

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:

Othellia McRae passed away February 17, 2018.

BAPTISMS: February 25, 2018: Noel Hameonaka.

Parish Ministries Meeting: All members of the following 3 committees: Pastoral Care, Outreach and Youth, are invited to their first meeting on Monday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the rectory. The meeting will begin with a supper.

3rd Sunday of Lent

God of the living,
through baptism we pass from the shadow of death
to the light of the resurrection.
Remain with us and give us hope
that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit
who gives life to our mortal flesh,
we may be clothed with the garment of immortality,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.



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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

Information session: Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the church basement. Maria from "Marianatha Tours" will be here to provide information and answer any questions. Anyone interested please attend.

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 10, 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, March 13, 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 Mustard Seed” and the “Parable of the Yeast” will be the ones we reflect on during the March 13th session.

Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13.31-32)

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches’.

Parable of the Yeast (Matthew 13.33)

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened’.

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, March 6, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT

The next movie night will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the church basement. The movie is called “Do You Believe”. *(When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street-corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. From the creators of God's Not Dead.)*

There will be snacks and soft drinks. 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.

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 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. The March prayer gathering is on **Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 9:00 am–10:00 am** (Reflection on St. Patrick & Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Star of the North Retreat Centre Programs

Willie Littlechild: Breaking New Ground Together The TRC Calls to Action - Three Years Later

Join us as we continue the dialogue inspired by the TRC Calls to Action, and move forward together toward a renewed relationship and brighter future for all. **7 pm Wed March 7th, Please pre-register: \$10** (Subsidy available)

Slow Down! Leaning Into Lent: Daring to go Deep A Retreat Day with Sandy Prather

We will enter into the saving mystery by reflecting on Jesus’ ‘Seven last Words’ from the cross. Heart-breaking, sorrowful, hope-filled: the prayers from the cross reveal the heart and mind of Christ and his deep relationship to his ‘Abba.’ **Thursday, March 15, 9:30 to 3 pm \$40**

Hands-On Forgiveness: Breaking Free and Moving Forward with Fr. Peter Doherty, OMI & Patti-Anne Kay.

Come explore forgiveness as a multi-level process that takes place on spiritual, psychological and physical levels. There will be in-depth presentations, discussions and quiet reflection on the deep nature of the call to forgive **7 pm Fri March 16-1 pm Sun March 18 Live-in: \$250. Commute: \$190**

Register at: www.starofthenorth.ca 780-459-5511

SUNDAY READINGS: 4th Sunday of Lent – March 11, 2018

First Reading: (2 Chronicles 36. 14-17a, 19-23)

All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord that he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

The Lord, the God of their ancestor, persistently send his messengers to them because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his Prophets, until the wrath of the Lord against his people became so great that there was no remedy.

Therefore the Lord brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. The king took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had made up for its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in fulfillment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom and also declared in a written edict: “Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever s among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him! Let him go up.”

Second Reading: (Ephesians 2. 4-10)

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—for it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. This is not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus or good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Gospel: (John 3. 14-21)

Jesus said to Nicodemus: “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten-Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. The one who believes in him is not condemned; but the one who does not believe is condemned already, for not having believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God.

“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”