us by the Resurrection of Christ. If we can at least know that, then our spiritual appetites will make us hungry to know. Too often, Christians go through life satisfied with the most basic understanding of the Gospel. We know that God became man, lived His life, gathered followers, taught and performed miracles, died on the Cross, rose again, ascended into Heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, we have hope in His promise that if we remain in His grace, then we will share in Heaven after we die. But this is an exceptionally incomplete view of the full reality that has been comprehended in this life by the saints. It is their understanding we must seek with every power of our souls.

What does it mean to share in the new life of Christ? What does it mean to share in the glory of the Resurrection? What will Heaven be like for those who enter into the highest realms of glory in this life compared to those who only do the basics? What will the New Heavens and the New Earth be like when Jesus returns in all His glory for the Final Judgment? If these are questions you have never deeply pondered and probed, then know that the answers that await you are more glorious than you could ever imagine. In other words, if you were to sit quietly and spend all day trying to imagine the best and most glorious life, trying to use your mind to draw a picture of the happiness and full joy of Heaven, you can be certain that you could never even come close to imagining the reality. That humble fact ought not discourage you; it should fill your conscience with a desire to know what you do not know. That is the first step.

A deep and vast spiritual comprehension of the joy of sharing fully in the Resurrection of Christ can only be given to us by a direct infusion of grace by God Himself. When a soul receives this infused knowledge, they become so overwhelmed with wonder and awe that they realize that committing even the smallest sin is absolute foolishness and is the path to the loss of everything. They realize that if they were to gain everything this world has to offer—every comfort, wealth, power, and prestige—they would be absolutely miserable compared to the person who shares fully in the Resurrection. They realize that the only thing worth anything is the complete abandonment of one's life to the will of God, a willingness to suffer anything and everything for Christ, to serve and not be served, to forgive everyone completely, to love with every fiber of their being, and to continuously remain in a state of prayerful recollection with God.

If living such a life seems impossible, it's not. It only seems that way when we fail to grasp the prize that awaits those who strive for the perfection of divine union. The Easter message and mystery is not just about being good and happy. It's not just about trusting in the hope of Heaven after we die. The fullness of the message and mystery of Easter can only be understood if we begin the long and difficult journey toward divine union. Only those who begin it in haste have a chance of completing it. Begin it today by acknowledging that there is so much that you do not know. There is so much that God is calling you to and wants to bestow upon you. There is more joy in the Resurrection of Christ than anything else in life. Don't aim for the lowly and passing things of life—aim for the highest heights of glory. Seek to understand the Resurrection this Easter so that you will be able to share more fully in the higher grades of glory that God wants to bestow upon you.

Prayer: *My Resurrected Lord, the glory to which You have called me is beyond my natural capacity to comprehend. I could never imagine what awaits those who fully, and without reserve, surrender their lives to You and obey every aspect of the Father's will. Please fill me with a realization that there is so much more that I do not know. Inflame my soul with a desire to quench that longing to know You more so as to share more fully in the glories of the Resurrection while here on earth and forever in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

GENTLE REMINDER:

CYO HALL DEEP CLEANING

Please mark your calendars Saturday April 13 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM for a DEEP CLEANING of the CYO hall. We need help and for more details please contact Mariana at yukonhope7@gmail.com We are highly expecting you.

"It's!! It's You! And It's WE!...that make our Hall a Clean and Beautiful Place to meet and share."
"Cleanliness and Orderliness are next to Godliness".

It is our humble pleasure to serve you in cooperation with our **Rector, Fr. Slawek** and our **Diocese Bishop, Msgr. Vila**.

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