

Our Lady of Victory Church

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Bishop: Most Reverend Héctor Vila, DD; **Pastor:** Fr. Marc Lalonde

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Mass Times: 1st Mass of Sunday: Saturday @ 7.00 pm. Sunday @ 10.15 am. Monday – Friday @ 6.00 pm

Monday: Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Rosary, and Adoration; after Mass

Our Lady of Victory parish is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Whitehorse, Canada

OLOV Parish Council:

Chair: Joe Hanrath, **Secretary:** Carol Vanderbyl, **Treasurer:** vacant,

Council Members: Frank Hanrath, Pat Banks.

Meetings will usually be 2nd Thursday @ 6.30 pm. Next meeting: **June 14**

Finance Committee: Fr. Marc Lalonde, Pat Banks, Brian McGovern, vacant;

Music: Theresa Han, Pauline Paton, Kristie Kanary; **Liturgy:** Pat Banks; **Food Bank:** Kristie Kanary

June 3, 2018: Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ



“Take; this is my Body.”

“This is my Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

Mark 14: 23,24

Fr. Karban's' Essay for June 3rd, 2018: The Body and Blood of Christ

[Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26](#)

I've always been amazed at tourists who, at arriving at a famous site, simply park their car, get out, take a picture of it, return to their car, and drive away, never once spending even a few minutes actually looking at the site. They've got a picture of it, why do they need to spend their valuable time looking at it? As crazy as that seems, in my lifetime that's almost exactly what we did with the Eucharist.

When I was a child, almost no one went to communion. I can remember Sundays when more than 200 people were in church, yet fewer than 20 came up for communion. (In some parishes more than half the congregation stood up at communion time, but it was simply the first step in leaving church!)

People's reluctance to participate in the Eucharist was one of the reasons the church instituted today's feast. By specifically gearing readings, music, and liturgical prayers to the celebration of the Lord's Supper it was hoped the Eucharist itself wouldn't fade into the background. Something at the center of the earliest biblical Christian community was in danger of disappearing from its field of vision.

The reason was simple. The late Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes figured it out years ago. When asked why he rarely permitted his quarterbacks to throw passes, Hayes always responded, "Three things can happen when you pass, and two of them are bad."

By the first part of the 20th century, we had so many rules and regulations revolving around receiving communion that we frequently ran the risk of something bad happening when we walked up to the communion rail. For instance, if we were in the state of sin, we'd commit another one by going to communion; since we had to abstain from food and water from midnight on, even a sip of toothpaste water would be sinful. It was best to make only a "spiritual" communion. Couldn't commit any sins that way.

Thankfully by the '50s priests (and popes) began to encourage everyone to receive communion every time they participated in the Eucharist. Nowhere was this stressed more than on First Fridays, when nine of them in a row guaranteed you'd eventually get into heaven. We stopped taking pictures and began to actually experience the site.

Yet some of us are still reaching for our cameras at communion time. We refuse – for whatever reason – to receive from the cup. We habitually walk past the minister of the cup, believing it's for extra credit, something we don't need.

Listen carefully to today's Exodus passage. Those who have the blood sprinkled on them are showing they've made the covenant with Yahweh. The red blotches on their skin and clothes are the covenant's outward sign. Just as a wedding ring is an outward sign two people are committed to one another, the covenant blood is a sign they've formed a special relationship with Yahweh.

We know from I Corinthians 11, that Jesus also gave his followers an outward sign they're willing to carry on his ministry after his death and resurrection: receiving his blood. In some sense, receiving from the cup is more important than receiving the bread. If we're not going to carry on Jesus' ministry, he's died in vain. Perhaps Jesus intended us to first receive the bread simply to strengthen us to receive the cup.

We've still got a long way to go before we completely put our cameras away and begin to rely on our experiences. If today's feast helps us do that, we're using it the right way. Just remember, the people who gave us our readings never saw a camera. It was all first-hand experiences for them, or nothing.

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The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, Corpus Christi: The Gift of the New Covenant

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It seemed that the gloom was finally being lifted. Three times Jesus had told them that He would suffer and die and then be raised from the dead. The disciples didn't know what "being raised from the dead" meant, but they knew what suffering and dying were. There were powerful people who wanted Jesus dead. The Sanhedrin, the Sadducees, the Pharisees, assorted Scribes, people who routinely fought with each other were united in their hatred for Jesus. Jesus went to Jerusalem and walked right into their death trap! He was there, teaching in the Temple, right before their eyes.

The shadow of the cross hung over them all even before they were certain that Jesus would be killed. Three times he had predicted His passion and death. But here in Jerusalem, his death was all but a matter of time. There was gloom among the disciples.

And, then, Jesus told them to prepare the Passover dinner. This was a welcome change. The Passover dinner with its traditional prayers was a celebration that every Jew looked forward to. It was a wonderful meal. It celebrated God's choice of the Hebrews to be His people. It was a meal full of love. Perhaps we can best compare it to our Christmas dinners, full of warmth and love. It was tangible, this overwhelming love of God.

The room was prepared. The table was set. The lamb was roasting. When the disciples entered with Jesus, they could smell their dinner. Their mouths watered. The gloom was gone.

Before the meal Jesus washed their feet and then told them that what He did for them they should do for others. He was always doing some prophetic action that they hoped they would understand someday. Now, onto the meal. It was wonderful, the food, the joy, just being together with Jesus. This would be a great Passover. Then Jesus performed another prophetic action. He took bread and said, "Take it, this is my body." He took wine and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that will be shed for many."

The disciples knew about the blood of the covenant initiated by Moses. They had learned as children that Moses had sprinkled the people with blood from sacrificed animals. This was a sign that they would be committed to a binding relationship with the God who had delivered them from Egypt. Jesus did something that was at the same time similar and different. Blood was involved in the covenant He made, but it was not the blood of sacrificed animals. It was His blood. The disciples were not sprinkled with this blood. They drank it. But like the people of Moses' day, they would be bound to a covenant with God. This would be the New Covenant of the Kingdom that Jesus had come to establish. And just as God had delivered the people of Moses' day from the slavery of Egypt, Jesus would deliver them from the slavery of sin.

The Blood. His blood would do that. It was the sign of the conquest of evil. More than that, it was the covenant of redemption.

The disciples ate the Body and drank the Blood and gave thanks to God for His preferential love. Then they heard Jesus say, "Do this in memory of me." For just an instant, the gloom returned. "In memory of me?" He was going to die. But they would still celebrate His Presence in the Body and Blood of the New Covenant.

The celebration of that Passover continues through the ages. Every Mass renews the celebration of the New Covenant. During every Mass the Body and Blood are offered to the Father. God's love is abiding. His love dwells among us, with us, and within us.

And so, we receive communion. We take the sign of the New Covenant within us. We are united to Jesus Christ sacrificing Himself to redeem mankind. We receive Jesus dying physically so we can live eternally. We receive communion. We are united to the New Covenant. We are united to Jesus Christ.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of the Lord, reminds us of what we are doing when we receive communion. It reminds us of Whom we are receiving when we eat the host and drink the wine. It celebrates our union with the Eternal Word of God become man so that we, human beings, can be united to the Divine.

Come and eat the Body. Come and drink the Blood. Enter into the mystery, the deep mystery of God who loves us so much that He sent His Son to become one of us, to die for us, and to fill us with the very life of God. Come and celebrate the Eucharist. Give thanks for the Gift of the New Covenant.

Shadows Fall (Mark 14:12-25) Corpus Christi Gospel: Fr. John Bartunek, LC

Christ the Lord: The Jewish feast of the Passover commemorated and renewed the foundational experience of God's Chosen People: the liberation from slavery in Egypt. The first Passover occurred in the aftermath of Pharaoh's repeated refusals to let the Israelites free to worship the one, true God. Nine horrible and miraculous plagues wouldn't budge the stubborn Egyptian leader, so finally God sent his angel of death to slay every Egyptian firstborn male. On that very night, every Israelite family was told to sacrifice a spotless lamb, mark the doorjamb of their dwellings with its blood, and feast upon it. The blood of the lamb signaled the presence of God's favor, and so the angel of death knew to "pass over" those families in the course of its mission.

When Moses had successfully led his people out of Egypt, God gave the Israelites detailed instructions for the annual commemoration of this event. Such a commemoration, the Passover Seder (or "supper," still celebrated by Jews) was the occasion for Christ's institution of the sacrament of the Eucharist. St. Mark records the words of Jesus by which he reveals that he is the true Passover lamb. Just as the Israelites in Egypt were saved from slavery by the lamb's sacrifice, so all men and women would be saved from sin by the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, by the breaking of his body and the pouring out of his blood out of love for us. And just as the Israelites were to partake of the feast of the lamb, so all of Christ's followers are called to feast on his living body and blood through the Eucharist in order to share intimately in his divine life. The Eucharist manifests Christ's Lordship over life and history – it extends his once-for-all sacrifice through all time and space – and shows what kind of Lord he is: one who gives his life for those entrusted to his care, even for his betrayer. It is, truly, the bread that frees us from death. Do we treat it that way?

Christ the Teacher: St. Mark spends as much time describing the odd events that immediately led up to the Last Supper as he does describing the institution of the Eucharist itself. What does the man carrying the water jar have to do with Christ's saving sacrifice? Some scholars surmise that Jesus kept the location of the Last Supper secret in order to ensure that his enemies wouldn't be able to apprehend him there. If he had said openly where they would be gathered, Judas would have been able to tip off the Jewish leaders. Other scholars point out that carrying water was a woman's task in ancient Palestine, so finding a man carrying water subtly indicates the new order of things that Christ is about to establish. Whatever scholars may say; however, one thing is clear: Jesus knew exactly how this last evening with his apostles was going to pan out. His instructions about finding the place for their celebration show that the occurrences of that evening were not left up to chance. Every word, every action was part of a drama being directed by God, most especially the highlight – the institution of the Eucharist. This was no ordinary supper, no traditional celebration: the images and shadows of the Old Covenant would give way this night to the fullness of the New Covenant. The Eucharist, the sacramental foreshadowing and prolongation of Calvary, is no abstract symbol; it is the ultimate reality towards which all other symbols converge.

Christ the Friend: Christ gave his disciples bread, which had become his own body. Then he gave them wine, which had become his blood. He did this for their sake, and for the sake of all who would be saved from the slavery to sin. What greater gift could he have given them, and through them, to us? Christ continues to take, bless, break, and give the bread and wine that are his body and blood – he does it through his priests of his Church, because he wants to stay with us and be our life. And this gift has no strings attached. Jesus gives it even though we are undeserving; like Judas, we have betrayed our Lord countless times. Every time we ignore or discard the voice of conscience, every time we pick and choose among the Church's teachings, every time we judge our neighbor and fail to love others as Christ as loved us, we echo Judas' betrayal. Christ's love doesn't depend on our being worthy; Christ's love depends only on his burning desire to give us the fullness of life. What a relief to have such a friend, one who cares only about giving, and one who can give such an incomparable gift!

Christ in My Life: Thank you for the Eucharist, your quiet, dependable presence in every Tabernacle. What more could I desire, having you so close to me, waiting for me, adoring the Father in every moment on my behalf? And thank you for the great gift of Holy Communion, in which you come into my very being to be my nourishment and joy. Teach me to receive these gifts worthily...

You, Lord, are all-knowing and all-powerful. All the events of my life, whether big or small, are equally under your loving, wise care. Please open my eyes so that I can see you in all things, love you in all things, and thank you and serve you as I ought to. Save me from the meaningless routine of a superficial, frenetic, giddy life. Teach me to live as you created me to live...

How my soul needs your pure love! You alone can love perfectly. When you look at me you want only one thing: that I become what you created me to be. Your smile has no hidden agendas. You are love! You love me! How strange, how hard for me to accept this truth, to bring it from my head to my heart! Pound my heart with your love, my Lord, until it fills me to overflowing...

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Friday 8th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (solemnity)

In 1677, Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun, in France in a vision and revealed his Sacred Heart.

Below are the promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.
5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving the Sacraments; My Divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. *Graham Hunt OP*

Officially part of the liturgical calendar since 1856, though with much earlier roots, it is one of the greatest devotions of Christianity. The Sacred Heart stands as a powerful symbol of the whole human body of Jesus Christ. The heart is at its core, representing the very real life of Jesus our Saviour; a heart which was formed in Mary's womb; a heart which beat as he preached the Good News and healed the sick; a heart that stopped on the cross and was then pierced by the soldier's lance. It is also the heart that beat once more at the Resurrection and continues to do so for us today.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is therefore a powerful reminder of the love of Christ poured out for us all. It is at once a representation of His divine love and His human love. In the Sacred Heart we see the love of God which created the heavens and the earth; a love which created humankind and then redeemed us in our fallen nature. But the Sacred Heart is also one of fully human love; one which expressed itself in the love of Jesus for His Mother; the love of Jesus for His disciples, and the love which He showed for all He preached to and cared for. It was a love that was able to forgive those who nailed Him to a cross.

If we sometimes feel disconnected from the overwhelming, and frankly incomprehensible, divine love which created us and sustains us, then the Sacred Heart serves to remind us of all the human heart is capable of. It was this human heart of Christ which loved to its fullest extent and which rebukes us for our lack of love toward God and neighbour. It is a heart which can teach us that, through grace, we too are capable of loving God, ourselves, and others to a degree which we may have thought impossible. *The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us* (Romans 5:5).

We often reject this love of God and have done so throughout our human history. But the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus does not cease upon rejection; it loves all the more. When the soldier pierced Christ's side, His heart did not close but instead opened, and out flowed the blood and water of our redemption. It is the great mystery of this total and reckless love of Christ for us, and the invitation to share in it and love in return, which marks devotion to the Sacred Heart. We are called to love as totally and recklessly as Him who gave His life for us.

Feast of the Sacred Heart: A Novena from 'Jesuits in Britain'
'Hearts on Fire' - The Solemnity of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/novenas/hearts-fire-solemnity-most-sacred-heart-jesus>

This novena is for the nine days leading to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which falls this year on Friday 8th June. You may pray the novena privately, in your family, in a parish group or with your neighbours or friends. Don't rush. Read the Scripture passage (on the image) and the meditation slowly, pausing when something strikes you. A short prayer follows, which takes up the theme of the day, and you end with the Novena Prayer.

This Novena was written by Charlie Davy SJ for The Sacred Heart Messenger, an official publication of the Apostleship of prayer in Ireland.

2018 Uganda Martyrs Day is celebrated on 3 June. Attracting millions of pilgrims from across the world to commemorate the heroic faith of the Catholic Martyrs, who were burnt to death on the orders of Kabaka Mwanga II, king of Buganda between 1885 and 1887, for refusing to denounce their faith. (AP) St. Denis Ssebuggwawo, St. Andrew Kaggwa and St. Pontiano Ngondwe were killed at Munyonyo on May 26, 1886. However, some were killed along the way, while others were burned alive in Namugongo on June 3.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

Universal: Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Local News

- **Rachel's Vineyard Whitehorse:** Rachel's Vineyard Whitehorse is part of an international organization which offers a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion through weekend retreats. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. The retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. If you think that you might be interested in becoming part of the *Rachel's Vineyard Whitehorse* team or attending a healing retreat, please feel free to email us at rvwhitehorse@gmail.com. All inquiries are kept in strict confidence. For general information about Rachel's Vineyard itself, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.
- **The Diocese of Prince George** is hosting its **Rose Prince Lejac Annual Pilgrimage** on July 6 -8, 2018 at Lejac, BC. Please visit <http://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/ecwmv-event/rose-prince-pilgrimage/>
- **Jordan & Petra & Holy Land Pilgrimage (On spring break 2019)**
Unique tour through Jordan and Holy Land and places of early Christianity. The planned dates are from March 9 to March 20, 2019. For more information visit SH website at www.sacredheartcathedral.ca
- **Multicultural Centre** offers services for: applying for work permits & passports, writing resumes, preparing for interviews, learning computer skills, studying for citizenship and driver's licence, plus ESL tutoring for children of all ages. More info from: 667 6205 or info@mcyukon.com
- **YDisciple:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Sundays, at SH rectory. if you are in high school and would like to know more, please contact Raquel and JD at: ydisciple.whitehorse@gmail.com
- **Hospital and Care Home visits by clergy:** If you are hospitalised or a resident in a care home and would like a visit from a member of the clergy please notify a member of the clergy yourself or make sure a family member knows to do this in an emergency. **Do not expect staff to automatically notify clergy.**

- **Safe Environments and Abuse Prevention:** For info, RCMP letter and forms please contact Yolande at the chancery: executiveassistant@whitehorsediocese.ca
- **Compassionate Community Care:** Euthanasia Prevention Coalition help line for anyone who is contemplating euthanasia or assisted suicide, or those concerned about others. Call: 1-855-675-8749
- **Baptismal Preparation Classes:** For more information please visit: www.sacredheartcathedral.ca
- **Knights of Columbus:** meetings are 7.00 pm, 2nd Wed CYO Hall. Contact Joe Hanrath, 335-9819.
- **Catholic Women's League:** meetings 7.00 pm, 2nd Tues, CYO Hall. Contact Carol Vanderbyl, 633-5348.
- **Cat Chat Vacation Bible School** will run the week of **June 18-22**, mornings. The theme this year is "Cathletics," applying the beatitudes to daily life. For children from 4-12 years old. Forms are available at the back of SHC or contact kate.d.williams30@gmail.com We are also seeking adult and teen leaders who can share their talents and time! From setting up, (co)leading groups, and cleaning up- many hands make light work and much more fun! Call Katherine @ 332-8669 or Andrea @ 668-2768.

Braeburn Camp News:

- **Just a few days away!! Family Camping Weekend at Braeburn Lake, June 8, 9 10.** Great inexpensive weekend get-away for families, singles.... bring your own motor home or tent or sleep in a cabin. Meals prepared for you. Swimming, canoeing, hiking, sing songs, crafts, campfires, outhouses, nature at it's best: time to relax, rejuvenate, read, suntan, just "be." **Only \$60 /family**, can't beat that!! Call 668-4629 or 335-4629 for details. Sign up soon and don't be disappointed! cheers, Stella Martin.
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- **Braeburn Camp is looking for socks.** Single socks...you know the ones whose mates are lost in the dryer? Those socks. Please don't throw them out.... give them to Braeburn. (from Bev at WUC)
 - **Hello Friends of Braeburn Camp!**
The dates for the 50th Anniversary Weekend are: July 27 to 29. Information about this summer's activities are below. The camps are filling up fast!
NEW: Volunteer Opportunity! Cooks and cooks, helpers needed for Braeburn Camp dates below:
Teen Camp 12-14 yrs, Monday July 2nd – Friday July 6th \$200.00
Pee/Wee/Junior 6-11 yrs, Monday July 9th – Friday July 13th \$200.00
Junior/Teen 9-14 yrs, Sunday July 22nd – Thursday July 26th \$200.00
Anyone interested or for more information phone: 393-2755, check our website: braeburncamp.ca
or email: braeburncamp@gmail.com

Upcoming Local Events:

- **Summit on Aging in Yukon:** 8.00 am - 1.00pm, Wednesday, June 6 @ Coast High Country Inn. Please see attached poster from Health and Social Services, Continuing Care, Government of Yukon.
- **2018 National Human Rights Conference:** 8.30 am - 5.00 pm June 26 & 27, @ Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. Please see attached poster & view full list of speakers at: yukonhumanrights.ca/cashra/speakers
- **This Saturday's worthy cause, stop by and buy Garage Sale with lots of good stuff to take home.**
Whitehorse United Church Yard Sale: June 2nd, 9.00 am – 12.00 noon. Parking Lot /Lewis Hall, Whitehorse United Church, 667-2989. HOTDOGS! BAKING! COFFEE! All proceeds go to the work of Whitehorse United Church. **Whitehorse United Church Trunk/Garage Sale:** Fill your trunk with your extra stuff, come to our parking lot and open your trunk and sell. Tables will be provided so you can put your treasures out. Saturday, June 2 in the WUC parking lot and in Lewis Hall. If you are selling items at the trunk/yard sale, please bring your own float, plan to bring your own items and take away what did not sell.

- **Riverdale Baptist Church:** Retirement dinner for Pastor Greg & his wife, Carol. Thursday, June 7th at the High Country Inn. We anticipate charging \$35/ticket with ticket sales commencing May 13th. Please take a moment to fill out this form indicating your financial/attendance commitments for the event. <https://goo.gl/forms/i17pQnE7Zb9NChn42> Thank-you! Catherine Deutekom, 867-667-6620

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for providing the delicious food for the pot-luck at OLV on May 26 and a huge thank you to all who helped clean up afterwards, and those who helped lessen the clean up by eating the food!

Volunteer opportunity, please help us keep God's house clean!

We are hoping to have enough people to help with light maintenance cleaning of our church, specifically following the Sunday Mass when most of the foot traffic occurs. Presently OLV is vacuumed, dusted, and swept etc. by a few of those who attend the Saturday evening Mass, but if enough people are willing to help we can set up a schedule for teams of two and it would only take a short time once a week. If you are willing to help please contact Carol or Pat or slide a note under the office door. Any offers are appreciated.



Even Jesus had to be reminded to clean up.