



# 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 OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

Gospel: John 14.15-21 If you love me, keep my commands



### A PRAYER IN GRATITUDE FOR OUR MOTHERS

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to life and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.



# PARISH MINISTRY

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### MASS INTENTION

May 14                    9:00 am    + Bernard Gwiazdzinski  
                                  10:30 am   Gus & Vivian Pasowisty  
                                  12:00 pm   + Rita Renaud  
                                  7:00 pm    For all parishioners  
May 15 – 20            12:10 pm   + Bernard Gwiazdzinski



Prayer directed to the Blessed Virgin Mary is powerful because she uses her holiness to direct our petitions to her son, the Savior. She is not only God's mother, but the mother of all peoples. Because of this spiritual adoption, her maternal heart is always open to her children.

*May is Marian month. Litany of the blessed virgin Mary will be recited every after mass.*



### COUPLES FOR CHRIST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Couples for Christ (CFC) is a global lay organization recognized by the Vatican for its work on the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life and values. Annually, CFC holds its conference, which is a gathering of its leaders and members. CFC in Victoria is hosting the 2023 conference on May 12-14, 2023.

“Christ Heals! Rise, pick up your mat and go!” – is the theme for this year’s conference.

Allan & Leaseth Ocampo, head of CFC Whitehorse, together with some other members will be attending this conference.

Let us pray for God’s guidance and protection on all the participants.



### CGS CATECHIST TRAINING COURSE –

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 15

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Course is being held June 29 to July 5. **The deadline to register has been extended to**

**May 15.** For further information see the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada website [www.cgsac.ca / Study/Become a Catechist / Level 1 / Whitehorse](http://www.cgsac.ca/Study/Become a Catechist / Level 1 / Whitehorse)

or contact Caroline Knickle at [csknickle@gmail.com](mailto:csknickle@gmail.com). Please note that those who prefer to pay by cheque, can go ahead and register online and then bring their cheque on the first day.



### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Congratulations to **JIANA SORIANO** who was baptized on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration form for baptism is found on our website, at the vestibule or email the office to get a copy. Parents who want their child baptise need to attend the baptismal preparation every 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays of the month.

## THE FIVE MARKS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY

1. Grounded in Christian Anthropology
2. Imbued with a Catholic Worldview
3. Animated by a Faith-Infused Curriculum
4. Sustained by Gospel Witness
5. Shaped by a Spirituality of Communion

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF YUKON

CEAY joins our partners in Alberta to celebrate Catholic Education Week May 15-19. Everyone is invited to *wear blue on May 18*, World Catholic Education Day, to show support and appreciation for our Catholic school communities. CEAY is providing rosaries and pamphlets to all students in YCS in celebration of this week and in consideration of the dedication of the month to Our Blessed Mother.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL YARD SALE

The KOC will be holding their annual yard sale on **May 27th** in the parking lot of the Cathedral from 8:00 -12:00 noon. Items can be donated for the yard sale: Friday May 26 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the church garage or during the yard sale. Please note: electronics and clothing items are not accepted. Contact Dominic Pelayo 689-0394 or Romeo Gayangos 334-4474 or John Robbins 668-7049.



## FAMILY CAMP SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL & OUR LADY OF VICTORY



## FAMILY CAMP FOR SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF VICTORY MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Victory Parishes welcome ALL TO KEEP THE DATE - FAMILY CAMP - Friday, **June 16th** at noon to **Monday June 19th**, at noon at Braeburn Camp. Our beautiful camp will feature canoeing, swimming, fishing, crafts, hikes, good food, singing, campfires, prayer time, mass, cabins, nice bunkbeds, a place for you to park your own camper, and MOST importantly, together on June 18, a chance to celebrate our fathers!! Registration and more information, please email the office and contact Stella Martin at 867- 335-4629



## SHARE THE WARMTH WITH MARYHOUSE

Mary House is accepting clothing donations especially men's winter coats, boots & accessories. For all your donations, please drop them at 504 Cook St. It may be helpful to call before going there (667-7146) to ensure someone is at home to receive your donation. Thank you.



**"Mom."** It's a three letter name packed full of unique and powerful meaning for each of us. She's the one who read us inspiring stories as a child. She taught us to walk – physically, but also how to stride toward who we were meant to be in this world. She's the one whose words and deeds remind us of God's unconditional love. She encourages, challenges, forgives, uplifts, empathizes, protects, gives. Let's thank and pray for all mothers today and everyday of our lives.

**CCCB (Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops) Permanent Council Issues an Open Letter to the Federal Government and a Message to the Catholic Faithful on Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide.**

Over the years, CCCB members have consistently and repeatedly expressed their opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide, which was legalized in Canada in June 2016.

As stated in both the Open Letter and Message, "Expanding access to euthanasia and assisted suicide living with a mental illness closes the door to any hope of recovery...undermines the universal and inviolable dignity of human life and harms the building up of society."

Copies of the Message and Open letter have been printed or visit [www.whitehorsediocese.ca](http://www.whitehorsediocese.ca) for more details

**Happy Anniversary of their priestly Ordination: Father Leo Llamas (May 12<sup>th</sup>) Father Slawek (May 13<sup>th</sup>) Bishop Hector Vilá (May 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**UPDATE ON SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL ENERGY-EFFICIENCY RENOVATIONS**



You have likely noticed the construction activity outside the Cathedral for some time now. Workers from Energy North have completed re-insulating the basement walls outside the building on three sides. On the fourth side, facing Fourth Avenue, the same contractor has insulated the basement on the inside and refinished that wall with new drywall.

The soil around the basement wall that was removed during construction has been put back in place and the soil has been regraded to its original contours. The sidewalks that needed to be removed for construction to proceed will be replaced with new ones. The new insulation outside the Cathedral basement walls has been covered with plywood in preparation for adding siding above ground level. The contract for that work has been awarded. That work is expected to start once the siding arrives, likely in July. A small portion of the stone wall that was removed during construction will also be replaced. Finally, the grass around the church will be replanted, likely after installation of the wall insulation on the main floor of the Cathedral is completed.

We received funding from the Community Development Fund, from the Energy Solutions Centre, and from your donations that will cover the cost for this work. These grants and donations have been generous and are greatly appreciated. With your continued financial support, we hope to have enough funding to complete the next stages of the project. These include adding insulation to the Cathedral main floor walls and installing a new energy-efficient heating and ventilation system.

*Thank you for all your donations and may God be abundant with His blessings to you and your family.*

*Douglas Maclean*

**Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. – St Francis de Sales**



## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Some Musings

*“I will not leave you orphaned.”*

The trees are budding out, the flowering trees are starting to bloom, and still others are waiting their turn, still looking naked against the others. Perhaps they’re waiting just to be sure they aren’t in for another bout of snow or hail. It’s that time of year when the weather is still very changeable and it seems that even things may be waiting for things to settle down. We’ve had some warm days when sandals and shorts were the attire of the moment and suddenly, without warning, the temperature drops and out come our woolies. However, I have started some spring cleaning, straightening closets, bureau drawers and kitchen cupboards. Still, the winter coats, warm sweaters, gloves and mittens haven’t made it to the back of the closet yet. I, too, am not sure what the next few weeks will bring. Ours has not been a dreadful winter with snowstorms, ice storms and all the rest. As a matter of fact, my winter boots are feeling a bit neglected as they’ve not been put to much use this winter. But when the good weather does set in I’ll be prepared.

In the gospel for this weekend, Jesus is preparing His disciple for His coming Ascension, His return to His heavenly homeland, and He promises them an Advocate who will sustain them through all the trials that lie ahead of them. Being prepared for all circumstances that may befall us is to be ready for His coming in all the guises He may take. His promise “to not leave us orphaned” is a promise to be with us “until the end of the age.” I know that there are times when we do feel abandoned, left to our own devices with things pulling us in all different directions. We can feel lost with all that knocks at the door of our souls. But if we put our faith in His promises those feelings of abandonment and loss can be dispelled. To attain that peace of mind we need to follow His commandments and the teachings of His Church.

Jesus is preparing His followers to carry on His work when He ascends to His heavenly home. He promises to assist them in their daily work and ordinary lives. Perhaps we aren’t saintly or at least don’t feel saintly but that should not prevent us from doing what we can and when we fail, there’s the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His apostles weren’t always saintly and faithful but our God is forgiving and consoling. He will send His spirit to strengthen and support His disciples giving them the courage to stand firm in the face of many adversaries. And since we, too, are His disciples He sends that same Spirit to strengthen and uphold us as well. We are fast coming to the end of this blessed season of Easter. In these last few weeks, let’s recall the promises we made at the beginning of Lent and firmly resolve to continue to make those promises come to fruition in the very ordinary time of our lives.

The tree that graces my front lawn is in full flower and the blossoms are fragrant and lovely to behold. That tree reminds me that spring is here – a time of rebirth and renewal. It’s time to make our faith lives renewed and reborn with the fervour we feel at those magical, small miracles. Let’s wake each day with our hearts set to do His will, to love Him and our neighbours with devotion. The beauty of spring can set us on a path to a deeper and more loving relationship with others and our God. Let’s not let this opportunity pass us by.

Wishing you a week of many blessings and small miracles.

Betty Bruch