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SACRED HEART PARISH

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Sunday Bulletin

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Why do we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory?

From the very beginning of the Church, Christians have believed that when we die, we will either go to hell, or to heaven directly, or to heaven after our soul is cleansed of any non-mortal (venial) sins. That third option is what we mean by purgatory: it is the spiritual "place" where we are cleansed of any and all spiritual flaws which remain, so that we can enter into heaven in a state of perfection, as Revelation tells us.

The existence of such a state is already found implicitly in the Old Testament, in 2 Maccabees 12, which speaks of Jews praying for the deceased. As the Church would later teach, prayer for the dead only makes sense if there is a temporary "place" after death in addition to heaven and hell. After all, our prayers are useless for anyone who's in hell, and they are unnecessary for anyone in heaven. From very early on, then, Christians took up their Jewish ancestors' practice—bolstered by what would be written down in the New Testament in places like 1 John and Revelation as well as 1 Corinthians 3:15 and 1 Peter 1:7 which speak of a cleansing fire—and prayer for the deceased. Already in the middle of the second century A.D. we find explicit reference to praying for the deceased, implying that this temporary after-death state must exist.

Now let's turn to the question of praying for the souls in purgatory. As we have seen, this is a practice which predates Christianity and which was taken up by the early Church. In fact, both purgatory and praying for the dead were beliefs and practices held by all Christians up until the time of the Protestant Reformation. Throughout the centuries, Christians have prayed for souls in purgatory or for "the dead," which means the same thing. We do so for the same reason that we pray for the living: because in the mystery of God's plan and of His goodness, our prayers are able to aid and benefit them. Somehow, our prayers are able to hasten that time of spiritual purification and help the deceased enter more quickly into heaven.

Chris Burgwald holds a doctorate in theology and is the director of Adult Discipleship and Evangelization for the Diocese of Sioux Falls. The full article may be found at <https://sf catholic.org/bishopsbulletin/why-do-we-pray-for-the-souls-in-purgatory/>

Book of Life



The book of Life will be placed in the foyer for the month of November. Please take a moment to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Life. For families never entered in our Book of Life, new sheets are available; otherwise please add names to your existing family sheet and your sheet will be kept in the book from year to year.



Sacred Heart Parish is a Jubilee Pilgrim Church! Please see the foyer display to learn more about the Jubilee Year and the indulgences available to the faithful.

**33rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**



Pancake Breakfast November 16

All are welcome to the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday November 16 after the Sunday Masses. Proceeds go towards the Grade 7 year end trip to the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Beds.



Christmas Costumes—Volunteers Needed!

Veritas School is in need of additional class sets of angel and shepherd costumes for their upcoming Christmas Concert. Consequently, they are seeking volunteers who would be willing to help sew 30 simple angels costumes and 30 simple shepherd costumes. Veritas would provide the material. Please call Principal Tamara Berg at 250-635-3035 for more information or to volunteer! Thank you!



School Mass November 19

All are welcome to the School Mass on Wednesday, November 19th at 9:00am. The theme of the Mass will be the Holy Word of God.



Advent Mission at Christ the King, Kitimat

All are welcome to an Advent Mission at Christ the King Parish in Kitimat on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00pm. Fr. Dominic Apataah will be speaking on Overcoming the Passion of Anger: A Pathway to Holistic Healing. Topics will include the healthy use of anger, the unhealthy response to anger and the ultimate remedy.



First Communion and Confirmation Preparation

Please call the parish office at 250-635-2313 to book an appointment with Fr. James if you think you and your child are ready to receive their First Communion or Confirmation preparation.

First Communion children must be baptized and have completed Grade 2.

Confirmation students must have completed grade six.

Please phone and book your appointment to dialogue with Fr. James by November 30th.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Pastoral Care: Gorette Pires: 250-635-2313

Prayer Line: Linda: 635-4767 Holly 635-3894 Rene 635-5833

NFP (Billings) Instructor: Cathy Vandenberg 250-635-7397

Pro-Life: Don Coburn 250-635-5427

Sacred Heart Guards of Honour: Heather Kurisu: 250-641-4191

CWL: Rachel Cote 250-635-5983

Knights of Columbus: Gerald Caouette (250) 615-2773

Finance Council: Barry Dobbin: 250-922-5654

Parish Council: Manuela Krisinger: 250-638-7885

Abba Prayer Group: Mondays at 7:00pm in St. Luke's Room

Travelling Statue of Mary

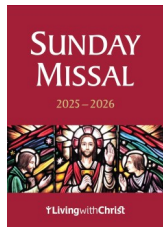


The travelling statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for home visits. Families are invited to sign up on the sheet in the foyer to welcome the statue into their homes for a period of seven days. During your appointed week, families are invited to pray the rosary daily and come to grow in their devotion of Our Lady and her Son, Jesus. For any questions or more information please call Gorette at 250-635-2313.



Needs of the Canadian Church November 9

This annual initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada. . Participation in this Collection enables the Bishops to sustain these vital endeavors, thereby supporting the pastoral and spiritual mission of the Church nationwide. Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Needs of the Church in Canada; together we raised \$1,355.00.



Missals & Devotionals for Sale

The liturgical year ends on Sunday, November 23 on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Missals for the new liturgical year on sale in the foyer for \$7.00 each.

The Word Among Us Advent Devotionals are on sale for \$4.00 each.



Called Together Diocesan Annual Appeal

We appreciate your continued generosity and support. Your assistance makes an enormous difference to many particularly in our smaller parishes. Please also remember to pray often for the many needs we have throughout the diocese.

Parish Goal: \$ 45,450

Donations to date: \$ \$ 20,061.00



Catholic Women's League Memberships

November is CWL membership month. The fees are \$48.00 (cheque or cash, no e-transfers please) and the blue envelope can be used. If you don't use the church envelopes just put your name, address, phone number and birthdate on a plain envelope and place it in the collection basket or turn it in at the office.

How to Leave Your Financial Legacy

Michele Santos, an investment expert and advisor to the Diocese of Prince George, will provide an engaging and informative presentation ensuring valuable insights on how to leave a Financial Legacy.

The presentation will be followed by an open Q & A to allow for discussion and questions.

To register go to:

<http://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3vNkR4hVRL>

Or scan the QR code.



MASS TIMES Nov 17 – Nov 23

Monday 9:00am † Max Botelho

Tuesday 7:00pm † Hildegard Jakobs

Wednesday 9:00am † Maximino daSilva

Thursday 9:00am † George Kofoed

Friday 9:00am † Francine Bruneau

Saturday 9:00am † Jennie Prystay

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 7:00pm † Deceased members of the Pontes Family

Sunday 9:00am † Humberto Araujo

Sunday 11:00am Intentions for the Parish

Confession

Tuesday & Saturday 6:30pm
or by appointment.

Daily Readings

Monday, November 17 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64 Psalm 119 Luke 18:35-43	Thursday, November 20 Maccabees 2:15-29 Psalm 50 Luke 19:41-44
Tuesday, November 18 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Psalm 3 Luke 19:1-10	Friday, November 21 <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 1 Chronicles 29 Luke 19:45-48
Wednesday, November 19 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Psalm 17 Luke 19:11-28	Saturday, November 22 <i>St. Cecilia</i> 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Psalm 9 Luke 20:27-40
Sunday, November 23 <i>Christ the King</i> 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Psalm 122, Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43	

Prayer List



Arnie Appels
Maria DeMelo
Raulino DeMelo
Gilda deSousa
John deSousa

Laura B. duBois
Fred Haines
Charlene Henry
Joao Mendes
Gerald Nelson
Dalton Stanvik

To put a name on the Prayer List please phone the parish office. Please remember to phone us as well if a name needs to be removed from the list.
Thank you!

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Daily Rosary Times

Sun, Mon, Wed., Thurs., Fri, Sat., 8:30am
Tues, 6:30pm

Quote of the Week

God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

E -Transfers to Sacred Heart Parish

When setting up the transfer option please add and save the parish as a recipient using:

1. Parish Name: **Sacred Heart Parish Terrace**
2. Email address: **shpaccounting@sacredheartnews.ca**
3. In the message section of the e-transfer please include your envelope number, if applicable and the designation of the your donation, i.e. "General" or a special collection.

**** Please note that you do not need a security question because the donation is automatically deposited into the designated parish account. Thank you!**

Last Sunday's Collection

General: \$ 4,937.70

Thank you to all who have donated to the parish; your generosity is deeply appreciated.

