

# Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

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## **OPASKAHOPISIM (EGG HATCHING)**

**First Communion:** June 2, 2018: Dimalat Michael, Farah Welde. Neimrod Tkue, Simer Birhane, Fiona Ghebremicael, Milca Ghebremicael, Nahom Telke, Ferhat Misghina, Alador Tinsan, Alonjab Tinsan, Alem Habte, Alfa Tesfay, Mirwet Misghina, Selam Gebremdhin, Horeb Kusmu, Shaka Zerea, Hermela Eyob, Christina Eyob, Esey tesfuSinit Mesghena and Wiyet Michael.

### Summer Prayer

**Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.**

### 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, June 14, 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 July 7<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 June 3, 2018: \$3957.00

### **Wanted: Your children!!**

Do your children get bored during mass? Or perhaps your children are not even interested in attending mass. Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples wants your children to come. Starting September 2018, Sacred Heart will host fun activities in the Church basement during mass. Stay tuned, additional details will be posted in future bulletins.

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

A Bible Study Group has begun at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The next session is on Tuesday, June 19, 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 June 19th session we will discuss "Plucking Grain on the Sabbath" (from St. Matthew).

### **Plucking Grain on the Sabbath (Matthew 12: 1-8)**

At that time Jesus went through the cornfields on the Sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, 'Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.' He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and yet are guiltless? I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. But if you had known what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice", you would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.'

### **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, June 12, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### **Indigenous Teachings**

On Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement, Sacred Heart Church of The First Peoples will host an Indigenous Teachings session based on Indigenous smudging practices and traditional symbols such as the Eagle feather. A panel of 4 to 5 Elders will be present to lead the teachings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **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 June prayer gathering is on Saturday, June 9, 2018 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Reflection is on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (June 9).

## **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 WEBPAGE ([www.sacredpeoples.com](http://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.

**A Schedule of the Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage can be found on our Facebook page:  
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## **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: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 17, 2018**

### **First Reading: (Ezekiel 17. 22-24)**

Thus says the Lord God:

“I myself will take a spring from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

“On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

“All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.”

### **Second Reading: (2 Corinthians 5. 6-10)**

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what he or she has done in the body, whether good or evil.

### **Gospel: (Mark 4. 26-34)**

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

Jesus said; “The kingdom of God is as if a man would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, without his knowing how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Jesus also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them expect in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.