

Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

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NISKIPISIM (GOOSE MOON)

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

May McIntosh passed away March 15, 2018.

BAPTISMS: March 24, 2018: Esey Zeresila, Bethel Hilafu and Ashley Garcia. March 25, 2018: Roman McCarthy.

Easter Sunday Prayer

O Lord,

Risen, alive and full of grace.

You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today.

We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace.

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, April 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Call 780-422-3052 to register.

First Communion Class

The next First Communion Class at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES will be held on

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Call 780-422-3052 to register.



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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 are providing classes for children ages 6 to 12 years who wish to receive their First Communion. 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.

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

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 am 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.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Bible Study Group has begun at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The next session is on Tuesday, April 10, 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 Wicked Tenants” will be the one we reflect on during the March 27th session.

Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Matthew 21.33-43)

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir, come let us kill him and get his inheritance”. So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.”

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, April 3, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Knights of Columbus

Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus please contact Fernie Marty at 780-655-7135 or you can see him at the 11:30 mass on Sundays.

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.

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.

New Parishioners

Are you new to Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples Parish? Everyone is welcome! If you would like to register as a parishioner or if you would like donation envelopes please call the office at 780-422-3052.

Benefit Concert for Star of the North Retreat Centre

“Starry Night” featuring Coco Love Alcorn and Sachs Pop-Up Choir

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Arden Theatre (5 St. Anne Street, St. Albert)

General Admission: \$35.00

For Tickets: 780-459-5511

www.starofthenorth.ca

e-mail: reception@starofthenorth.ca

All proceeds support the ongoing mission of Star of the North Retreat Centre to offer a sacred place of hospitality and healing.

Weekly Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for March 25, 2018: \$2723.00

MEDICINE WHEEL TEACHINGS

Would you like to learn more about the core teachings of the Medicine Wheel! There will be a teaching session on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the church basement starting at 6:30 p.m.

Teaching will be done by: Fernie Marty, Gilman Cardinal, Marie Lund and Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI
Everyone is welcome!

Come join us at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Enoch, Alberta
On Saturday, April 21, 2018

To celebrate the Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American Aboriginal Saint.

- Schedule:**
- 11:00 a.m. Mass**
 - 12:15 p.m. Guest Speaker: Fr. Gaffney: “Life of St. Kateri – How she is relevant today.”**
 - 1:00 p.m. Stew and Bannock**
 - 1:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Rod Alexis: “Faith and Inculturation”**
 - 2:15 p.m. Gospel Music (at the Grotto)**
Spiritual Blessing & Healing Prayers with the First Class Relic of St. Kateri (at the Tipi)
 - 3:00 p.m. St. Kateri Chaplet**
 - 3:10 p.m. Rosary of Light**
 - 4:00 p.m. Closing Prayer**

Confession Available Upon Request

**Directions to Enoch: Coming from Edmonton West, Highway 16 or 16A.
Turn South on Sec. Hwy 60. Signs posted.**

SUNDAY READINGS: Second Sunday of Easter – April 8, 2018

First Reading: (Acts 4.32-35)

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

With great power the Apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the Apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each and as any had need.

Second Reading: (1 John 5. 1-6)

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel: (John 20. 19-31)

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "I have not seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.