



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

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Rev. Slawomir Szwagrzyk, Rector

Daily Mass: Monday- Friday 12:10 PM

Saturday: 5:00 PM (*First Saturday of the month: 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM*)

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM (French), 7:00PM

Reconciliation: Monday - Friday 11:30 AM to 12 noon

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45PM

Or call for appointment

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 1:00PM- 8:00PM

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

You have heard what was said to those of ancient times; but I say to you : Do not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord,...

Matthew 5.17,20-24,27-28,33-34, 37 +++



Psalms: Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Blessed are they who follow
the law of the Lord

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the LORD,
Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
Who seek him with all their heart.

You have commanded that your precepts
Be diligently kept.
Oh, that I might be firm in the ways
Of keeping your statutes!

Be good to your servant, tht I may live
And keep your words.
Open my eyes, that I may consider
The wonder of your law.

Instruct me . O LORD, in the way of your statutes,
That I may exactly observe them.
Give me discernment, that I may observe your law
And keep it will all my heart.

PARISH MINISTRY



MASS INTENTION: February 12, 2023

9:00 am All Parishioners
10:30 am +Tadeuz Wojcik
12:00 pm
7:00 pm + Armand & Loain Chasse
Feb 13 12:10 pm + John Ryan
Feb 14 12:10 pm + Tadeuz Wojcik
+ Geethu Thomas
Feb 15 12:10 pm + Tadeuz Wojcik
Feb 16 12:10 pm + Rodolfo & Erlinda
Feb 17 12:10 pm + Nicanor, Monica, Wilfredo & Cynthia
Feb 18 12:10 pm + John & Bertha



Countdown for Lent
Ash Wednesday is
approaching



BLESSED PALMS FROM LAST HOLY WEEK

Ashes that are used to mark the beginning of Lent come from the branches that were blessed and distributed the previous Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. If you still have those old palms, feel free to drop them off in the vestibule or at the parish office.



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 22

Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God. Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.



STATION OF THE CROSS

We invite everyone to join us for the station of the cross every Friday at 7:00 pm starting February 24th. Volunteers and different parish ministries are welcome to lead the station of the cross.

Pope's prayer
Intention for
February

FOR PARISHES

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Sourdough Rendezvous Pancake Breakfast will happen in 2023! **Sat. Feb 25 and Sun. Feb 26 8:00 am-12pm at the CYO Hall.** We did not hold the breakfast in 2021 & 2022 due to covid. We are resuming this traditional activity during the 2023 Rendezvous. Everyone is welcome!!



CHARITY CASH RAFFLE

Knights of Columbus Annual Charity Cash Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. Please contact Dominic Pelayo 689-0394 or Michael Lauer 332-5973. Raffle draw will be in July 1st.



BRAEBURN LAKE CAMP REGISTRATION

The days are getting longer, and we are starting to think about camp! The Braeburn Lake Christian Camp Association Board has set the dates for our 2023 season, and we are hoping to have our website up and operational to open registration on February 1. There will be four weeks of camp this year from June 25 to July 20th. Please check Braeburn website for more details.



Braeburn relies on volunteers to make the camp run smoothly. If you are interested in helping out with cooking, canoe/waterfront, arts and crafts, music, Christian Education (C-time), or maintenance, please reach out to Stella or Fr. Slawomir Szwagrzyk who are on the board or email Stella for a turn around response at stellamartin1981@hotmail.com



Our **hiring** process for the **CAMP DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR** has started - The Director receives an honorarium of \$4400 and the Assistant Director \$3300 for about a month of work. You can call Stella at 335-4629 for more info - applications are open and you can apply through YuWIN or by email to stellamartin1981@hotmail.com or braeburncamp@gmail.com We will be advertising the counsellor and volunteer positions in early March. Councillors receive an honorarium of \$1500 and must be 16 years old.



SPECIAL PRAYER

Do you have special intentions, requests? Write & drop your prayer requests at the designated box by the altar and someone will include them in their prayers during the adoration time.

Prayer requests: _____

Happy birthday

SPECIAL MASS INTENTION

Father Slawek would like to include a special remembrance of your birthday. To be remembered at his Mass on your birthday please email your name, birthday and contact information to office@sacredheartcathedral.ca.



TAX RECEIPTS

Thank you for all your donations for 2022. A tax receipt will be issued for all your contributions for 2022. Tax receipts will be sent via Canada Post as soon as possible. If you have moved, please email the office of your current address. For all other inquiries about your receipts, please email finance@sacredheartcathedral.ca. Thank you so much. God Bless



SUNDAY COLLECTION

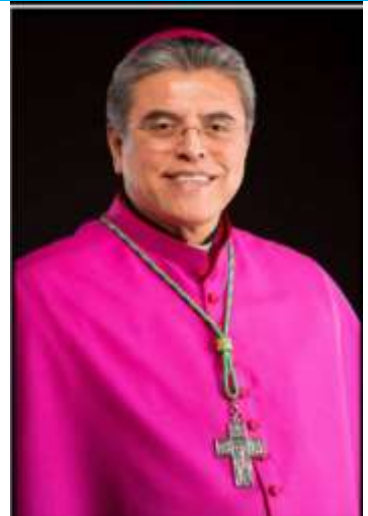
THANK YOU for your donations. The total Sunday collection for 5 Sundays of January is \$ 14,647.00. Sunday offertory envelopes are available at the office. Please email office@sacredheartcathedral.ca if you need one. If you were assigned a set of envelopes from previous years, please check the vestibule, it may still be there waiting to be claimed.

Father Slawek will be in Teslin Atlin this weekend



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"

Congratulations to Bishop Hector Felipe Vila on the 7th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination (February 7th). We are grateful for his spiritual guidance and care of the people of God in Yukon and Northern BC. Our prayers are with him as he continues his work in our Diocese of Whitehorse



February 11, 2023
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Take care of him

Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing



call, or email the parish office with your name and address and contact information. This is an opportunity to visit the sick people at home and receive the sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for those in immediate danger of death but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness. When a priest confers this Sacrament, the individual receives from the Holy Spirit the Graces of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. Also, the Sacrament formally unites the suffering of the individual with that of Christ's Passion and confers a Grace that contributes to the sanctification of the whole Church.

The Sacrament of the Sick is given on all masses on Feb. 11-12th. For those who cannot attend the mass but wish to have the sacrament, please



Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless – St. Terese of Calcutta

SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE DISASTER

In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of February 6, millions of people in Syria and Turkey are now seeking emergency shelter in convents, parish halls and schools.

Your generous and prayerful support is essential in this critical moment – it could be a lifeline for those women, children and elderly people who have nowhere else to turn. Please consider lending a helping hand during this difficult time.

1. **Donate through Development and Peace - Caritas Canada**

The national Catholic organization dedicated to addressing the crying needs of our world, has partners in the Caritas family who are already mobilized on the frontlines of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria.

<https://www2.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=24591>

Call Toll-free: 1-888-234-8533 or Email: info@devp.org

2. **Donate through CNEWA**

<https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>

Let us pray: For the people of Turkey and Syria suffering from the **devastating earthquakes**, may they experience the Lord in their midst through the support of the global community during this time of great loss, let us pray to the Lord.



The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Some Musings

“But I say unto you. . .”

Winter seems to have come to stay. The temperatures are low and the wind has a biting quality to it. It's time for parkas and mittens, boots and warm scarves. Cold seems to be here to keep us company for a while. As I am not a fan of the cold I wrap myself in warm layers hoping against hope that I will be able to stay warm in this cold weather. The meteorologists are telling us we're in for some very nasty weather. We will likely hunker down with a warm drink, a cozy blanket and a good book. The yard out back still has not been traversed by too many of the little critters who live there in the summer. I suppose even they have hunkered down to keep warm.

Sometimes it's hard to keep warm. Our faith life can be like that too. Some days we're on fire to do the Lord's bidding but there are those others that we find it more than difficult to keep our eyes focused on the will of our Lord. The Sermon on the Mount contains some explicit teachings that go far beyond only observing the laws and decrees of the Ten Commandments and call us to a much higher level of obedience; an obedience not of strict rules and regulations but of ultimate concern for doing good to others and a higher standard of behaviour. When Jesus tells His disciples that He did not come to abolish the old law but to fulfill it, that's what He means.

If we only obey the letter of the law we are shortchanging ourselves and more important than that we are shortchanging our Lord. If we go to Mass and fail to participate, or pay attention we have fulfilled one obligation but is that what we want? If we sit and visit with others and don't take an active role in Mass we're not really fulfilling our role as members of His Body, the Church. We are also not setting a good example for others.

When we pray we have to ensure that our focus is not on the things that need doing at home or at work but that our focus needs to be centred on worship and not on things that still remain undone. And that's not easy. Ours is a higher calling as Jesus tells us in this Sermon. The letter of the law can be a simple thing to fulfill but that, Jesus says, is not enough. All too often I sit down to eat and haphazardly make the sign of the cross because the food before me has a tempting aroma and I'm ready to dig into it: or I sit down to pray at Mass and soon find my eyes wandering around the church not in reverence but just to see who I know. When I sit down to say my prayers at home, I find myself thinking of all those little things that I've been putting off or planning meals and not paying homage to the God Who loves me.

Jesus calls us to something much more difficult than just obeying the letter of the law. Yes, I said my grace before meals, I've made the sign of the cross and I've attended Mass but I've certainly not reached that higher standard that the Lord wants from His disciples. We will soon begin Lent and now is a good time to decide not to give something up but to take something on. Let's make decisions to do our best to reach that higher standard the Lord asks of us. When we give alms let's be specific in our reason for doing so. Let's not just do that because it is the thing to do but because of a real concern for others less fortunate than we.

I hear the wind howling around doors and windows and I think of all those unfortunate people who in one way or another are howling for our help. Let's become His hands, His feet, His loving arms and reach out to those we meet.

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