



# SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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EASTER SEASON (Week 4: Apr 21 - Apr 27)

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

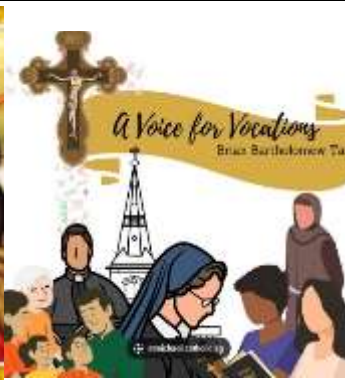
21 APRIL 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayers for Vocations

## Schedule of Masses

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: 9:00 AM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:00 AM; 10:30 AM  
and 7:00 PM  
(12:00 NN French)  
Monday: 12:10 PM  
Tuesday: 12:10 PM  
Wednesday: 12:10 PM  
Thursday: 12:10 PM  
Friday : 12:10 PM

(Special Mass per request)



## Schedule of Confession

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM  
or call for an appointment  
Sunday: Before the Mass  
Monday to Friday:  
11:30 AM to  
12:00 NN

## PARISH UPDATES

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

### I. FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE: **Staffing Changes in the Diocese**

In a couple of Months, staffing changes in the Diocese of Whitehorse will be in effect. Therefore, we would like to announce that Fr. Slawomir (Slawek) Szwagrzyk has been recalled by the Diocese of London where he is incardinated. After eight years of service to the Diocese of Whitehorse as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, he will be returning to Ontario at the end of June. We thank him for all the work he has done in our diocese and in his parish, both on a pastoral level and also in terms of infrastructure improvements.

Also, we are pleased to welcome Fr. Bartlomiej (Bartek) Palczewski from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Many of you may have met him over the past years when he has come to minister in Whitehorse and in the missions during Christmas, Easter and the summer months. He will be arriving in the diocese at the end of June and will serve as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral.

And finally, we would like to introduce Fr. Freison Kunnumpurathu Thomas from Bangalore, India, he is a religious priest from the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, St. Paul's Province. Fr. Freison arrived in Yukon yesterday on April 18, 2024. For the time being, he will stay in Whitehorse adjusting to Canadian culture, the northern climate, and our way of life. During this period, he will also travel to the missions to get better acquainted with the diocese.

Please keep Fr. Slawek, Fr. Bartek and Fr. Freison in your prayers and extend your greetings to them when you see them.

## Dear Sacred Heart Cathedral Parishioners,

Over the past eight years, I have had the privilege of serving the Diocese of Whitehorse as Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Initially, I was contracted for five years and my contract was extended for another three years. In agreement with Bishop Vila and myself, my Bishop has now requested that I return to work in my home Diocese of London, Ontario.

I will be taking some vacation time starting from June 17th, and my final day in the Diocese of Whitehorse will be June 30th, 2024. I would appreciate it if you could keep me in your prayers as I prepare to say goodbye.

Although my time here is coming to an end, I am grateful for all of you and the memories and experiences that I have gained during my time here. These past 8 years have been very intense and fruitful for me, and hopefully for the parish as well. I have always tried to do my best. It makes me happy to see how our parish is growing, with more and more people coming to our church every day. I pray with them and for them. I take this opportunity to apologize to anyone I may have offended, and I pray for their forgiveness. Also, please pray for the priest who will be serving the Cathedral's parishioners in the future. God Bless you.

Fr. Slawek

### II. IN SPIRIT OF FAMILY SOLIDARITY, LOVE AND GRATITUDE:

On **April 23, 2024**, **Father Slawek Szwagrzyk** will be graciously turning **60 Years** of Existence in this beautiful Earth. In unison, let us offer prayers and well-wishes for him that God will be glorified of him and ever bless him to become the best-version-of himself as what He intend him to be and fulfill his missions. *"Happy Birthday To You, Fr. Slawek."*

With this very significant event of his life, **everyone is cordially invited to come and join us to his celebration on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 1:00 PM -5:00 PM at the CYO Hall.** Sidelights of the event is the **Shakespeare play entitled "Julius Caesar", games, snack potluck and of course BIRTHDAY CAKE!!!!...**

### III. CHURCH PROJECTS

We would like to refresh everyone and for the benefit of those who missed the progress report on our Church Projects, the replacement of Doors in the Bell Tower (going to CYO Hall), the North Entrance will be done soon. We just ordered **NEW DOORS** in the amount of **\$38,843.00** and we are waiting for the delivery.

Moreover, the next priority is the **Landscaping Project** at the Southern part of the Cathedral which **along Steele Street. Fr. Slawek have already a comprehensive plan and we need concerted efforts of people and some funds to complete the work before Summer ends.**

### IV. SPECIAL THANKS



We sincerely thanked and appreciated the Seventeen (17) people who heartily offered themselves with their most precious time, efforts, and resources for the successful general cleaning of the CYO Hall and Kitchen last Saturday, April 13. May God ever bless them.

We look forward for more people to come and extend their help in the next schedule of cleaning soon.

### V. CATECHESIS NEWS:

Our CGS programs will be over at the end of April. The **last Level One (1) session will be on Thursday April 25** and the **last Level Two (2) session will be on Wednesday April 24th. Both groups will be having their Pentecost celebrations during the last session.**

A **year end Mass will be held on Saturday April 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral.** All level one and level two children and their families are invited to join us. The children will be serving at the Mass in a variety of ways - reading, altar serving, being in the procession and singing. We hope everyone will be able to join us!

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.

### VI. PARISH LEAD FAMILY CAMP AT BRAEBURN CAMP

All parishioners are invited to the **Parish Lead Family Camp** on **June 14-17 at Breaburn Camp.** Please save the dates and we are highly expecting you. A **Core Group** is going to be organized for the Final Comprehensive Planning and Preparation. Anyone interested to become member, please come on **May 7, Tuesday at 7:00 PM** for a special meeting at the Rectory Office.

**VII. ADULT CATECHESIS:**

*Called to Love – Resume Session*  
 April 26, 2024 Friday at 7:00 PM,  
 CYO Hall.


Session 13: *Inculturation and Education For Love*  
 By JD and Claire Caudle  
 Sacred Heart Parishioners




**VIII. YUKON CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The Catholic School Council Elections is fast approaching and all concerned citizens or individuals eligible to vote are encouraged to keep abreast of the on-going activities and take active participation for its greater success. **Nomination is open on April 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Advance Polling on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Polling Day is May 6<sup>th</sup> Monday at 3:00PM - 8:00 PM.**  
*The right to suffrage is very valuable. Please Vote wisely and rightly.*

**IX. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – by John Robbins**

 **Charity Raffle--Tickets are being sold @Independent Grocers. They are going fast! Contact Joe Hanrath 335-9819 for availability of tickets.**

**X. WHITEHORSE COMMUNITY CHOIR**

 Whitehorse Community Choir will hold a Spring Concert “My Favourite Songs” on Friday, May 03 & Saturday May 04 at 7:30 PM in the Yukon Arts Centre. Tickets available at [yukontickets.com](http://yukontickets.com). This will be the last concert for Barbara Chamberlin, our Music Director as she is retiring. (by John Robbins)

**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
Apr 20	Sat	5:00 PM	+James Fraser	Apr 23	Tue	12:10 PM	Fr. Slawek – 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Apr 21	Sun	9:00 AM	+Felisa Galamiton				
		10:30 AM	+Stefan Drozdzyński	Apr 24	Wed	12:10 PM	
		12:00 NN	+Anna Gosselin	Apr 25	Thu	12:10 PM	+ Irene Ostaszewski
		7:00 PM	All Parishioners	Apr 26	Fri	12:10 PM	Violeta Osiat
Apr 22	Mon	12:10 PM	+Robert Bessy	Apr 27	Sat	5:00 PM	+All Souls in Purgatory

**E. Requests for Special Intentions during Holy Mass Celebrations** (In case you want Mass Cards, they are available.)

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**

<p><b>Sacrament of Baptism</b>                  Baptism Preparations: 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month: @ 7:00PM                  Baptism Ceremony: Saturday at 6:00 PM &amp; Sunday at 1:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>                  Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM or call for an appointment                  Sunday: Before the Mass; <b>Monday to Friday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 NN</b></p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion</b>                  Catechesis Classes: October 2023 - May 2024                  Sacramental Rites: Spring and Summer 2024</p>	<p><b>Sacrament of Marriage</b>                  Marriage Preparations: Spring Time; <b>starts on April 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM;</b> <b>Wedding Ceremony: Couples' Preference</b></p>

**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)*

*We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish. –St. Francis de Sales*

**For Special Moments to reflect and pray.**

**April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

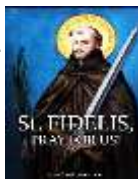
We are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for the vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead His people through His Bishops, Priests and



Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

**April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

A dynamic person saint of Lawyers.



**April 25: St. Mark**

– the author of the earliest and shortest Gospel.



**April 26: Our Lady of Good Counsel**

This title honouring Mary appears early in Christian history



**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)—Good Shepherd Sunday:** Instruments of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep." [John 10:11-13](#)

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a day when we reflect upon the tender image of Jesus as the Shepherd of us all. It is also a day set aside to pray for more shepherds within our Church who will shepherd God's flock with the Heart of Christ.

Our Gospel passage comes from John 10 which, in part, is a commentary on the previous chapter that includes the long and detailed story of the healing of the blind man. Recall that Jesus healed this man who was blind from birth. He did this healing "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." As a result of this man's healing, the Pharisees cast the blind man out of the synagogue, not believing that Jesus' healing was from God. After the man was cast out of the synagogue, Jesus spoke with him again and he professed his deep faith in Jesus, the true Shepherd. The healed blind man said, "I do believe, Lord." Then he worshiped Jesus. Thus, the greater healing of this man was that he became a member of God's flock, accepting Jesus as his true Shepherd.

Our Gospel today is Jesus' commentary upon the actions of the Pharisees in contrast to His own. The Pharisees, as religious leaders, were not shepherds. They were "thieves and robbers" who came to "steal and slaughter and destroy." Jesus, however, came so that those who listened to His voice "might have life and have it more abundantly."

The Gospel passage quoted above explains why the Pharisees were not true shepherds. It was because they "work for pay" and have "no concern for the sheep." Think about that statement as it applies to the Pharisees and their treatment of this man who was blind from birth. First of all, the "pay" that these Pharisees worked for was their own self importance—a fleeting and worldly reward. They saw themselves as the true teachers and interpreters of the Law and saw anyone who did not follow them as a threat. The Pharisees clearly perceived Jesus as such a threat to them. For that reason, they took their envy out on this humble and simple blind man. They were not shepherds to him. They did not encourage him, support him, point him to God or act in any way as an instrument of God's grace. Instead, they condemned this innocent and holy man out of their pride.

Though God shepherds us today through His sacred pastors, we are all called to participate in this shepherding of the Good Shepherd in our own unique way. We are called to lead those within our families, at work, at school, within our neighborhoods, social circles and in every other societal context. But too often we imitate these Pharisees by allowing our own selfishness and desire for self importance to interfere with our ability to put others first and love them with the Shepherd's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the calling you have received to lay down your life for others in imitation of the Good Shepherd. In order to imitate this love in the Heart of Christ, we must love without seeking love in return. Laying our lives down is an act of sacrificial love that enables us to look only at the needs of those around us. Pride and selfishness must disappear, and the good of the other must become our only goal. Reflect upon how well you do this, and pray that the Good Shepherd will use you to shepherd those in your life who need it the most.

*Divine Shepherd, You came to lay down Your life for us all so that we might have life and have it to the fullest. Like the blind man You cured, I profess my belief in You and worship You. Help me to receive and imitate Your love so that I will lay my life down for others, leading them to You, their holy Shepherd. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You. (My Catholic Life)*

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

**Vicenta Barbarona**  
Parish Secretary

**Hélène Lapensée**  
Parish Secretary – French Community

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Parish Accountant

**Caroline Knickle**  
Parish Catechist