

Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

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APINIYAWEPISIM (EGG LAYING MOON)

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

Ada Gartner passed away April 16, 2018. Evan Auger passed away April 18, 2018. Larry Aubichon passed away April 18, 2018. Ida Daniels passed away April 24, 2018.

BAPTISMS: April 26, 2018: Kyler Nairn-Antkow, Charie Ann Scroll and Nova Lee Funk.

FIRST COMMUNION: April 29, 2018: Heaven Cardinal.

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
Now and in the hour of our death.**

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, May 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Call 780-422-352 to register.

First Communion Class

The next First Communion Classes will be held on June 2nd, July 7th, August 25th, 2018 at 7 p.m. in church.

For those attending these classes First Communion will then be received on Sunday, August 26, 2018.

Call the parish office at 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

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.

WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection for April 29, 2018: \$2283.00

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A Bible Study Group has begun at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The next session is on Tuesday, May 8, 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 passage from the bible each week. For the May 8th session we will discuss “The Parable of the Wicked Tenants”.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Luke 20: 9-19)

He began to tell the people this parable: ‘A man planted a vineyard, and leased it to tenants, and went to another country for a long time. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants in order that they might give him his share of the produce of the vineyard; but the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Next he sent another slave; that one also they beat and insulted and sent away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third; this one also they wounded and threw out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, “What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.” But when the tenants saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, “This is the heir, let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours. So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.’ When they heard this, they said, ‘Heaven forbid!’ But he looked at them and said, ‘What then does this text mean: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the scribes and chief priests realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to lay hands on him at that very hour, but they feared the people.

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, May 15, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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 May prayer gathering is on Saturday, May 12, 2018 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Reflection is on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) and May the Month of Mary.

Upcoming Programs at Star of the North Retreat Center

(3a St. Vital Ave. St. Albert AB)

Register at: www.starofthenorth.ca OR 780-459-5511. Subsidy request forms available.

Twilight Recovery Evening Retreats: Facilitator: Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI.

Thursdays, 7 p.m.: **April 9 and May 17** (cost by donation): Open to anyone either in a 12 Step Program, or loving one who is, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about addictions and the recovery process.

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

Bingo Volunteers

Bingo volunteers are needed. Please call the Parish Office (780-422-3052) if you could help out once a month at our Bingo. Thank you for your time.

Focus Themes for Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples

The Parish Council has identified three themes for our parish to focus on throughout the coming year.

Theme 1: Drawing Children and Youth to our faith.

Theme 2: Creating a welcoming and accepting community environment.

Theme 3: Teaching culturally diverse spirituality.

We would love to hear your valuable ideas in addressing these three themes. Talk to one another about your ideas and mention them to one of the Parish Council Members and/or write them down and put them in the suggestion box (a blue lid box) at the back of the Church. We will look at your suggestions at our June Parish Council Meeting. Thank you for your input.

Pastoral Care Ministry Team Reaching Out at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES, guided by our pastor Fr. Joseph "Susai", are beginning their pastoral care ministry for our parish community inspired by Jesus' own healing ministry for the sick and the marginalized. Team members were commissioned by Archbishop Richard Smith early this year and are supporting Fr. Joseph "Susai" in pastoral care service for our parish community through:

- prayer ministry
- hospital and home visits for the sick and homebound, offering prayers or bringing Communion
- assisting Fr. Joseph "Susai" with house blessings

Starting this Sunday, a Prayer Request box will be placed at the back of the church before each Sunday mass. Parishioners and visitors may write down prayer requests for themselves or for others and place them in the Prayer Requests box. These prayer requests will be offered before the altar at each weekend mass. Throughout the week the Prayer Requests box will be set before the altar as a sign we entrust these requests in God's hands. Once a month on a weekday evening the Pastoral Care team will gather together before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to pray for these prayer requests, all parishioners are invited to join us.

Parishioners needing assistance with pastoral care services may call the Sacred Heart Church office during weekdays from Mon-Friday (780) 422-3052 for more information or to arrange for a visit.

Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES.25 CENT SALE (GARAGE SALE)

May 26th and 27th, 2018

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone having items to donate please bring them to Sacred Heart Church by Thursday, May 24th.

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.

Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage July 21 – July 26, 2018

This year, Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples will have a tent set up for the entire Pilgrimage to provide some basic essentials such as water, umbrella, rain coat, etc. to participants. If anyone could help us by donating some of these items (especially bottled water). Please drop them off at the office. More detailed information concerning the Pilgrimage will be in some later bulletins.

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.

SUNDAY READINGS: Ascension of the Lord – May 13, 2018

First Reading: (Acts 1. 1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This” he said, “is what you have heard from me. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Second Reading: (Ephesians 1. 17-23)

Brothers and sisters: I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: (Mark 16. 15-20)

Jesus appeared to the eleven, and he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.