

SACRED HEART PARISH



St. Joseph Church



Sacred Heart Church



St. Anthony Church

All Saints

November 1st, 2026

Year A

Welcome To
Our Parish

"You are loved,
you matter, and
you belong."

PARISH INFORMATION

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MISSIONS

St. Joseph Church
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Jaffray, BC V0B1T0

St. Anthony Church
4949 Luck Avenue
Canal Flats, BC
V0B1B0

Pastor's Message:

My dear friends in Christ!
Sing with all the Saints in Glory!

On Monday, November 2nd, All Souls Day Mass will take place 5pm. Come and join us as we remember our beloved dead. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

This weekend, we celebrate All Saints Day. We may ask ourselves --- What is our idea of saints?

Today's liturgy reminds us that saints are ordinary people like us, of the same flesh and blood as we are. But they had the courage to be different, to do the ordinary things of life in the extraordinary way of Christ from whom they drew their courage. They put us to shame with their quiet but strong gentleness, their integrity, their commitment to God and to people in justice and truth and peace.

MASS TIMES

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday

Sacred Heart 6:30pm

Wednesday to Friday

Sacred Heart 9:00 am

Saturday

St. Anthony, Canal Flats 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart 7:00 pm

Sunday

Sacred Heart 9:00 am

St. Joseph, Jaffray 12:00 pm

Holy Mass is celebrated

*every 2nd Tuesday of each
month at*

Garden View 10am

and The Pines 11am

Next Masses are

Tuesday, November 10th

† † † **MASS INTENTIONS** † † †

Sat.	Oct 31	4pm St. A 7pm SHP	No Mass † Flo Reid	R
Sun.	Nov 1	9am SHP 12pm St. J	No Mass No Mass	
Mon	Nov 2	5pm SHP	All Souls'	INT
Tues.	Nov 2	6:30 SHP	No Mass	
Wed.	Nov 4	9am SHP	No Mass	
Thurs.	Nov 5	9am SHP	No Mass	
Fri.	Nov 6	9am SHP	No Mass	

Pastor's message cont....

Indeed, the saints were not perfect people who never make mistakes. They were people who kept turning to God with open hands, sharing what they had received. The saints, show us that, in spite of our weaknesses and limitations, it is possible with God's grace to live like Christ. Holiness is not reserved for a few heroes. It is the ordinary vocation of every baptized Christian. It is our vocation to become like saints.

In the Gospel, we hear about the Beatitudes. Jesus stresses the qualities he wishes to see in his disciples, qualities we see exemplified in the lives of the saints. It is the same qualities he wants to see in each one of us.

Let us ask the Lord Jesus then for the strength to follow him the way saints did. May examples inspire us and encourage us. May they intercede and guide us. Through their lives, may we seek after holiness and live lives worthy of the children of God.

Love & Prayers,
Fr. Rex

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday – 6:30pm
Friday 9:30 – 10:00 am during Holy Hour
Or by appointment

BAPTISM/MARRIAGE:

Please contact the Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

If you or a family member is sick, hospitalized or facing death and wish to have a priest visit, please call the Parish Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Louise Gottschalk
Ph: 250 - 427 - 6132 or
email: louigott@gmail.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - RCIA

Ben Greschner 778-256-1201
email:greschnerben@gmail.com

EMERGENCIES:

Call 250 – 231 7078

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you know someone who is curious about our Catholic faith? A survey once indicated that almost all new RCIA candidates were invited by a co-worker, friend, or family member. A simple and sincere invitation is often all that is needed in their life. If you know someone who is looking for the peace that comes through the Catholic faith, I encourage you to extend an invitation to the RCIA program. There is no cost to attend. For more information call Ben Greschner at 778-256-1201 or email greschnerben@gmail.com

Looking Ahead:

Oct 31	All Saints Mass 7pm
Nov 2	All Souls' Mass 5pm
Nov 10	Mass at Garden View 10am, Mass at the Pines 11am
Nov 17	County Cupboard pick up 11-12:30pm and 5:00–6:30pm
Nov 28	Christmas Tea and Bake Sale
Nov 29	First Sunday of Advent

Quote of the Week

**"And then our weakness,
the place we are most afraid of,
becomes the place that most brings us
close to the Lord and helps us grow in holiness."
-St. Therese-**

This Week We Pray For:

- ◇ Healing for Anne-Marie Rathpoller
- ◇ Healing for Doug Tetzlaff
- ◇ Healing for Michael Huppie
- ◇ Prayers in the prayer basket

Holy Adoration

**Holy Adoration is available after each weekday
mass from 9:30-10:00am.**

**On the First Friday of the Month
From 9:30 to 4:00**

Did you know?

**If you have any documents, receipts, etc., that
you would like to pass onto the bookkeeper,
they can be deposited in the drop box of the
exterior hall basement door.**

**The parish office is updating our files. Please
help us by supplying us with your full name,
current address, phone number(s), and
birthdate. (We would like to pray for you!) You
can email the information to us or drop it in the
collection basket.**

Oct 25, 2026

	Actual	Budget
Sunday		
Collection	\$2,303.00	\$2250.00
Year to		
Date	\$70,543.50	\$67,790.00
World Mission Collection:	\$982.40	

Our Pilgrimage of Faith Appeal 2026

This annual appeal provides funding for capital project rebates, Catholic education, social and pastoral programs, and many other key services in our diocese as well as our parish.

Diocesan Goal for Sacred Heart: **\$10,150**
Sacred Heart Parish Goal: \$
Total Goal: \$
Raised to Date: **\$11,035**
Raised above goal + **\$885.00**

We hope that everyone will participate in this year's appeal.

Remember to fill out your pledge card and drop it along with a cheque/cash in the collection, or donate via e-transfer to:
etransfer.pof@nelsondiocese.org

Ways to Donate Financially to Our Parish

Parish Envelopes – available in the Narthex. Make sure to write name and address the first time you use it.

E-transfer for Sacred Heart Parish –In the message box include how the donation is to be directed.
etransfer.shpkimberley@nelsondiocese.org

Pre-authorized Giving Plan – Fill out the form available in the Parish office and bring a blank cheque.

Scan the QR Code located in the pews.

Informational items

- **"Country Cupboard" 2026!** - Sacred Heart Parish Fundraiser. Delicious homemade products lovingly prepared by members of our parish; Antipasto, Perogies, Cabbage Rolls, Tourtiere, Apple Strudel, Beef Meatballs in Sauce, Borscht and Preserves are on the "Menu"! GET YOUR ORDER IN SOON TO AVOID MISSING OUT ON THESE DELICIOUS ITEMS. Your order can be emailed to Elaine Rangen elaineatcountrycupboard@gmail.com or call her at (250) 432-9417.
- **Catechism** will continue on Sundays as per usual.
- **Please welcome Father Rex Velmonte** who joins us for Saturday evening Mass at 7pm. This will be the only weekend Mass at Sacred Heart Parish.

Catholic Catechesis: *An Invitation to Joy!*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' invitation to blessedness is an invitation to joy. However, Jesus' joy sets the world's joy on its head. We want to avoid discomfort and pain at all costs. Jesus says, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you... Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." However, the promise of heaven amidst suffering is not merely a promise of future joy, but of a joy already begun even while suffering. This joy amidst suffering was the "insanity" that only the saints understood. The saint knows they are secure in God's love amidst suffering. This experience of God's love then moves the saint to give everything back to Christ and, in that self-sacrificing gift, to find deep joy. Consider reading at least one brief article about the life of a saint. Then say a simple prayer to that saint asking for their intercession for your family and yourself.

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NOVEMBER GOODIES AFTER MASS PROVIDED BY

Nov 1	No Mass this day!
Nov 8	Parish Council
Nov 15	CWL
Nov 22	Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
Nov 29	Father Obi Omelette Breakfast

CHURCH BULLETIN

Please submit informational items
for the church Bulletin by
Thursdays at noon.
Thank you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Beloved Parishioners,

I will be going home to Nigeria to be with family and attend to some family matters.

In my absence, an Associate Pastor will be arriving within the next month to assist Fr. Rex Velmonte with Mass coverage in Kimberley and Cranbrook. *Mass times will return to normal shortly after the Associate Pastor arrives.*

Changes to Mass times in the interim will be as follows as directed by the Bishop:

Mass in Kimberley will be at 7:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Fr. Rex will come from Cranbrook for this. There will be **no Mass on Sunday in Kimberley**.

Mass at St. Anthony in Canal Flats will be cancelled until further notice. Parishioners have the option to attend Mass in Kimberley on Saturday or go to Invermere.

Mass at St. Joseph in Jaffray will be cancelled until further notice. Parishioners have the option of attending Mass in Kimberley on Saturday or go to Fernie.

Fr. Rex Velmonte in Cranbrook will be available to cover sick calls and funerals until the Associate Pastor arrives.

Thank you and God bless.

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

Sacred Heart receives Heritage BC grant for the refurbishment of the exterior of our church

Father Obi recently outlined a vision for our church that includes addressing the current state of the physical building.

In support of this effort, a Centennial Building Committee was struck in the summer and submitted a grant application to Heritage BC for the restoration work, including the replacing of the fascia boards, fixing the belfry tower and cross, and the painting the structure. We solicited several quotes from local contractors to complete the work. The intent is to research and return the structure to a period correct paint scheme.

Heritage BC received grant applications totalling \$1.8 million dollars. We were notified in early October that Heritage BC has approved our grant application and will cover half of our restoration expenses to a maximum of \$49,490. Exciting and joyful news! As Father's note highlighted, we have some work to do to raise the remaining funds to match the funds provided by Heritage BC, and with our cash on hand, Parish fundraising efforts and the help of the Kimberley committee at large, we're confident that we can raise our matching amount.

The Centennial Building Committee consists of Marc Cossette, Brian Huppie, Stephanie Malik, Cecil Morissette, and Ken Tate. As part of the grant application, we received letters of support from the City of Kimberley, Golden Life, Kimberley District Heritage Society, and the Kimberley Food Bank. The supporting letter from the past Mayor is attached. Please approach anyone on the Centennial Building Committee if you have any questions.



July 29, 2026

RE: Letter of Support – Heritage Legacy Fund

To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to offer my support for Sacred Heart Parish's application to the Heritage Legacy Fund.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is a cherished landmark and is approaching its 100th anniversary. This recognizable building is positioned prominently at one of the main entrances to Kimberley and represents our community's rich history. The church has been an enduring and recognizable part of Kimberley since its construction in 1927.

Recognized by the Kimberley District Heritage Society as a heritage building, Sacred Heart Church is among the oldest surviving structures in our city. Its construction reflects the determination and generosity of Kimberley's early residents, with much of the work completed by skilled volunteers representing the many cultural backgrounds that helped shape our community.

Beyond its architectural and historical significance, Sacred Heart Parish continues to play an important role in the social fabric of Kimberley. The parish hosts a variety of well-attended community events throughout the year, including the annual St. Patrick's Tea, Christmas Fair, and Bake Sale. These events are open to everyone, regardless of faith, and have become valued traditions that bring residents together and strengthen community connections.

Preserving Sacred Heart Church is an investment in Kimberley's heritage, identity, and future. I respectfully encourage the Heritage Legacy Fund to give this application its full consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Don McCormick
Mayor
City of Kimberley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don McCormick', written in a cursive style.