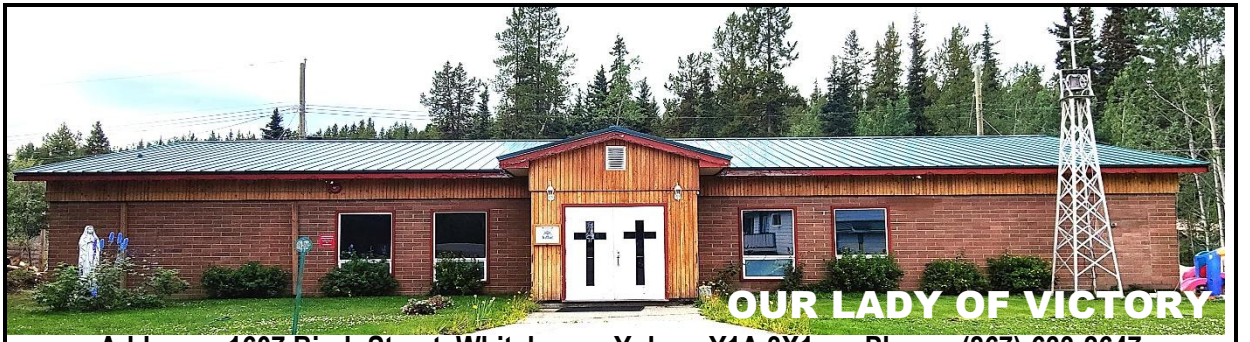


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PARISH UPDATES- 19 APRIL, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

18Apr	Sat	**6.30pm**		**22Apr**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Holy Mass
		7:30 pm	Syro-Malabr Holy Mass	**23Apr**	Thu	**6.00pm**	
19Apr	Sun	**10.00am**	All parishioners	**24Apr**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy mass & Adoration
		11:00am	Baptism				
20Apr	Mon	**6:00pm**		**25Apr**	Sat	**6.30pm**	No Mass
21Apr	Tue	**6.00pm**					

Syro-Malabar Holy Mass on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 PM. Adoration every Friday after Holy Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Readings for Today:

First Reading: **Acts: 2:14,22b-28** "It was impossible for Christ to be held in the power of death."
Responsorial Psalm: **Ps16:1-2+5,7-8,9-11 (R.11)** Lord, you will show me the path of life."
Second reading: **1peter 1:17-21** "you were ransomed by the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without defect or blemish".
Gospel: **Luke 24:13-35** "The Disciples Recognised the Lord when he broke bread with Them."

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Be part of this Yukon Pregnancy Care Centre fundraiser! Pick up a baby bottle after any of the Masses this Mother's Day weekend on May 10th & 11th; bring it home or to your workplace and fill it with coins; return it to the church on Father's Day weekend, June 14th & 15th. For more info, contact yukonpregnancycare@gmail.com

TAX RECEIPTS

The tax receipts for last year have been mailed out. If you have not received your receipt, please contact Carol

and provide your name for clarification. We kindly request all parishioners to write their name and the amount of their offering on the envelopes when making their contributions. This will help us to properly record and acknowledge your generosity. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our parish.

PARISH PRIEST ON VACATION

Dear Parishioners, please note that our Parish Priest will be on vacation in India from April 20th to May 20th. During his absence, Fr. Christopher will take care of the spiritual activities of the parish. On Saturday, April 25th, all parishioners are invited to participate in the Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents who wish to prepare their children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the coming year are kindly requested to register their names with the parish. This will assist us in planning the program and arranging the necessary materials and books. Application forms are available at the entrance of the Church.

CCCB Reflection on the Holy Father's Call for Peace, Human Dignity, and Moral Responsibility in Public Life

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a reflection inviting us to respond to the Holy Father's call to promote peace, uphold human dignity, and embrace our moral responsibility. The full text of this reflection is available on the diocesan website. Let us continue to pray for the Holy Father and for peace throughout our world.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF YUKON:

The Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY) is hosting a Meet and Greet for our Catholic School Council nominees at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn more about the candidates and to better understand the upcoming elections. Join us to get informed, ask questions, and connect with those seeking to serve our Catholic school community. **When:** Thursday, May 7; **Time:** 7:00 PM; **Where:** CYO Hall Your participation helps strengthen our Catholic schools' communities. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

April 21 Tuesday St. **Anselm**
April 23 Thursday St. **Jorge & Saint Aldalbert of Prague**
April 24 Friday St. **Fidelis of Sigmaringen**
April 25 Saturday Saint **Mark**

POPE LEO XIV

"URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

EASTER 2026

Central Loggia of St Peter's Basilica, Sunday, 5 April 2026

Brothers and sisters,
Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

For centuries, the Church has joyfully sung of the event that is the origin and foundation of her faith: "Yes, Christ my hope is arisen / Christ indeed from death is risen / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning" (*Easter Sequence*).

Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. *Mt* 16:16), had to die — and die on a

cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. *Jn* 1:29; *1 Pet* 1:18–19) and thus freed us all — and with us, all creation — from the dominion of evil. But *how* was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. *Jn* 12:31)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage from this world to the Father? This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems. Christ, our "victorious King," fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation (cf. *Mt* 26:42). Thus, he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross. The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others.

Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. Before the empty tomb, we can be filled with hope and wonder, like the disciples, or with fear like the guards and the Pharisees, forced to resort to lies and subterfuge rather than acknowledge that the one who had been condemned is truly risen (cf. *Mt* 28:11–15)! In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!

We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing "globalization of indifference," to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: "What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!" (*Urbi et Orbi Message*, 20 April 2025).

The cross of Christ always reminds us of the suffering and pain that surround death and the agony it entails. We are all afraid of death, and out of fear we turn away, preferring not to look. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil! Saint Augustine teaches: "If you fear

death, love the resurrection!" (*Sermon 124*, 4). Let us too love the resurrection, which reminds us that evil is not the last word, because it has been defeated by the Risen One. He passed through death to give us life and peace: "I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you" (*Jn* 14:27). The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts! For this reason, I invite everyone to join me in a prayer vigil for peace that we will celebrate here in Saint Peter's Basilica next Saturday, April 11.

On this day of celebration, let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless in the face of evil. To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give. Let us entrust ourselves to him and open our hearts to him! He is the only one who makes all things new (cf. *Rev* 21:5).

Happy Easter!

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