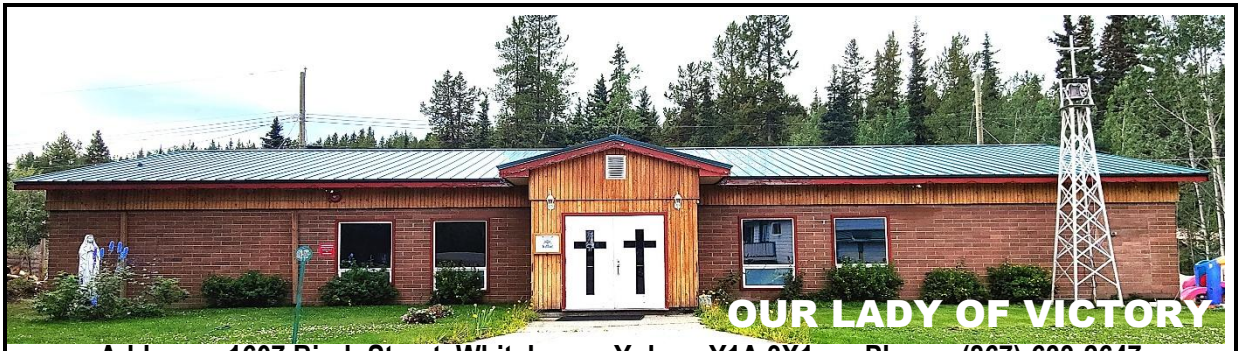


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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH UPDATES- 22 MARCH 2026

PARISH MINISTRY

Mass Intentions/Activities

21Mar		**6.30pm**	Family Nitti	**25Mar**	Wed	**6:00pm**	No Holy Mass
		7.30 pm	Syro-Malabr Holy Mass	**26Mar**	Thu	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
22Mar	Sun	**10.00am**	All parishioners	**27Mar**	Fri	**6.00pm**	Holy Mass & Stations of the Cross
23Mar	Mon	**5.00pm**	First Holy Communion Class	**28Mar**	Sat	**6.30pm**	
		6:00pm	+Leelamma Babychan				
24Mar	Tue	**6.00pm**	+Richard Mazure S R			**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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THEME: FROM DEATH TO LIFE THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Mass Readings for Today

First Reading: **Ezekiel 37:12-14** "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live"

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 130: 1-6, 7b-8 (R.7b)** "With the lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem."

Second Reading**: Romans 8:8-11 "**The spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the death dwells in you."

Gospel: **John 11:1-45 "**I am the resurrection and the life."

STATIONS 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. **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.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

As we approach the Sacred celebrations of Holy Week, we warmly invite parishioners to take an active role in our liturgies by serving as readers. Volunteers are especially needed for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. In a special way, we invite those who are willing to participate in the reading of the Passion of the Lord on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, which involves multiple voices. Your generous participation will help make our celebrations more prayerful and meaningful for our entire community.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP HÉCTOR VILA'S EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

You are warmly invited to join the celebration of the **10th anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Héctor Vila**. The celebration will take place on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**, on the **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**, at **Sacred Heart Cathedral, Whitehorse**. The **Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 PM**, followed by **dinner and a reception in the CYO Hall**. All parishioners are warmly invited to participate in this joyful celebration and to pray for our Bishop.

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.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON MARCH 27

The Social Justice Committee at Sacred Heart Cathedral will host the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 27 from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. We will be using the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace/ Caritas Canada's Way of the Cross. It is an invitation to bear witness to the suffering, death, resurrection and glory of Jesus Christ.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

March 23: **Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo** – He was born in Spain about 1538. He was named Archbishop of Lima, Peru. Turibius condemned abuses and provided for the people numerous schools, hospitals, and churches, and establishing the first seminary in Latin America. He is a patron of Latin American bishops.

March 25: **The Annunciation of the Lord**: This ancient feast, celebrating the Incarnation of the Word, is a joint celebration of Christ and the Blessed Virgin: of the Word who becomes the Son of Mary and of the virgin who becomes the mother of God.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF MASSES

March 28 – April 5, 2026

DATE	HOLY MASSES	TIME	
March 28 Saturday	Palm Sunday	6:30PM	Holy mass
March 28 Saturday	Palm Sunday (Syro-Malabar)	7:45PM	**Holy mass** (Syro-Malabar)
March 29Sunday	Palm Sunday	10:00AM	Holy mass
March 31 Tuesday	Holy Chrism Mass (Sacred Heart Cathedral)	5:00PM	Chrism Mass

April 2 Thursday	Holy Thursday Mass	7:00PM	8:15 PM (**Adoration)**
April 3 Friday	Holy Friday Celebration	3:00PM	4.30 PM **(Stations of the Cross)**
April 4 Saturday	Holy Saturday (Syro-Malabar)	6:00PM	**Holy mass** (Syro-Malabar
April 4 Saturday	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil and Easter Mass)	9:00PM	Holy mass
April 5 Sunday	Easter Sunday	10:00AM	Holy mass

POPE LEO XIV
St Peter's Square
Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Catechesis. The Documents of Vatican Council II. II. Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium. 4. The Church, a Priestly and Prophetic People

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Today I would like to revisit the second chapter of the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen gentium* (*LG*), devoted to the Church as the people of God.

The messianic people (*LG*, 9), receive from Christ the participation in the priestly, prophetic and kingly work office through which his salvific mission is carried out. The Council Fathers teach that the Lord Jesus, through the new and eternal Covenant, has established a kingdom of priests, constituting his disciples as a 'royal priesthood' (*1 Pet* 2:9; cf. *1 Pet* 2:5; *Rev* 1:6). This common priesthood of the faithful is given with Baptism, which enables us to worship God in spirit and truth, and to "confess before men the faith which they have received from God through the Church" (*LG*, 11). Furthermore, through the sacrament of Confirmation, all the baptized "are more perfectly bound to the Church … and the Holy Spirit endows them with special strength so that they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith, both by word and by deed, as true witnesses of Christ" (*ibid.*). This consecration is at the root of the common mission that unites the ordained ministries and the lay faithful.

In this regard, Pope Francis observed that, "Looking at the People of God is remembering that we all enter the Church as lay people. The first sacrament, which seals our identity forever, and of which we should always be proud, is Baptism. Through Baptism and by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, (the faithful) 'are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood' (*LG*, 10), [so that] everyone forms the faithful Holy People of God" (*Letter to the President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America*, 19 March 2016).

The exercise of the royal priesthood takes place in many ways, all aimed at our sanctification, first and foremost through participation in the offering of the Eucharist. Through prayer, asceticism and active charity, we thus bear witness to a life renewed by God's grace (cf. *LG*, 10). As the Council summarizes, "it is through the sacraments and the exercise of the virtues that the sacred nature and organic structure of the priestly community is brought into operation" (*LG*, 11).

The Council Fathers then teach that the holy People of God also participate in the prophetic mission of Christ (cf. *LG*, 12). In this context, the important theme of the *sense of the faith* and the *consensus of the faithful* is introduced. The Doctrinal Commission of the Council specified that this *sensus fidei* "is like a faculty of the whole Church, by which she, in her faith, recognises the revelation handed down, distinguishing between true and false in matters of faith, and at the same time penetrates it more deeply and applies it more fully in life" (cf. *Acta Synodalia*, III/1, 199). The sense of faith therefore belongs to individual believers not in their own right, but as members of the People of God as a whole.

Lumen gentium focuses on this latter aspect, and places it in relation to the infallibility of the Church, to which that of the Roman Pontiff is inherent and by which it is served. “The entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One (c. *1 Jn* 2:20,27), cannot err in matters of belief. They manifest this special property by means of the whole peoples’ supernatural discernment in matters of faith when from the Bishops down to the last of the lay faithful they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals” (*LG*, 12). The Church, therefore, as the communion of the faithful – which naturally includes the pastors – cannot err in matters of faith: the organ through which this truth is preserved, founded on the anointing of the Holy Spirit, is the *supernatural sense of faith* of the entire People of God, which is manifested in the *consensus of the faithful*. From this unity, which the Magisterium of the Church safeguards, it follows that every baptized person is an active agent of evangelization, called to bear consistent witness to Christ in accordance with the prophetic gift which the Lord bestows upon His whole Church.

Indeed, the Holy Spirit, who comes to us from the Risen Christ, “distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts He makes them fit and ready to undertake the various tasks and offices which contribute toward the renewal and building up of the Church” (*LG*, 12). A particular demonstration of this charismatic vitality is offered by consecrated life, which continually germinates and flourishes through the work of grace. Ecclesial associations, too, are a shining example of the variety and fruitfulness of spiritual fruits for the edification of the People of God.

Summary of the Holy Father's words:

Dear brothers and sisters, in our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the participation of the faithful in Jesus Christ’s priestly, prophetic and royal offices, as presented by the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium*. Through the sacrament of baptism, each of us are called to share in Christ’s royal priesthood (1 *Pt* 2:9) and to worship him in spirit and truth, especially through our participation in the Eucharist. We also partake in Jesus’ prophetic mission, for we are called to bear witness to the truth of the faith. Indeed, the Council Fathers taught that “the whole body of the faithful … cannot be mistaken in belief. It shows this characteristic through the entire people’s supernatural sense of faith when, from the bishops to the last of the faithful, it manifests a universal consensus in matters of faith and morals” (*LG*, 12). Along with these gifts shared by all members of the Church, the Holy Spirit continues to allot special graces to the faithful in order to enrich and build up the body of Christ. It is important that we recognize these manifold gifts and express our gratitude to God for allowing us to be partakers in his work of salvation.

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