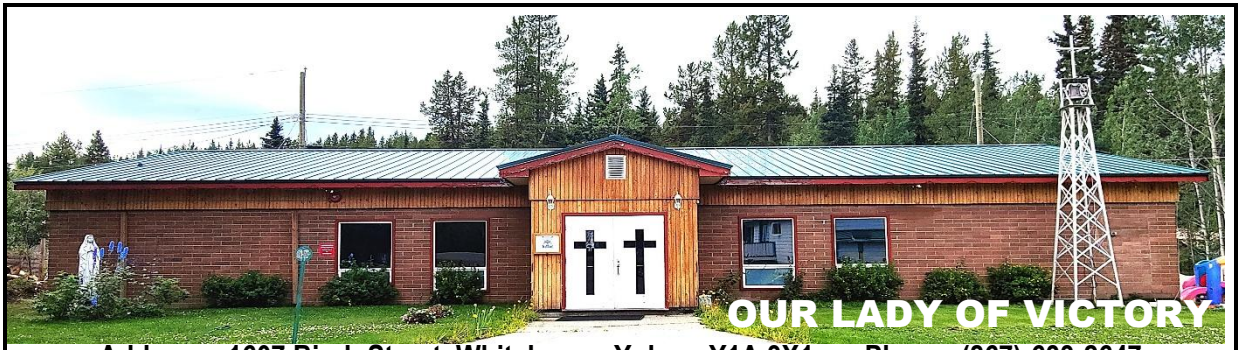


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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH UPDATES- 15 FEBRUARY 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

14Feb		**6.30pm**		**18Feb**	Wed	**6:00pm**	**Ash Wednesday Masses – distribution of ashes**
		7.30 pm		**19Feb**	Thu	**1:00pm**	Funeral Joan veronica
						6.00pm	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,**
15Feb	Sun	**10.00am**	All parishioners	**20Feb**	Fri	**6.00pm**	**Station of the Cross**
16Feb	Mon	**5.00pm**	First Holy Communion Class	**21Feb**	Sat	**6.30pm**	
		6:00pm	Holy Mass				
17Feb	Tue	**6.00pm**				**7:30pm**	

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

SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS

Confession will be available every day before Holy Mass. Confession times is Monday to Friday from 5:30 to 6:00 pm, Saturday from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, and Sunday from 9:15 to 10:00 am

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THEME: "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD."

Mass Readings for Today

First Reading: **Sirach 15: 15-20** "The Lord has not commanded anyone to be wicked."
Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 119: 1-5, 17-18, 33-34 (R.1)** "Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord."
Second Reading: **1Corinthians 2: 6-10** "God decreed wisdom before the ages for our glory."
Gospel: **Matthew 5:17-37** "You are the light of the world."

ASH WEDNESDAY: 18 FEBRUARY

A solemn day calling us to Begin Anew, a Day of Conversion. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a sacred season of prayer, fasting, and reflection. As ashes are placed on our foreheads, we are reminded of our human fragility and the call to repentance: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."** This day invites us to pause, turn back to God, and prepare our hearts for the journey of renewal. Let us enter Lent with sincerity, humility, and a desire to grow closer to Christ through prayer, sacrifice, and acts of love. **On this day, we will have Holy Mass with the distribution of ashes at 6:00 PM**.

SEASON OF LENT: 18th February (Ash Wednesday) to 2nd April (Holy Thursday)

Lent is the yearly celebration of the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. During Lent, the liturgy prepares the catechumens to celebrate the Paschal Mystery by the various stages of Christian Initiation. It also prepares the faithful for Easter as they recall their Baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest Feast of the year. (GNLY, no. 27; Ordo 2025-2026)

Let us prepare our hearts as the Season of Lent approaches, for we are invited once again to enter a sacred time of reflection, prayer, and renewal. Lent is more than a period of giving up; it is a journey of the heart toward God—a time to grow in awareness of His mercy, to deepen our faith, and to live more fully the call of discipleship.

STATION OF THE CROSS – WALKING WITH CHRIST

The **Stations of the Cross invite us to journey with Jesus from His condemnation to His burial**. Each station is a moment to reflect on His love, sacrifice, and mercy, and to examine our own lives in light of His suffering. This **devotion calls us to prayer, contemplation, and spiritual growth.** By meditating on Christ's journey to the Cross, we are reminded of the **depth of God's love** and our **call to follow Him with humility, courage, and compassion.**

We have the Stations of the Cross every Friday, immediately after the Holy Mass. All parishioners are invited to join this devotion as we meditate on the Passion, suffering, and death of our Lord. Let us walk with Christ, renew our faith, and deepen our devotion together.

LENTEN SCHEDULE UPDATE

this is to inform you that during the holy season of **Lent**, the following changes will be observed in our parish schedule: **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is shifted to **every Thursday immediately after the Holy Mass** and **Stations of the Cross** will take place **every Friday immediately after the Holy Mass**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This is to inform you that the children who are going to receive their **First Holy Communion** during the **Easter Vigil Holy Mass** will have their **First Reconciliation** on **February 23 at 5:00 PM** in the **Parish Church**. We kindly request all parents of the children preparing for First Holy Communion to be **present in the parish on February 23 at 5:00 PM**. There will be a **short Bible reflection** and a **brief prayer** before the children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Parents who are interested in preparing their children for the Sacraments of **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** for the coming year are requested to register their names with the parish. This will help us to plan the program and arrange the necessary materials and books.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

17Feb. Ferial: The Seven Founder of the Servite Order – these young wealthy men from the city of Florence founded the Order of Servites. With deep love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, they founded the **Servite Order (Servants of Mary)**, devoted to prayer and compassion, especially reflecting on Mary's sorrows. **Legacy:** They remind us that true joy is not found in wealth or status, but in generously answering God's call.

21Feb Ferial: St. Peter Damian) – Born into poverty, St. Peter Damian became a monk, bishop, and courageous reformer during a difficult time in the Church. Through prayer, learning, and strong leadership, he helped renew the Church and was later named a Doctor of the Church. **Legacy:** He teaches us that holiness requires both deep prayer and the courage to stand for truth.

LEO XIV

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Audience Hall

Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II. I. Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum.* 5. The

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

In today's catechesis we will look at the profound and vital link that exists between the Word of God and the Church, a bond expressed by the Conciliar Constitution *Dei Verbum*, in the sixth chapter. The Church is the rightful home of Sacred Scripture. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Bible arose from the people of God, and is destined for the people of God. In the Christian community it has, so to speak, its *habitat*: indeed, in the life and the faith of the Church it finds the space where it can reveal its meaning and manifest its power.

Vatican Council II reminds us that "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since especially in the sacred liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body". Furthermore, "she has always maintained them, and continues to do so, together with sacred tradition, as the supreme rule of faith" (*Dei Verbum*, 21).

The Church never ceases to reflect on the value of the Sacred Scriptures. After the Council, a very important moment in this regard was the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the theme "The Word of God in the life and mission of the Church" in October 2008. Pope Benedict XVI gathered its fruit in the post-Synodal Exhortation *Verbum Domini* (30 September 2010), in which he affirms: "The intrinsic link between the word and faith makes clear that authentic biblical hermeneutics can only be had within the faith of the Church, which has its paradigm in Mary's *fiat*… the primary setting for scriptural interpretation is the life of the Church" (no. 29).

In the ecclesial community, Scripture therefore finds the sphere in which to carry out its particular task and achieve its purpose: to make Christ known and to open dialogue with God. Indeed, "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ". [1] This well-known expression of Saint Jerome reminds us of the ultimate purpose of reading and meditating on the Scriptures: to get to know Christ and, through Him, to enter into a relationship with God, a relationship that can be understood as a conversation, a dialogue. And the Constitution *Dei Verbum* presented the Revelation to us precisely as a dialogue, in which God speaks to humans as though to friends (cf. *DV*, 2). This occurs when we read the Bible with an inner attitude of prayer: God then comes towards us and enters into conversation with us.

The Sacred Scripture, entrusted to the Church and preserved and explained by her, performs an active role: indeed, with its efficacy and power it sustains and invigorates the Christian community. All the faithful are called to drink from this wellspring, first and foremost in the celebration of the Eucharist and the other Sacraments. Love for the Sacred Scriptures and familiarity with them must guide those who

carry out the ministry of the Word: bishops, priests, deacons, catechists. The work of exegetes and those who practise biblical sciences is invaluable, and Scriptures have a central place in theology, which finds its foundation and soul in the Word of God.

The Church ardently desires that the Word of God may reach every one of her members and nurture their journey of faith. But the Word of God also propels the Church beyond herself; it opens her continually to the mission towards everyone. Indeed, we live surrounded by so many words, but how many of these are empty! At times we even listen to wise words, which do not however affect our ultimate destiny. On the contrary, the Word of God responds to our thirst for meaning, for the truth about our life. It is the only Word that is always new: revealing the mystery of God to us, it is inexhaustible, it never ceases to offer its riches.

Dear friends, living in the Church one learns that the Sacred Scripture is totally relative to Jesus Christ, and one experiences that this is the deep reason for its value and its power. Christ is the living Word of the Father, the Word of God made man. All the Scriptures proclaim his Person and his saving presence, for each one of us and for all humanity. Let us therefore open our hearts and minds in order to receive this gift, following the example of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Summary of the Holy Father's words

Dear brothers and sisters, in our catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, today we considered the profound and vital connection between the Word of God and the Church. Sacred Scripture, which has been entrusted to the Church and is guarded by her, reveals its meaning and manifests its strength in the life and faith of the Church, above all in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. For this reason, the Church continually meditates upon and interprets Scripture because it is the means by which we come to know the incarnate living Word of God who is Jesus Christ. Indeed, praying with Scripture opens the door for an intimate relationship with God who through these sacred writings invites us into conversation with him. As Saint Jerome rightly points out, ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of God. With this in mind, I encourage you to read and contemplate the inspired word of God daily. May the Word of God nourish our hearts and minds and lead us to the fullness of life.

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