



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH

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EASTER SEASON (Week 6: May 05 – May 11)

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

05 MAY 2024

Schedule of Masses

1st 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**

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. MAY 05: SUNDAY, 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the Children who receives the **First Holy Communion** on **May 05, 2024 Sunday at 2:00 PM Holy Mass Celebration**. May they will continue to grow deeper in faith and love for God. We also sincerely thank and congratulate the parents and the catechists for their wholehearted concerted efforts and support for the great success of the Catechesis Program of the Good Shepherds with Caroline Knickle as Team Leader.



III. MAY 05: THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS

The Church's collection on May 5 provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father in his pastoral works such as charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, for the support of the Holy See and its activities, support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. (Canon 1271)

IV. MAY 11 & 18: SATURDAYS, 2024 CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be solemnized to the Children who successfully completed and complied all the requirements of the Catechesis Program of the Good Shepherds on May 11 Saturday at 5:00 PM and on May 18 Saturday at 5:00 PM respectively.



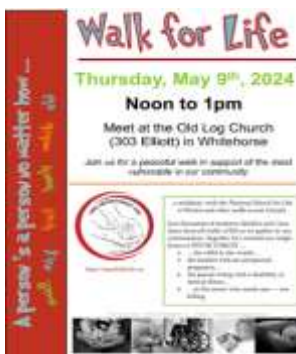
V. PARISH LEAD FAMILY CAMP AT BRAEBURN CAMP



VI. BISHOPS' LETTER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Most Rev. Héctor Vila, along with the other bishops from Alberta and NWT, would like to share a letter with all Catholic school teachers, parents and Catholic faithful, in support of Catholic Education. Hard copies are available at the entrance of the cathedral, or you can read it on the diocesan website at www.rcdw.ca.

VII. WALK FOR LIFE



Please read Posters in The Bulletin Board for a clearer and more details

VIII. 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- A. Sunday Collection had a total of over \$172,000.00 in 2023, representing an increase of over 27% from the prior year.
- B. Over the years 2017 to 2023, the generous donations of parishioners and funding from federal and territorial governments have accumulated to \$536,111.61. Through these donations and funding, Sacred Heart was able to fund the renovations of the Rectory and Church Buildings and the purchase of new kitchen appliances and necessary church equipment. These investments have enabled Sacred Heart's total net assets to grow from \$448,861.00 (in 2017) to \$890,111.00 (in 2023) representing a 98.3% increase or nearly double in that time frame.

Balance Sheet and Income Statement as of December 31, 2023 are available at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Website.

IX. 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. **Advance Polling on May 4th at 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM and Polling Day is May 6th Monday at 3:00PM - 8:00 PM.** *The right to suffrage is very valuable. Please Vote wisely and rightly.*

X. CULMINATION OF ADULT CATECHESIS: CALLED TO LOVE PROGRAM

Called to Love Conference - A Christian perspective on Human Anthropology, Bioethics and Battling Addictions with guest speakers, Dr. Renato Versace and Mrs. Gianna Salvitti - **Sat. May 25, 2024** from 9:30am to 1:30pm at CYO Hall at Sacred Heart Parish - A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome! For those who cannot attend in-person, there will be option to join online. Visit www.rcdw.ca for more details or contact the Chancery at contact@rcdw.ca

XI. NATIONAL FAMILY AND LIFE WEEK: MAY 13 TO 19TH, 2024

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate, National Family & Life Week (NFLW) which begins on Monday, May 13th and concludes on Sunday, May 19th, 2024, the Solemnity of Pentecost. This year's theme, "Love hopes all things," is inspired by the words of Saint Paul, the Apostle: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:7).

For more information and assistance to our parishioners, please visit the Diocesan National Family and Life Week Webpage which include the link to the CBB Pastoral Toolkit 2024 with prayer and catechesis resources, activities for families and parishes, and social media tools (in English and French); as well as information compiled by the Diocese of Whitehorse on The Catholic Family, a Domestic Church. – **from Office of the Bishop**

XII. SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - by Michael Dougherty

The Yukon Cares Volunteer Appreciation Social event has been rescheduled to May 26th from 11:30-1pm at Shipyards Park. The City of Whitehorse asked them to do so because May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and the Yukon Women's Aboriginal Circle was given the priority for a gathering to mark the day in the park. Yukon Cares, our community based refugee support group, welcomes all to their event on Sunday, May 26.

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
May 04	Sat	5:00 PM	+All Souls in Purgatory	May 06	Mon	12:10 PM	+Carlos Jandic
May 05	Sun	9:00 AM	All Parishioners	May 07	Tue	12:10 PM	
		10:30 AM		May 08	Wed	12:10 PM	
		12:00 NN	+Gérard Pèpin	May 09	Thu	11:00 AM	Respect for the Dignity of Human Life
		2:00 PM	First Holy Communion	May 10	Fri	12:10 PM	Mara & Anthony - Birthday
		7:00 PM		May 11	Sat	5:00 PM	Jovicris Barbarona – 24 th Birthday

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)
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2. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS AND RITES

Sacrament of Baptism Baptism Preparations: 1 st & 2 nd 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 at 7:00 PM; 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.



MAY: THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The tradition of dedicating **May** to the Virgin Mary offers a profound opportunity to explore her role and significance in Catholic tradition and how her life and virtues continue to inspire followers of Jesus Christ. During this month, our reflections and celebrations focus on the deep spiritual connection that the faithful maintain with the Blessed Virgin Mary. www.ourlittleroses.org/blog/may-the-month-of-mary/



For Special Moments to reflect and pray.

May 06 St. Francois de Laval – Patron of Bishops of Canada



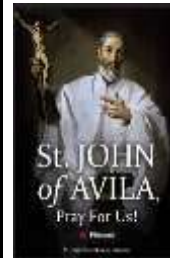
1st Bishop of Quebec City, an Outstanding Educator and Administrator, and A Generous benefactor.

May 08: Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine



She was graced with several mystical experiences, but the people of New France remembered her more for her great love for them.

May 10: St. John of Avila



He was famed as a preacher, confessor, and spiritual writer. A Patron Saint of Diocesan Priests in Spain and Doctor of the Church.

Catholic Life Reflections:

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Friendship with God – John 15:9-17

Just prior to the passage quoted above, Jesus says, “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” Is that the measure of true friendship? That we do what our friend commands us to do? That depends upon which friend we are speaking about.

There are many images we use for God. We call Him Father, Savior, Master, Lord, King, Redeemer, Spirit and Friend. When it comes to God as our divine Friend, it is important to understand the nature of that friendship properly. Jesus’ friendship is not one that simply makes us “buddies.” Friendship with our Lord is not the same as a friendship between two equals. He is God. And because He is God, our friendship with Him takes on unique characteristics that are not present in other friendships. With that said, there could be no greater friend than the Lord Himself.

Among humans, our friendships have various foundations. It could be that two people have mutual interests and they enjoy engaging in those interests together. It could be that two people have spent much pleasant time together since childhood. Or it could be that two people have endured some difficulty together and that experience has bonded them together. But according to Saint Thomas Aquinas, friendship in its purest form is based on just one thing: mutual charity.

Charity is the form of love that is purely selfless. It’s a way of relating to another in which a person’s sole focus is the good of the other. It is not based on one’s own self interests. It’s not a matter of “what do I get out of it?” In [1 Corinthians 13:4–8](#), St. Paul defines the love of charity this way: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.” This is not only the definition of charity, it is also the only foundation for true friendship.

When you consider all of these qualities of charity, you will find that God relates to us in each of these ways. For that reason, God offers us the purest friendship possible. Whether or not we reciprocate these qualities to God will determine the depth of the bond of friendship that we establish with Him. But there is more. When we love God, we must love Him in a way that is proper and proportionate to Who God is. For example, if we offer charity to God, we seek to fulfill only God’s interests and rejoice in the Truth of Who He is. Thus, the charity we offer to God comes in the form of worship. He is God and is worthy of worship, adoration, surrender, trust and perfect obedience. When it is God we are loving, the very essence of the Person we love requires these responses.

One beautiful and consoling thing to recognize with this form of charity given to God is that it also establishes a true friendship with God. When we offer our worship to God, we are in a position to receive the very life of God in return. And the giving of ourselves, coupled with the reception of the life of God, establishes a bond of holy friendship that will transform us, unite us with Him and fulfill us to perfection. Friendship with God makes us one with Him and opens us to receive everything that He shares with us—namely, His very Self.

Reflect, today, upon the invitation Jesus has offered you to enter into a true friendship with Him. This means that God becomes the center of your life. It means that you seek to give yourself, selflessly and without reserve, to Him Who is deserving of all your love. It means you choose worship and obedience to perfection. The reward of such love is that you are able to enter into a bond that is so holy, so pure and so fulfilling that it completes you, enabling you to become who you were meant to be.

My God and true Friend, You offer me everything in life. You offer me Your perfect love, given fully and without reserve. I pray that I will reciprocate that depth of love and offer to You all that You deserve. I offer You my love, worship and obedience, dear Lord. May this mutual love form a bond that will never end. Jesus, 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**.

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