

**The Body and
Blood of Christ**

June 7, 2026

SACRED HEART PARISH BULLETIN

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Sacred Heart Weekly Mass Schedule

Tues. to Fri. 9:00 am (Adoration 9:30 - 10:00 am)

Saturday – 7:00 pm Sacred Heart

Saturday - 4:00 pm St. Anthony

Sunday – 9:00 am Sacred Heart

Sunday - 12:00 pm St. Joseph

REFLECTION:

Happy Solemnity of the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus

It is our Catholic Tradition to have a procession in honour of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist on this day. This is a way not only to honour and worship our Lord but also to bring our Catholic faith into the public space and to ask our Lord to bless our city in a special way.

So, following the 9am Mass on Sunday, there will be a Eucharistic Procession with the monstrance. We will walk round the Church premises and back into the Church and conclude with Benediction.

Parish Feast

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday, June 12. To commemorate this, we will have Mass in the evening a 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Parish feast potluck will be on Sunday, June 14th. Doors open at 4:30pm. Details to be announced this Sunday.

Pastor's Message

“You are loved, you matter, you belong”

Dear friends in Christ,

I desire to meet you, to get to know you and to journey with you. I struggled to find the right words to begin my message. I have been praying and asking God to give me the right words. On Friday, as I knelt in adoration of Jesus with about 15 parishioners, gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, thinking about the love of His Sacred Heart, His love for our parish, for me, for this city and for the world, I had a sense that this is what He wants me to say to every parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish:

‘Beloved, you are loved, you matter, you belong.’

Years ago, when I was made the pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Creston, I remember asking an old, wise retired priest: “Fr, what should I do as a pastor when I get there?” He said to me: “Just go there and love them.” So, I come to you not with any agenda, but with this sentiment: to love you.

For the years we will journey together, I want to ask you for this favour: **to give me a chance to love you, to take care of you and to get to know you, to get to know your heart. And together, that we may love Jesus and love and take care of one another.**

No family, no parish is perfect. Only in heaven shall we find perfection. On this side of eternity, sometimes we fail in love. Sometimes, our hearts need to be healed. Sometimes, we need to give each other a second chance just as our dear Lord gives us a second chance again and again. So, let's work together to make our parish family a place of love, harmony and peace, where everyone encounters the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As Fr. Manoj was showing me the city, we met a lady who was so excited to see him. She said to him: “Fr, I wish you peace; I hope our paths cross again; by the way, you make the best curry.” It was really touching to hear that. And Fr. smiled. With this lady, we wish Fr. Manoj peace and blessings as he begins a new chapter in his ministry. With gratitude to him for his work here.

I'm loving the parish and the city already. I read that Kimberley was voted the best small town in BC. What a joy it is for me to join you here: in the best small town.

Upon my arrival, I have been meeting people already on the street: people waving, smiling. My first visit was to a cemetery. I went to honour the Church triumphant - the men and women who came to Kimberley to raise families: the miners, the bakers, the teachers, drivers, farmers, doctors, lawyers, firefighters, the ordinary men and women who lived ordinary lives and made this city

what it is today. Some of them were parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. I went to ask for their intercession for our parish as we begin our journey together.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus and as we line up every Sunday to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, I cannot but think of the men and women who come to receive Jesus in Holy Communion: bakers, miners, teachers etc. We all come as we are to receive the greatest miracle into our hearts and to bring this Miracle - Jesus of Nazareth to our homes and places of work.

As so many of you may probably know already: I love Jesus, I love our diocese, I love the Church and I love people. I love our Eucharistic Lord, and I know you do too.

To all the people of Kimberley, I desire to follow the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to be a good Pastor. I come to you, to serve you and to proclaim Jesus to, and with you.

So, strengthened by the Eucharist at every Mass, sent by the Lord and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us go out and continue the mission of Jesus and the Church. The mission is before us. The world is waiting with hope. And behold, God is with us always.

You are loved, you matter, you belong.

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

MASS INTENTIONS: June 6 – June 12, 2026

Saturday 6	4 pm 7 pm	St. Anthony Sacred Heart	The Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday 7	9 am 12 pm	Sacred Heart St. Joseph	The Body and Blood of Christ Missa Pro Populo
Monday 8			No Mass
Tuesday 9	10 am	Garden View	Mass at Garden View Village Special Intention requested by Maria Goncalves
Wednesday 10	9 am	Sacred Heart	Special Intention requested by Maria Goncalves
Thursday 11	9 am	Sacred Heart	Special Intention requested by Maria Goncalves
Friday 12	6:30pm	Sacred Heart	Intentions of parishioners

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- **We welcome Fr. Obi** to Sacred Heart Parish and the Missions of St. Anthony and St. Joseph. We extend our warmest prayers for your new ministry in our Parishes and hope you come to love the beauty and delights of our little part of God's beautiful world.

- **GARAGE SALE**

The garage sale last weekend was a great effort by many. I would like to thank the team that helped: to Louise Gottschalk, Lorraine Anderson, and Elaine Rangen who spent many hours unpacking, sorting, and pricing all the goods, to Philip Knight for his social media assistance, to Ben Greschner for his assistance with moving items to the hall, and to those parishioners who volunteered their time each day of the sale. Lastly, a special 'Thank You' to all parishioners who donated items for the SHP Garage Sale. We were truly humbled by the sheer generosity of donations. To date we have raised just over \$2700.00 which will be used for the general operations of the parish. Thank You!

Stephanie Tate,
Garage Sale Coordinator

Looking Ahead:

June 6	First Saturday Mass 9am
June 9	Garden View Mass 10am
June 12	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart Mass 6:30pm
June 14	Parish Potluck 4:30 pm, details to come.

Pope Leo's Intention for JUNE:

For June 2026, Pope Leo XIV's monthly prayer intention is dedicated to "the values of sports".

He asks Catholics and people worldwide to pray that sports act as an instrument of peace, dialogue among cultures, and promote core values like respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

RCIA News –

We welcome anyone who is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith to please speak to Father or Ben, or to any member of our RCIA team!

All are welcome!

This Week We Pray For:

- ◆ *Father Obi as he begins his pastoral duties as parish priest in Kimberley. May your ministry be blessed! Welcome, welcome!!*
- ◆ *Wilma Croisdale, and Erica Lehr for grace and healing*

Sacred Heart Financial

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Catholic Catechesis:

God humbles Himself to become our spiritual nourishment!

In a world that constantly hungers for meaning, love, and fulfillment, Jesus does not leave us to wander alone. He left us Himself. In the Eucharist, the creator of the universe—body, blood, soul, and divinity—becomes our very food. We don't just remember a past event; we enter into the living reality of the Last Supper, where Christ is truly and substantially present.

"When we respond "Amen" to "The Body of Christ," we are saying yes to being transformed by His love. Just as Christ humbled Himself to become bread for us, we are called to be broken and poured out as Christ-bearers to a hurting world.

Reflection:

When I receive Communion, do I take the time to truly realize that I am encountering the living God?

Does the love, mercy, and grace I receive at Mass overflow into how I treat my family, neighbors, and those in need?

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