

SACRED HEART PARISH



St. Joseph Church



Sacred Heart Church



St. Anthony Church

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 11, 2026 Year A

Welcome To
Our Parish

“You are loved,
you matter, and
you belong.”

PARISH INFORMATION

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St. Anthony Church
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Canal Flats, BC
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Pastor's Message

Happy Thanksgiving to all our parishioners!

Today I give thanks to God for all of you: for the parish we all call home, our spiritual family. I thank God for our beautiful home. I once heard this: ‘Never wait until the end of life or when someone passes to say something nice, good and kind about the person. Today and everyday, let us take the opportunity to bless (blessing means good word) each other, to say good things about and to them, sincerely.

As I celebrate my Anniversary on this Thanksgiving weekend, I look back with gratitude to God for calling me to serve, for the people whom I've met on the road of life who taught me, who led me to Jesus, who through their life of virtue taught me the most valuable lessons of life. Thanks to my Mom and Dad and the countless others.

To everyone in our parish, your life of Sacrifice and love has been a great inspiration. As you gather to celebrate as a family, please send my love and regards to your loved ones. May your celebration be filled with love, joy and laughter.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your brother,
Fr. Obi

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

A special collection

will be made for

World Mission

Sunday

October 17-18

† † † **MASS INTENTIONS** † † †

Sat. Oct. 10	4pm St. A 7pm SHP	Parishioners, St. Anthony †Lydia Morrisette	INT R
Sun. Oct. 11	9am SHP 12pm	Parishioners, Sacred Heart Parishioners, St. Joseph	INT INT
Tues. Oct.13	6:30pm SHP	NO MASS – Priests Study Days	
Wed. Oct 14	9am SHP	NO MASS	
Thurs.Oct.15	9am SHP	NO MASS	
Fri. Oct.16	9am SHP	NO MASS	

Pastor's Message continued

Must I Go to Mass Every Sunday? Eucharist- Means to give Thanks

The above question was put to me by Jimmy - a young medical student in Vancouver. It's been few years now but this weekend as we celebrate thanksgiving, I recall the question.

I met the young man at St. Paul's hospital where I did my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). We became friends and would often talk about religion, about God, about spirituality and soccer, of course. Becoming increasingly busy with studies, one day Jimmy asked me: " Sly (that's what he calls me), must I go to Mass every Sunday?

This was my reply - Jimmy, you don't have to go to Mass every Sunday. You must not but if you care to know, I'll tell you why I go.

As I lay in bed last night, I was unconscious; I didn't know where I was. This morning I woke up, opened my eyes, I can see, I can feel, I can breathe, I can eat.

You and I have a wonderful opportunity of studying, but so many in our world would love to but have no means. In fact, one out of hundred has no college education. One out of 3 in our world are dying of hunger. One out of three have nowhere to lay their head at night. I'm sure you know Hasting Street. You see, whenever I walk by there, looking at those people on the street, I often think to myself 'that could be me.'

Jimmy, you know, I didn't give myself life. Someone gave me life. The things that have come to me in life, I consider them to be blessings and grace. I merit nothing. It's not because I have worked better than others. Some work so hard but still don't have the blessings you and I have.

When I look at all these wonderful blessings from God, deep down my heart, I really want to give thanks to God.
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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
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 11	Coffee after Mass
Oct 16	Oktoberfest 4 – 7pm
Oct 20	Mass at GardenView 10am, Mass at the Pines 11am
Nov 17	County Cupboard pick up 11am – 1pm
Nov 28	Christmas Tea and Bake Sale

October 4th, 2026

	Actual	Budget
Sunday		
Collection	\$2,364	\$2,250
Year to		
Date	\$64,036	\$60,750

Quote of the Week

The ripple effect in grace: "I implore you, acquire a peaceful spirit, and then thousands of souls will be saved around you." St. Seraphim

This Week We Pray For:

- ♦ For Doug Tetzlaff for healing
- ♦ Prayers in the prayer basket.

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:	\$6985.00
Funds Still Required:	\$3165.00

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

Holy Hour Adoration
Every Friday after Mass
from 9:30 to 10:00am

First Friday Mass – November 6th
First Saturday Mass – November 7th

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.

Pope's Intention for October

Pray that mental health ministry is established throughout the Church to help overcome the stigma and discrimination faced by individuals with mental illnesses.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord God,

With grateful hearts we gather in this season of harvest, surrounded by the bounty of your creation. For the fields that yield fruit and the hands that tended them we give You thanks.

Bless our families whose love sustains us. Bless our friends, whose companionship strengthens us. And bless our community, that we may share generously from what You have provided.

May our gratitude deepen our faith, our joy, and our desire to serve You with humble and thankful hearts.

Amen

Catholic Catechesis:

An invitation we cannot refuse!

*One of the most beautiful images used in the Scriptures to depict what heaven is like is the wedding celebration and royal feast given by the King for his **newly wed** son and bride. Whatever grand feast we can imagine on earth, heaven is the feast of all feasts because the Lord of heaven and earth invites us to the most important banquet of all - not simply as bystanders or guests - but as members of Christ's own body, his bride the church! The last book in the Bible ends with an invitation to the wedding feast of the Lamb.*

God invites each of us as his friends to his heavenly banquet that we may celebrate with him and share in his joy. Are you ready to feast at the Lord's banquet table?

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Finance Committee.: Ken Tate 403-466-1988

Parish Council: Leighton Wilson 778-481-5102

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Events Committee: Wilma Croisdale 250-422-3046

Church Cleaning: Jennelle Lafortune 250-433-1258

SEPTEMBER GOODIES AFTER MASS PROVIDED By

October 4 Parish (Birthdays and Anniversaries)

October 11 Parish Council

October 18 CWL

October 25 K of C Pancake Breakfast

CHURCH BULLETIN

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

Mass is called Eucharistic Celebration. And Eucharist comes from the Greek word 'Eucharistein.' And so, I attend Mass to give thanks not simply as an individual but more so with my community because I'm a being-with the other, not a being for myself. Jimmy smiled and left.

I was looking forward to seeing Jimmy at Mass on Sunday, but he wasn't there. I was disappointed. I thought I did a good job in convincing him but that didn't seem to be the case. I phoned Jimmy after Mass. His phone rang but no one picked it. I phoned the second time, and someone picked it. It was his mom. Could I speak with Jimmy, I asked. With a shaky voice, she replied: " Jimmy is in the hospital." "What happened" I enquired. "Please come to the hospital", she told me.

I rushed to the hospital. There was Jimmy lying in bed with lots of medical equipment all around him - tubes thought his nose, machine monitoring his heartbeat, his whole body covered with bandage. His mother told me what had happened. After our talk on Wednesday, Jimmy went out with three of his friends. They had a terrible accident. He and one other were lucky but the other two were not. They died instantly. As tears flowed down my eyes, I hugged his mom, stayed for some time and prayed for him. I visited him from time to time until he was discharged.

Upon his discharge, Jimmy was feeling better but still was not able to walk well. We were all happy to see him out of the hospital and recovering well. We had another deep talk. "Jimmy, you've been through a lot these past few months. What does it feel like to be out of the hospital?" After a moment of silence, he said, "Sly, I'm living on a borrowed time. I just want to make the very best of every time, every moment I have left in this life. Every moment is a blessing. You were right, I didn't have to go to Mass but I now I desire to go." Apart from Sunday Mass, Jimmy attends Mass during the week when he can. He sits near the statue of our Lady because he believed that he was saved through the intercession of our Lady. The night of the accident, Jimmy had in his pocket the Rosary grandma gave him years ago. A medical doctor now, Jimmy is in Tanzania doing a missionary work - serving his neighbour and spending his life in gratitude to God from whom all blessings flow.Fr. Obi

- **Priests Study Days**

Fr. Obi and all the priests of our diocese will be at Seton House of Prayer from Monday, October 12 to Friday, October 16 for their Priests Study Days. Please keep them in your prayers that it may be a blessed and fruitful time.

No Morning Masses: October 12 to 16.

- **Holy Mass is celebrated October 20th this month at Garden View 10am, The Pines 11am.**
- **Country Cupboard 2026** – Fundraiser for Sacred Heart Parish. The fundraising committee met and decided to prepare food items to sell. The Country Cupboard food items will be prepared and pre-sold before Christmas Tea. There will be an order form filled out by each purchaser. The food items will be ready for pick up on November 17th, 11-1pm. To help with this effort Please sign up via email; Heather hjcp5051@gmail.com , call 236 490 0975 or at Church!
- **Vocation Live-In:** There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of November 14-15 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Any young men, grades 7-11, interested in experiencing what seminary life is like or who are wanting to learn how to discern God's call to the priesthood, are invited to join the live-in.

For more information, or to register, please call Fr. Anthony: [604.826.8975](tel:604.826.8975) or email at rector.minors@sck.ca

For online registration, please go to this form, <https://forms.gle/hJPj6gCRMDU6nsBY9>