

# Our Lady of Victory Church

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

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**Pre registration: Advance sign up is now an essential requirement for Saturday 7.00 pm and Sunday 10.00 am Mass. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space allows, but will have to wait to be seated. It is not 'first come, first served' and priority will be given to those who pre-register.**

**You may sign up @ [olov.whitehorse@gmail.com](mailto:olov.whitehorse@gmail.com)**

**Weekdays do not require pre-registration, but please sign in on entry.**

**Mass times:** Saturday 7.00 pm, Sunday 10.00am, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6.00 pm

**30 minute Adoration follows Mass on Fridays**

After September 1 there will be no Wednesday Mass until further notice.

The SHC 5.00 pm Saturday Mass will be available on:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTLpdEQBFzvybDXnIEMYqwq>

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## November 8 2020 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year



***Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.***

Wisdom 6.12

**Wisdom.**

**Artist:** Robert Lewis Reid (1862–1929)

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## Fr. Roger Karban's essay for November 8 2020: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

Wisdom 6:12-16; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Obviously today's Wisdom pericope can only be understood by those who appreciate poetry.

I often remind my students that the Bible isn't a book; it's a library, a collection of books, composed by various authors over more than 1,200 years, frequently written in different genres. If we don't know the type of literature with which we're dealing, we can't interpret the sacred author correctly. That's why we have to fall back on Scripture scholars for help. Unless we actually lived during the biblical period, many of the genres the authors employed will be "foreign" to us. Though I presume almost no one alive today will confuse the Cartoon Network with the History Channel, we're not that skilled in ancient genres.

Like all poets, the Wisdom author personifies "things" we don't literally encounter as persons. In this case, he/she turns a movement into beautiful woman. "Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Biblical wisdom is the quest to surface Yahweh's patterns of behavior in our everyday lives. If we're convinced God's present in everyone we meet and everything we stumble upon, then we must be able to learn something about God from each of those encounters. We simply have to be open to surfacing what God's trying to tell us. In other words, a lifetime quest "to keep vigil for her."

The gospel Jesus' use of parables is a different genre than the poetry used in some Wisdom literature, yet it does emphasize the day by day situations we all experience. A parable isn't just a story with a lesson. It tricks listeners into admitting what they reject on one level, they're already accepting on another level. This is especially true when Jesus talks about God's kingdom. For instance, though we have problems with the slow pace in which God effectively works in our everyday lives, no one complains about seeds in the field taking a very long time to grow. If we accept slowness on one level, we also have to accept it on a different level.

Today's parable zeros in on always being prepared for God breaking into our lives. Waiting for a bridegroom to return home from his in-laws' house to consummate his marriage with his new wife is something everyone in Jesus' day and age takes for granted. Those who don't bring extra oil for their lamps will eventually find themselves "out in the dark." (By the way, candles, as we know them, weren't invented until more than a century after Jesus' birth. Using them instead of oil lamps in Scripture would be a classic anachronism.) What holds true for expectant wedding guests also holds true for being prepared to surface the risen Jesus. We "know neither the day nor the hour." If we're not prepared for his/her breaking into our everyday experiences, we'll never know it happens.

Of course, we can't forget the main thing Jesus' first disciples were expecting never happened, at least not in the way they were expecting. It would seem Paul's recently evangelized converts in Thessalonica were under the impression no one would die before Jesus returned in the Second Coming. But these exemplary Christians eventually discovered not only was Jesus' Parousia delayed, but also Christians began to die.

Will these unfortunate individuals miss out on the goodies they're expecting to receive when Jesus returns, or will they just be at the end of the line when they're being distributed? "Neither," Paul says. They'll be the first to go with the risen Jesus.

Waiting helps us see reality from different perspectives . . . as long as we have enough oil for our lamps.

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### Sunday Gospel reflection with Father William Grimm 5.21 mins

Signs of God's kingdom are all around us. If we remember that, we will see them and thus build up our supply of oil so that at any time, in any way that God comes to us, we will be ready.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4LUSm\\_aZzE&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4LUSm_aZzE&feature=emb_logo)

## **Why are there so few African saints?** LaCroix international, November 6, 2020

Why aren't there many African saints? It's a recurring question, but one that is badly formulated. Because every baptized person is called to live a life of holiness.

Pope Francis reminds us that this is our vocation in his 2018 apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et exsultate*, "on the call to holiness in today's world".

It may be true that the Catholic Church has not officially canonized as many saints from Sub-Saharan Africa as those from some other continents.

But that does not necessarily mean that there are fewer Africans who have lived lives of holiness.

### **Youthfulness of the African Church and the cost of the canonization process**

So why haven't more of them been canonized?

There are basically two reasons, according to Father Ludovic Lado, an Oxford-educated Jesuit from Cameroon who specializes in the anthropology of religions.

The first is tied to the simple fact that the African Church is still quite young and the second has to do with the high cost of the canonization process.

"It is mainly because Christianity in sub-Saharan Africa is only a little more than a century old compared to the West, especially Europe, where Christianity has been spreading for more than 2,000 years," Father Lado told *La Croix Africa* shortly after the publication of *Gaudete et exultate*.

"Moreover, on a practical level, canonization is a process that takes up a lot of time and resources that the local Churches do not have," he said.

### **What about ancestors who did not know Christianity?**

Another question that comes up when speaking of holiness is that of ancestors who lived "holy" life without embracing Christianity. Can they be considered "saints"?

The Zairian Rite (the Congolese Missal for Dioceses of Zaire) provides an interesting way of including in the liturgy those ancestors who led an honest and exemplary life but had not known Christianity.

"The Ancestors of upright heart" are invoked at the beginning of the Mass.

"You, the Ancestors, be with us at the moment when Christ comes to save us. And you, our upright-hearted Ancestors, you who taught us hospitality, be with us at the moment when Christ comes to save us," the text says.

But a fundamental distinction must be made between veneration of the saints and ancestor worship.

"Christians who venerate their ancestors should not believe that this is equivalent to the veneration of saints," warned Ivorian theologian Jean Sinsin Bayo in an interview with *La Croix Africa* in 2018.

"What we consider to be human behavior in the ancestors -- respect, generosity, loyalty -- is different from the criteria for canonization in the Church. Each cultural and religious community must be left with its own specificity," he said.

### **Many canonization causes underway on the African the continent**

Obviously, there are a number of saints and blessed from the African continent who are well known. They include Saint Augustine, of course, as well as Saints Charles Lwanga, Kizito and the Uganda Martyrs.

Other Africans the Church has officially recognized for their holiness are Blessed Anuarite Clementine Nengapeta, a religious sister from DR-Congo; Blessed Isidore Bakanja, a Congolese catechist; Blessed Lucien Botvasoa, a Malagasy layperson; and Blessed Michel Cyprien Tansi, a Nigerian priest. In addition, there are a number of African Catholics whose reputation for holiness has prompted local dioceses to begin the process to have them declared saints.

This is the case for Cameroon-born "Servant of God" Brother Jean Thierry Ebogothe. He joined a Carmelite monastery in Africa in 2004 but died two years later in Italy at age 23 after a painful struggle with cancer.

The Archdiocese of Milan opened his cause of beatification in February 2013.

And in Ghana, the Diocese of Tamale opened the sainthood process for Cardinal Peter Poreku Dery in mid-2013. He was a long-serving bishop who attended all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

During the council, he became friends with a young theologian named Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI. And it was from this pope that Poreku Dery received his cardinal's hat in 2006, two years before dying at 89 years of age.

**Monday, November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast**

**Tuesday, November 10: Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor**

**Wednesday, November 11: Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

**Thursday, November 12: Saint Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**

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**Lest We Forget**

**Wednesday, November 11: Veterans' Day**



**In Flanders Fields The poppies blow**

**Between the crosses row on row**

***In Flanders Fields*** by Col. John McCrae

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"Reflect that your guardian angel does not always move your desire for an action, but he does always enlighten your reason. Hence, in order to practice virtue, do not wait until you feel like it, for your reason and intellect are sufficient." — *St. John of the Cross*

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions: for October 2020: Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

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**FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY:** His Holiness, Pope Francis has extended the Plenary Indulgence to all of November because of Covid-19.

A Plenary Indulgence is applicable only to the souls in purgatory. It is granted each day.

Those who devoutly visit a cemetery, a church or an oratory to pray for the departed are granted this indulgence. A plenary indulgence is granted for each day for a different soul in purgatory. When you visit a cemetery at this time you should recite these prayers: Our Father, The Creed and Eternal Rest Prayer.

*"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."*

This can be prayed all year, but especially during the month of November

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A PLENARY INDULGENCE:

Do the work while in a state of grace:

Receive Sacramental confession within 20 days (several plenary indulgences may be earned per reception. i.e. If you want to earn one plenary indulgence for souls in purgatory, each day for the Month of November, you need only to go to confession once, but you must fulfill the other requirements listed each day).

Receive Eucharistic Communion (one plenary indulgence may be earned per reception).

Pray for the pope's intentions

(Our Father and Hail Mary, or other appropriate prayer, are enough).

Have no attachment to sin (even venial) – i.e., It is enough that the Christian makes an act of will to love God and despise sin. If you are not able to fulfill all these requirements but can only accomplish them in part, you can receive a partial indulgence.

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### Rachel's Corner

*"...You will give me life again, You will raise me up again from the depths of the earth."* Psalm 71:20

After an abortion decision, it can feel like you have no hope to ever feel alive again. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and discover how God only wants to love you back to life again and raise you up from the depths of your darkness.

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### Your prayers are asked for:

The health of **Gerry Whitley**, and all those who are ill.

The repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

All those suffering from Covid – 19. The families of those infected and those at risk of Covid – 19.

Those who are suffering from severe environmental events.

Please also remember Fr. Marc in your prayers; he is unable leave Gatineau that is now in a 'Red Zone.'

### Local News

- For more information on **Net Ministries** coming to Whitehorse: January – May 2021. please contact Andrea Lefebvre at (867) 668-2768 or visit [www.netcanada.ca](http://www.netcanada.ca)  
[Here is a link](#) to the Whitehorse NET Team introductory poster.

- You are invited to bring pictures of your **departed loved ones** to OLV to be displayed during the month of **November**. You may also add pictures to the perpetual memorial book. Please ask for a page.
- **OLV FOOD Bank Outreach:** We will be resuming our donation program at the beginning of Advent. The items most need will be posted later, after we have checked with Whitehorse Food Bank. Monetary donations may be made at: [www.whithorsefoodbank.ca/donations](http://www.whithorsefoodbank.ca/donations)
- OLV has a few **missals** left for **Year A, 2019-2020**. They are still in use until November 29. They are now **free of charge** so if you would like one, please ask. They are intended for home study and not for reading in church. They should also not be shared outside your 'bubble', at present.
- **Missals for Year B**, for use in the new Liturgical year beginning on November 29, have arrived. They are for sale @ **\$6.00 each**. If you would like to buy one, please ask.
- **Youth On Fire EVERY FRIDAY, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the CYO Hall.** Grades 5 to 8 are welcome! Attendance is limited so we ask that you confirm your child's presence by calling Andrea 333-3939 or Myriam 334-9300. Bring your indoor shoes and your face mask or face shield! Faith filled fun awaits!  
*"I have called you by your name, you are mine!" Isaiah 43:1*
- **Hospice Yukon: Offers many resources to help with losing a loved one, co-worker or pet:**  
**Living with Loss** A free, 2-hr education session to help you better understand the grieving experience.  
**Counselling; Healing Touch; Grief Support Groups; Lending Library; Vigil Support** in the final week to days of life; **Professional Support**. All of these programs are offered free of charge. Staff are still available to help by e-mail and telephone. 409 Jarvis Street · Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2H4 · Canada Please call 867 667 7429 or email [info@hospiceyukon.net](mailto:info@hospiceyukon.net) for more info. <https://hospiceyukon.net/>
- **Taize:** Because singing is an important part of Taize and COVID prevents singing, there will be no Taize this fall. When singing is allowed without the fear of COVID spread, Taize will resume.

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