

# Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES

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April 15, 2018

**NISKIPISIM (GOOSE MOON)**

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

Howard Parranto passed away April 2, 2018.

### Springtime

**In spring time fresh flowers are rising.  
New lambs in the fields – not surprising.  
In every hedgerow and tree  
Lush beauty will surround me  
It's heaven; there is no disguising.**

### 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 780-422-3052 to register.

## First Communion Class

The next First Communion Class at Sacred Heart CHURCH OF THE FIRST PEOPLES will be **announced**  
**in next weeks bulletin.**

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

### **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.

### **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.

## **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

A Bible Study Group has begun at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. The next session is on Tuesday, April 24, 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 April 27th session we will discuss "Jesus the Good Shepherd).

### **Jesus the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21)**

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear a voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away...and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.' Again the Jews were divided because of these words. Many of them were saying, 'He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?' Others were saying, 'These are no the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?'

## **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 17, 2018 from 7 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## **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.

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

The next movie night will be on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Church basement. The movie is called "Noble". It is a true story of a fearless Irish heroine driven by her daring vision to escape the slums of Ireland and risk everything on the streets of Vietnam. There will be snacks and soft drinks. Everyone is welcome.

## **WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Sunday Collection for April 8, 2018: \$3591.00

## Upcoming Programs at Star of the North Retreat Center

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

Register at: [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca) OR 780-459-5511 Subsidy request forms available.

1. Go Deeper and Find Your Inner Wisdom: **Wednesday, April 18 to June 13, 2018.** 7-9 pm \$150.00 for the series.
2. Slow Down Day with Sandy Prather: "Pack Nothing", Travel Notes for the Journey: **Thurs. April 19, 2018** 9:30 to 3 p.m. (\$40.00 includes lunch).
3. A Path and a Small Light with Paula D'Arcy (international speaker and author). This is a silent retreat. 7 p.m. **Friday, April 27 to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29** (Live-in: \$250. Commute: \$190)
4. 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.
5. Mary-Pilgrim of Faith: A Biblical Journey: following the footsteps of Mary. Facilitators: Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI and Christine Fosiy-Erickson. 7 p.m. May 4 to 1 p.m. **May 6** (Live in: \$250, Commute: \$190)

## 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](http://www.starofthenorth.ca) e-mail: [reception@starofthenorth.ca](mailto: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.

## 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 Hwy 60**

## **SUNDAY READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 22, 2018**

### **First Reading: (Acts 4. 7-12)**

While Peter and John were speaking to the people about the resurrection of Jesus, the captain of the temple arrested them and placed them in custody.

The next day of the rulers, elders and scribes assembled. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them. “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

“This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among human beings by which we must be saved.”

### **Second Reading: (1 John 3. 1-2)**

Beloved: See what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

### **Gospel: (John 10. 11-18)**

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”