

SACRED HEART PARISH



St. Joseph Church



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St. Anthony Church

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time August 30, 2026 Year A

Welcome To
Our Parish

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

PARISH INFORMATION

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**Take up your cross and follow me: What to do
when we carry our daily crosses!**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that He's going to die on the Cross and rise on the third day. Peter does not like that. He does not want to see Jesus suffer. Jesus rebukes him and then makes the statement: "If you want to be my disciple, take up your cross and follow me." If Jesus carried His Cross, we too, must follow in the footsteps of our Master.

J.C Ryle once wrote: "A religion that costs nothing is worth nothing. A cheap Christianity without a cross, will prove in the end a useless Christianity without a crown."

Similarly, John Scott notes: "There is no Christianity without the cross. If the cross is not central to our religion, ours is not the religion of Jesus Christ."

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, September 8th

† † † **MASS INTENTIONS** † † †

Sat.	Aug 30	4pm St. A 7pm SHP	Parishioners, St. Anthony † Peggy Pew (M. Munro)	INT R
Sun.	Aug 31	9am SHP 12pm St. J	Parishioners, Sacred Heart Parishioners, St. Joseph	INT INT
Tues.	Sept 1	6:30pm SHP	Intention of Leighton Wilson	INT
Wed.	Sept 2	9am SHP	Intention of Leighton Wilson	INT
Thurs.	Sept 3	9am SHP	Intention of Leighton Wilson	INT
Fri.	Sept 4	9am SHP	Intention of Leighton Wilson	INT

Pastor's Message cont....

As we carry our daily crosses, may I share three ways (as I learned from Jentezen Franklin) to encourage yourself in hard moments:

1. **Jesus is with me:** He is with me in this moment and He has all power.
2. **God is at the bottom:** Deuteronomy 33 - Moses Final Farewell Sermon on the mountain. Moses speaks about how God is a God of the mountains. He names the great things that happened on the mountain: God gives the 10 commandments; He tells Abraham not to kill Isaac, but that He the Lord will provide the lamb. Right in the middle of the sermon, he shifts. He wants to remind the people that when they walk with the Lord, it won't always be a mountain top. The eternal refuge is our God and underneath us are the everlasting arms. In Hebrew, underneath means bottom. God is at the bottom. You may go down so far; you may reach rock bottom, underneath your family, underneath your marriage, underneath your children, underneath your future, when it seems like everything is falling apart, underneath everything are the everlasting arms of God. He is not just Lord of the mountains; He is the Lord of the valley.
3. **A measure of faith:** God has given to every human being a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). Anything you face in life; God has given you enough faith to overcome that situation.

When you are going through stuff, it truly helps to remind yourself:

1. Jesus is with me.
2. God is at the bottom.
3. I have faith for this.

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 250 or
email

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:

Aug 30	Mass - Rite of Welcoming for RCIA Candidates and Catechumens 9am Father Obi;s Omelettes
Sept 7	Parish BBQ 4pm
Sept 12	Workshop & A Day of Reflection for all in Parish Ministries 10am
Sept 14	Parish Healing Service 6:30pm
Oct 16	October Fest
Nov 28	Christmas Tea and Bake Sale

Quote of the Week

"Let the love we create be the legacy we leave."

-St. Therese of Lisieux-

This Week We Pray For:

- ♦ *Prayers in the prayer basket.*
- ♦ *For blessings on our children and teachers returning to the classrooms for another year.*

First Friday Mass and Adoration

September 4th is First Friday.

Holy Mass at 9am followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 9:30am to 4pm

Come and spend time with the Lord!

CATECHISM REGISTRATION TIME!

Catechism classes for children aged 6 and older. Preparation for **First Reconciliation** and **First Communion**.

Learn to love Jesus through music, stories, crafts, and prayer!

Registration forms in the Church entrance, or email Louise at louigott@gmail.com

Thank You!

Aug 23, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Sunday	\$2124.00	\$2,250	\$126.00
<u>Collection</u>			
<u>Year to</u>	\$		
<u>Date</u>			

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:	\$4,185.00
Funds Still Required:	\$5965.00

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.

Pastor's message...

Sunday Mass at 9am; No Saturday 7pm Mass - I am away in Edmonton for retreat and a time of spiritual growth and renewal. For those who attend Saturday 7pm Mass, I am sorry. I'll leave Edmonton Saturday at noon and cannot make it back in time; hence we are cancelling Saturday 7pm Mass.

Omelette after Mass - I have been practicing how to prepare Nigerian omelette for a large group of people. With the help of some of our parishioners, we are ready to do this. I promise, it is not spicy. :) If you want yours spicy, we'll make it happen. Come and join us and together let us continue to build up a welcoming community where the love of Jesus urges us on; a community where we love the Lord and one another from our hearts and truly desire to make disciples. Invite a friend, a neighbour, a family member to Mass and fellowship after Mass.

Love you all. Happy Sunday!
Your brother,
Fr. Obi

Catholic Catechesis:

Take up your Cross Daily and follow Jesus Christ!

Jesus told his disciples he must first suffer rejection, be crucified, and then rise again on the third day. Peter wanted to protect Jesus from any threat or harm. That is why he rebuked the very thought of Jesus having to face rejection, condemnation, and crucifixion. Now Jesus recognizes in Peter's response another temptation to seek a different and less costly path for accomplishing his mission than the way of the cross.

Jesus knew that the cross was the only way he could ransom us from slavery to sin with the price of his blood which was shed for our freedom. Jesus told his disciples that they, too, must be willing to lay down their lives in order to gain new everlasting life with the Father in his kingdom.

The cross of Jesus Christ leads to victory and freedom from sin and death. What is the cross which Jesus Christ commands me to take up each day?

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Finance Committee.: Ken Tate 403-466-1988

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Church Cleaning: Jennelle Lafortune 250-433-1258

AUGUST GOODIES AFTER MASS PROVIDED BY

Aug 30 – Fr.Obi Omelette breakfast

Sept 6 – Parish (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

Sept 13 – Parish Council

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Informational Items

- **Welcoming/Acceptance Rite**

On Sunday, we will have a Welcoming/Acceptance Rite for our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates. This is a very short rite that will commence at the entrance of the Church and conclude after the homily.

At the beginning of the Rite, we will ask the candidates these questions:

1. What do you ask of the Church of God?
2. What do you desire?
3. For what reason have you come? I find the questions very beautiful. It is God who has put the desire for Him in their hearts. It is the light of God which is already shining in their hearts. It is Jesus whom they seek. And they are asking to belong to His Church. Please come and join us as we celebrate. **Let us pray the good Lord will bring to completion the good work He has begun in their lives.**

- Media Release Statement issued by the **Military Ordinary of Canada on Spiritual Reflections in Military Settings**

Please go to Sacred Heart Parish Website to read the Media Release Statement. www.sacredheartkimberley.ca

- **The Parish BBQ is scheduled for September 7th**, and all are welcome! Hot dogs, smoky sausages, buns and condiments will be provided. Please bring a salad or dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the foyer to let the organizer know numbers, etc. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Catholic Mountain Star Fall Edition 2026**: We are now accepting submissions for the Fall CMS. The Fall 2026 CMS will feature Weddings and Anniversaries. Wedding and Anniversary photos, Marriage stories and memories, Milestone Anniversaries, Parish Anniversaries, or Priest Ordination Anniversaries. The deadline for submissions is the 30th of September.

A Call to Eucharistic Adoration

Every month on First Friday adoration is available beginning with Mass at 9 am and going until 4pm. It is important for us to have people committed to a certain time so that we don't leave Jesus unattended. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, we would love to have you sign up. There are always times when someone can't make their time, so the more we have joining us the better. It is not a locked in commitment. You have the opportunity every month to say if you can attend and when. Thank you for considering a holy hour with our Lord.

Please respond to my email Maureenwatson8@gmail.com if you are interested. And I will include you in the monthly email.

Maureen