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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING:

Raymond Powder passed away January 31, 2018. Theresa Cyr passed away February 2, 2018. Michael Courtorielle passed away February 4, 2018. Archbishop Joseph MacNeil passed away February 11, 2018.

BAPTISMS: February 10, 2018: Senet Michael and Miriam Okbayes. February 11, 2018: Carter De Jesus.

1st Sunday of Lent

God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.

Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid struggle,
but open ourselves to blessing,

through the cleansing depths of repentance
and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit. Amen.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Mornings at **8:30 a.m.**

Sunday at **10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday at **4:00 p.m. the Eritrea Mass**

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9 a.m.

Friday at 7 p.m.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES is having its next Baptismal Class on

Thursday, March 15 (a rescheduled date), 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Call 780-422-3052 to register.

**Thank you to Archbishop Richard Smith for celebrating all
three Sunday Masses with us February 18, 2018.**



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WORLD YOUTH DAY JANUARY, 2019

THEME: "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. (Lk 1:38)

AGE: 18 to 35 years.

DATES: January 17-21, 2019: Days in the Diocese (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, & Panama)
January 22-27, 2019: World Youth Days Panama

ESTIMATED COSTS: Flights (\$800-\$1100) parish coordinates. Days in Diocese (\$100), World Youth Days (\$300-\$400), WYD Jerseys (\$23) Registration (\$40).

Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples would like to participate if the interest is here. Some form of fund raising may be done to assist participants. Please call the office if interested.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1. **Baptism:** Everyone wishing to have their child Baptized are asked to attend one Baptism Preparation Class. These classes are offered on the second Thursday of each month and take place in the church at 6:00 p.m. Please register by calling the office. Adults wishing to be baptized are asked to call the office to register separately.
2. **First Communion:** We will begin providing classes for children ages 6 to 12 years who wish to receive their First Communion. The next class will be held on March 3, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Church. Future dates will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin. To assist us with planning the classes we would ask that you call to register if you would like to have your children receive the sacrament anytime over the next 6 months or so. Thank you for your cooperation.
3. **Marriage:** Due to preparation and paper work, please make every effort to register for marriage at least 3 months ahead of the date.

Outreach Ministries Available at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

1. **Communion for Housebound Parishioners:** Housebound parishioners of Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples who might wish to receive Holy Communion on Sundays can register by calling the office at 780-422-3052. Please be sure to provide your complete address. Trained Eucharistic Ministers are available to offer the service.
2. **Spiritual Assistance and Direction:** Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI and Lucie Leduc (Director at Star of the North) will be available by appointment at Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples to provide spiritual assistance. Please call the office to book an appointment (780-422-3052). This is a free service.
3. **Grief Counselling:** Grief counselling is available to anyone who is dealing with the death of a loved one. This service is for all parishioners of Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples and is offered by Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI and Helen Gledhow, CGSC, CSIC. Please call the office to make an appointment (780-422-3052).
4. **House Blessings:** Call the office if you wish to have a House Blessing.

SACRED HEART WEBPAGE (www.sacredpeoples.com)

Our webpage has been updated and as time goes on new information will be added on a regular basis. You will be able to access our weekly Bulletin and Calendar. We also have our new facebook page, which lists all our current parish activities that you can link to from this website.

Please visit our site to keep current.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Bible Study Group has begun at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The next session is on Tuesday, February 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. It is held in the church rectory and will run every other Tuesday. The dates will be on the monthly calendar. Everyone is welcome. We will be reflecting on one parable each week. The “Parable of the Two Sons” will be the one we reflect on during the February 27th session.

Parable of the Two Sons (Matthew 21.28-32)

What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe in him.

ST. PAUL PRAYER GROUP

A St. Paul Prayer Group has also started and is held in the rectory on alternate Tuesday’s (alternate to the Bible Study Sessions). The next St. Paul Prayer Group session will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

ULTREYA

February 24, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
At Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples

MOVIE NIGHT

Every last Thursday of the month Sacred Heart Church will be having a Movie Night in the church basement. The first one will be held on February 22, 2018, the movie showing that evening is “God is Not Dead” starting at 7 p.m. There will be snacks and soft drinks. Everyone is welcome!

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
Times: 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon
And 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

2017 TAX RECEIPTS

The 2017 Tax Receipts have been mailed out. If you have not received yours next 2 weeks please contact the office. Also, tax receipts for the Children's Christmas Party, food hampers and Christmas dinner donations will be sent out separately.

SACRED ART OF LIVING AND DYING

Providence Renewal Centre is pleased to collaborate with the Sacred Art of Living Centre in offering a two-day workshop "**Understanding Spiritual Pain**" on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Focusing on **forgiveness, relatedness, meaning and hope**, the workshop addresses how or facing spiritual pain or 'leaning into' it has a profound impact on our lives and the lives of those receiving and giving care. Participants will learn a total pain management model that helps reduce anxiety and improve quality of living. Cost \$475.00 (includes manual, lunch and follow-up group support). Discount of \$100.00 for groups of 5+. For more information or to register, go online www.providencerenewal.ca or phone 780-701-1854.

RETROUVAILLE - HELP FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help and renew marriages at any stage. The emphasis of the program is on a new technique of communication between a husband and wife.

The next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program starts March 16 – 18, 2018.

For more information or to register call 587-598-4357 or: www.HelpOurMarriage.ca

2018 ART IN THE CITY SERIES

7 FREE Art Sessions with Willie Wong

Theme: Discovering the teachings of the Medicine Wheel and the heartbeat of Mother Nature.

Place: Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples church basement (10821-96 Street)

Dates: February 10, 24. March 3, 17. April 7, 14, 21, 2018.

Time: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lunch served, supplies provided and no experience required

Matt Talbot Prayer Group

The Matt Talbot Prayer Group meets once a month on Saturday mornings at Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples after the 8:30 a.m. mass. The group is inspired by the life of Venerable Matt Talbot (1856-1925), also known as "the worker's saint" and patron of people who suffer from alcoholism. Ven. Matt Talbot encourages all of us by his moving example of personal conversion, triumph over addiction, dedication to duty, care for family, and life of constant prayer. The prayer gathering for March will be announced later.

We are delighted to announce the new members of our Pastoral Parish Council, Finance Committee and various other ministries. Our new members have a wide range of backgrounds and skills to work together as Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. Please join us in welcoming them all.

Pastoral Parish Council

Fernie Marty	Bridget Stevenson
Gilman Cardinal	Candida Shepherd
Jack White	Rose Munsod
Marie Lund	Chris Floden
Eve Caroline Shaw	Caitlin Schmidtz
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Finance Committee

David Gledhow
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Baptism Preparation Team

Angie Arendt
Dan Pagnucco

Grief Counselling Team

Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI
Helen Gledhow

Liturgical Team

Karen MacCarthy
Al Arendt
Elaine Dunnigan
Paul Perron
Gina McIntyre

Pastoral Care Team

Florence Large
Judith Frank
Mary Paterman

Outreach Ministry Team

Hillarie Fortune	Susan Sinclair
Ksienia (Siggy) Zyha	Justin Robert

Spiritual Assistance and Step Five Recovery Program

Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI
Lucy Leduc

SUNDAY READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2018

First Reading: (Genesis 22.1-2,9-13, 15-18)

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And Abraham said, "Here I am."

God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

When Abraham and Isaac came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Hear I am."

The Angel said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

The Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn says the Lord; Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed by voice."

Second Reading: (1Romans 8.31b-35, 37)

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who dies, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Gospel: (Mark 9.2-10)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Peter did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.