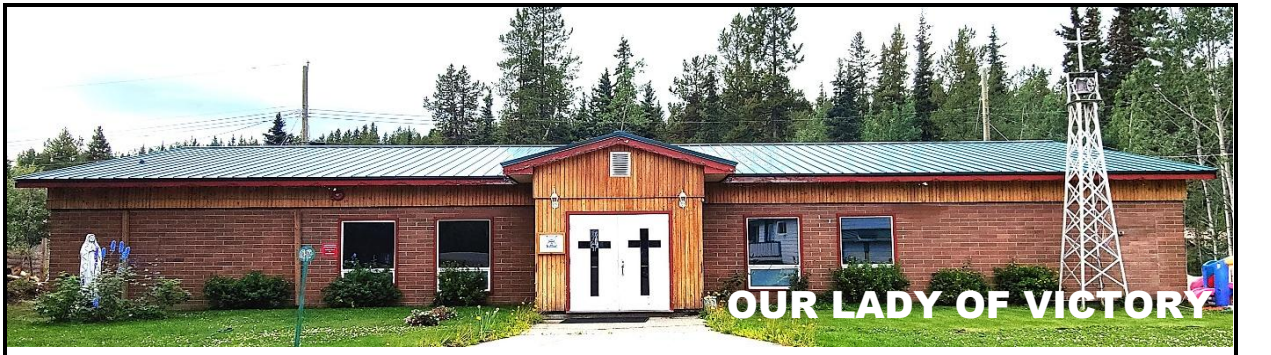


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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES- 9th AUGUST, 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

08 Aug.	Sat	**6:30pm**	Holy Mass	**12 Aug.**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Mass
		7:30pm	Syro-Malabar Mass	**13 Aug.**	Thu	**6.00pm**	
09 Aug.	Sun	**10.00am**	All Parishioners	**14 Aug.**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration
		11.15am	Baptism				
10 Aug.	Mon	**6:00pm**		**15 Aug.**	Sat		**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
11 Aug.	Tue	**6.00pm**				**8:30am**	
						6.30pm	

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

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Mass Readings for Today:

First Reading **I Kings 19:9,11-13** "Go and stand on the mountain before the Lord".

Responsorial Psalm: **Ps.85:8ab+9-13 (R.7)** "Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation".

Second Reading: **Romans 9:1-5** "I could wish that I myself were cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people".

Gospel: **Mathew 14:22-33** "Lord, command me to come to you on the water".

SANTA CRUZAN CELEBRATION AND FIESTA – AUGUST 8–9, 2026

The **Canadian-Filipino Association of the Yukon (CFAY)** and **Our Lady of Victory Parish (OLOV)** are delighted to invite all parishioners and friends to participate in this year's **Santa Cruzan Celebration and Fiesta**, to be held on **Saturday and Sunday, August 8–9, 2026**. The **Santa Cruzan**

is a cherished Filipino Catholic tradition that honors the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and commemorates the finding of the **Holy Cross** by **Saint Helena**. More than a cultural celebration, it is a joyful expression of our faith, bringing together families and the entire parish community in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship. Everyone is warmly encouraged to take part in this special celebration. Your presence will help make this occasion a meaningful witness to our Catholic faith and a joyful celebration of our rich cultural heritage.

DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TRAINING

Registration is now open for the free online Pastoral Care Outreach Training offered by the Diocese of Victoria. The nine-session program will be held on Saturday mornings from **September 26 to November 28, 2026** (no session on October 10). It is open to anyone interested in learning how to accompany and care for those who are sick, elderly, lonely, or in palliative care. To register by **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, please contact the Diocese of Whitehorse at **contact@rcdw.ca** or **867-667-2052**. For more information, please visit the diocesan website or contact the office.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On **Saturday, August 15**, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, commemorating Mary's being assumed into heaven, body and soul. This joyful feast fills us with hope in God's promise of eternal life and reminds us of the glorious destiny prepared for all who remain faithful to Christ. All are warmly invited to join us for the celebration of the **8:30 a.m. Holy Mass** as we honour our Blessed Mother and seek her loving intercession for our families and our parish.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Aug. 10 - St. Lawrence – deacon, martyr. he famously presented the poor as the true "treasures of the church" before being martyred by being burned on a gridiron.

Aug. 11 – *St.* **Clare –** virgin. She was an Italian noblewoman who left her wealthy home to follow Saint Francis of Assisi. She founded the Poor Clares, wrote the first monastic rule for women, and is the patron saint of television and eye disorders.

Aug. 12 – *St.* **Jane Frances de Chantal –** with her spiritual advisor, Francis de Sales, founded the Congregation of the Visitation for women.

Aug. 14 –St. Maximillian Kolbe- was a Polish Franciscan priest, missionary, and martyr who famously volunteered to die in place of a stranger at the Auschwitz concentration camp. He is celebrated for his deep devotion to the Virgin Mary and his ultimate act of self-giving love

Aug. 15 – *Solemnity of the* ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –*** a Catholic dogma that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heaven, defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950 in his apostolic constitution Munificentissimus Deus.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST:

For evangelization in the city – Let us pray that in the large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

POPE LEO XIV

ANGELUS

St. Peter's Square
Sunday, 2 August 2026

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

When we listen to the Gospel, we frequently hear that Jesus performed signs, which are acts that reveal his special dedication to us and the salvation that he brings to the world. The Lord is presented as the One who gives meaning to our lives, freeing us from evil and sin.

By restoring sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, Christ is doing more than merely performing miraculous deeds; he is proclaiming to all that the Kingdom of God is near. In this way, today's Gospel (Mt 14:13–21) bears witness that Jesus not only restores the senses of those who lack them, but that he also fills our senses with good things. To the deaf man, who regains his hearing, the Lord proclaims the Good News to be heard; to the blind man, who regains his sight, he shows the magnificent work of redemption being accomplished for him. Similarly, Jesus gives food to those who are hungry. The account of the multiplication of the loaves shows us that the encounter with the Lord is a nourishing experience. In the desert, that is, when we are in need, Christ is the bread of life. With him, our needs are abundantly met: "All ate and were filled," and there were "twelve baskets full" left over (v. 20). This number highlights that the Lord's gift is universal, and that his providential care for us never fails.

Dear friends, Christ truly satisfies humanity's hunger, our hunger for truth and life. His gesture teaches us that nothing is discarded when it is shared. Hoarding and waste, on the contrary, are two sides of the same evil: greed. This spiritual sickness numbs the senses, which become intoxicated with wealth, to the point of making people forget those who weep from hunger and cry out from thirst. And so, in the face of an opulence that reeks of decay, we find the outstretched hands of those who have no nourishment, the burned homes of those who have no peace.

Faced with the deserts of war and arrogance, let us consider with what kindness the Lord "looked up to heaven, and blessed," "broke the loaves, and gave them" to his disciples, so that they might distribute them to the crowd (cf. v. 19). In this miracle of charity, we recognize the characteristic actions of Jesus, which find their culmination in the Last Supper, for it was then that the Son of God gave us his very life as our brother in humanity. As we savor the grace of the Eucharist, let us commit ourselves to bearing witness to its beauty in our daily actions, beginning with blessing meals at the table with family and friends. In Jesus' company, even vacations can become a time of fraternal serenity, if we reach out to our neighbors in need.

Let us therefore ask the Virgin Mary, our loving Mother, to help us grow in charity, so that no one may lack their daily bread.