

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, Brian McGovern.

Meetings will now be 2nd Tuesday @ 1.30 pm. **Next meeting:** 9th October

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

Music: Saturday, vacant; Sunday, Pauline Paton; **Liturgy:** Pat Banks; **Food Bank:** Kristie Kanary

October 7, 2018:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



‘So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.’

Adam Naming the Animals. Detail from a stained-glass window in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

Artist: John Hardman Powell (1827–1895), executed by Hardman & Co.

Source: Wikimedia. **Photographed by:** Andreas F. Borchert

Fr. Karban's Essay for October 7th, 2018: Twenty-seventh Sunday of the Year

[Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16](#)

Most readers of Scripture have no idea that Genesis' first two chapters contain two contradictory creation stories. Instead of appreciating their differences, we usually treat them as we treat Matthew and Mark's two contradictory birth of Jesus narratives: combine them and create a third, more acceptable narrative. We're accustomed to approaching our faith from a catechism mindset, not a biblical perspective; always searching for the either/or answer to every issue. We "Greek-thinking" westerners are understandably uncomfortable with the multiple answers that are an essential part of Scripture's both/and outlook on life. As the late Fr. Frank Cleary often reminded us, "If you find an internal contradiction in a biblical passage, that's the sacred author's way of telling you not to take the passage literally." This certainly applies to Genesis' first two chapters.

Though we're more familiar with the Genesis 1 creation myth – the "six day" one – the Genesis 2 narrative is almost 500 years older. Unlike the God of Genesis 1, this God makes mistakes, e.g., creating man without a helpmate, then thinking one of the animals could take over that role. Yet one of the things prompting the "Yahwistic" author to write seems to be the generally accepted belief that women were created inferior to men. That seems to be why she states that, because the first woman came from the man's rib, she's made of the same "stuff" as man. Contrary to popular opinion, she wasn't created from some throwaway batch of raw material.

In a parallel way, the author's "etiological" explanation of intercourse challenges the "smutty" accounts circulating in her day and age. Her explanation revolves around a myth that since the man and woman were one in the beginning, their intimate moments are simply attempts to become one again. The gospel Jesus will later employ this story as one of the reasons he prohibits divorce.

Though Judaism, based on Deuteronomy, permitted divorce, Jesus is convinced Moses did so only because of people's "hardness of heart." Had Moses dared teach Yahweh's actual will on the subject, no one would have followed it. So . . . why waste your breath? Yet, in Jesus' reform of Judaism, we should return to God's original plan for married couples, not base our lives on the exception.

Obviously, this idealistic interpretation of God's mind created as many problems back then as it does now. It's certainly more difficult working through marriage problems than it is to quickly end the problems by divorce. Without doubt, some couples should not be together. But it's important to note Jesus' no-divorce regulation is, like the law to love our neighbor, more a goal we're expected to work toward than something we're obligated to accomplish . . . or else. Being another Christ can at times get complicated. Perhaps that's why Mark joins his no-divorce narrative to his annoying children story.

Toward the end of my high school teaching career, it became evident more and more of my marriage course students were determined not to have children. When I asked, "Why not?" most replied, "They're a drag!"

A perceptive response!

But from my experience, they've always been a drag. We now simply have more reliable ways of preventing their intrusion into our peaceful existence. Yet when Jesus blesses them, he's thanking God for even pesky children being a part of our lives. They're a joy along with being a pain.

The Hebrews author rejoiced over Jesus being one of us. As a human being he gave himself over to suffering through the frustrating evils inherent in relationships in order to eventually experience the unique joys inherent in relationships.

Reminds me of a poster that stated: 'Grandkids are your reward for not having killed your teenage children.' Very theological!

Fr. Michel DeVerteuil, Lectio Divina with the Sunday Gospels www.columba.ie

Today's reading follows a previous summary of Jesus' teaching. It reminds us that this was part of his teaching at this point of his life: "And again crowds gathered round him and again he taught them as his custom was". All this teaching was very appropriate once he had made up his mind to head for Jerusalem and face the consequences of what he had achieved up to now. This was especially "his custom" at this stage.

Our text for today is clearly divided into two sections.

Verses 2 to 12 are a teaching on marriage.

Verses 13 to 16 are a teaching on Jesus' attitude to children.

The juxtaposition reminds us then that Jesus' teaching on marriage must not remain focused on this aspect of life alone. We must therefore look on his teaching as a wide concept.

This is the glory and the richness of the method of lectio divina and today's passage is not an exception. In this method, every text of the bible is spoken to the whole world. Every Christian, no matter what his own vocation may be, is set to find within the context of the story before us something they can learn from it. It is always a wonderful message of new life, a way of being truer to what is deep within ourselves.

Jesus shows himself as a wise person. He points out how in the course of every period, a community always tends to take the easy way out. This is a normal turn of events. Then eventually some one like Moses arises on the scene. He makes something official although it was originally just a spontaneous compromise. It was intended to suit a particular circumstance. Now all of a sudden it takes on the force of a law.

The relationship between man and woman is a very good example. The ancient text of Genesis reminds us that man and woman were intended by God to live on equal terms. There was to be no great difference between them. They are both human beings, created by God to live in harmony. Jesus then is the typical "wise person". He is able to move beyond the here-and-now problem and see how things were "at the beginning of creation."

This is why he can see that "they were testing him". It was not a small question but a great one.

We can read the passage then of other realities which God made to be complementary and we have allowed to become opposed or even in competition.

Jesus is the great teacher who restores harmony that was there in the "beginning". He brings about that what had become two should once more be found as "one body", always in harmony, never in opposition.

We remember being able to give ourselves to work of different kinds, whatever it may be. The work often seems to be intolerable to us. But we need to be comfortable with ourselves. We must give ourselves as we are – not as we think we should be.

We remember our own country for example. Our people have been brought up to be well able to get over the disagreements among themselves and continue to find a harmonious relationship with each other. In this way, our little country can be an outstanding example to many others in the rest of the world. We are called to live in good relationships in spite of our religious disagreements which may appear to be serious but do not prevent us from living in harmony.

We will notice that verses 10 to 12 are separate from the rest of the passage. In fact they don't occur in the other versions of the story at all.

They serve as an important addition to the passage. Jesus adds a new element to the usual breakdown between husband and wife. He says, "If a woman divorces her husband, and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too". This is a remarkable addition telling us that in the Christian Church women have their rights and privileges too. Men have them and so do women. We must insist that this is the right approach to the problem – at every level.



In general we interpret both passages as moments when we find that we come to a deeper insight into a truth. We thought we had it well received. Now we realise that it means more to us than we had originally thought. We accept this with great joy and recognition.

The story of Jesus and the children must not to be limited to one meaning of literal children. In the New Testament, children are always to be taken as examples of the "little ones". They are those who are not considered important or worthy of serious consideration in our community. We can apply it to situations where they include people who are called in the bible "tax collectors and sinners". These are those who are rejected by most people but whom we now recognize as our equals. There are many of them as life teaches us.

We may identify with the disciples, or more probably with Jesus. His attitude is at three levels.

i) He is welcoming of those whom society has tended to reject as unreasonable.

ii) He shows the children reverence. He "lays hands on them and blesses them", treating each of them as very important.

iii) He sees that each of them has something unique to teach the rest of us.

All children, and this includes all those in our community we tended to neglect, have a deep lesson to teach us. They tell us how we should relate to those in our community whom we tended to neglect.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October:

Evangelization: The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Tuesday October 9:

Saints Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs;

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Thursday October 11:

Saint John XXIII, Pope

Rosary "Coast to Coast" Canada:

All Canadians are invited to pray the Rosary "Coast to Coast" on **Sunday, October 7th, 2018.**

Let us all join together in our respective parish to participate in this nationwide petition to heaven to regain God's order in our land for our children's future and for peace in the world.

More information: <https://rosarycoasttocoast.ca/>

Please pray wherever people can gather: in parish Churches; in front of government buildings, schools, along the Canadian coasts and borders; as families; or while viewing the live-stream of the National Rosary Rally.

The Rosary will be prayed at Our Lady of Victory before Mass on Sunday 7th, beginning at 9.50 am

"Give me an army saying
the Rosary and I will
conquer the world."
— **Blessed Pope Pius IX**

Local News and Events

- **WHITEHORSE RIGHT TO LIFE** - From legalized doctor-assisted suicide to the lack of an abortion law in Canada, life issues continue to be a challenge in our country and territory. Please consider supporting our organization to promote a *Culture of Life* in our community. For more info, visit whrighttolife.org or email at whrighttolife@gmail.com.
- **SACRED HEART YOUTH GROUP** (Youth on Fire): Join us every Friday evening from 7:00 to 8:30pm at Christ the King Elementary school gym. For more information, contact Andrea at 333-3939 or Dom at 332-0835.
- **Hospice Yukon** is offering a three-session Grief Discussion Group this Fall for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Participants can explore their unique loss, find support from the group, and learn a new approach to grieving. **Wed, Oct 17, 24 & Nov 1, 7 – 9 pm**

New: Hospice is offering an evening workshop on **Monday October 15** to help parents and caregivers gain a better understanding of how kids grieve, and how to answer the questions children often have about death and grief. For info on Hospice Yukon programs: 667-7429. www.hospiceyukon.net

- **Our Lady of Victory, Parish Outreach Initiative:** Food of the Month for Whitehorse Food Bank. The **October selection** from Whitehorse Food Bank's list of needed items is: **canned vegetables**, any type. A tote is at the back of the church for those who wish to donate. The donations from our small parish have been amazing, **thank you** to all from the Food Bank clients.
- **Christ Church Cathedral** events. **Tea and Hymn Sing – Third Friday of each month**, 2pm in Hellaby Hall. All are welcome.

Keep Fit – Wednesdays 10 am to 11am in Hellaby Hall. Come stretch and breathe with us. \$5.00 per session and 2 soup cans for weights.

Choir for Young People called **Angel Voices**. **From Oct 4 on Thursdays 5.00 – 6.15 pm @ Christ Church Cathedral**. Free & open to all people under 21 who can hold a tune and read the words. Contact Anne Coates: anne@yukon1000.com or 335-4415

- **Whitehorse United Church** events. **Sunday Sept 23 - after church - beginners ukulele group** will start. You don't have to come every time, you don't have to know anything about ukuleles and you don't have to be part of the church. Spread the word around. We'll choose the best time to practice, by talking with those who show up on that first Sunday gathering. Bring your ukulele.

No Family in Whitehorse? ASKANDY is several groups of seniors who don't have family in Whitehorse and who agree to serve as "local family" for each other. Everyone welcome. For more information, contact Colin Graham at [867] 634-5344 or by email, ccgraham [at] northwstel [dot] net.

New: Baby Clothing Swap: Saturday Oct 20, 9.00am – noon @ WUC. Free. Bring any baby/children's clothing your kids have outgrown and take what you need from what others have brought. If you have nothing to bring, come anyway and take what you need. Please tell other parents.

- **Taizé Service**, the October service will be **Sunday October 21, 7.30 pm** at Whitehorse United Church. All are welcome to this meditative non-denominational Christian worship that includes song, a scripture reading, prayers of intention and silence. More information about this unique type of worship practiced world wide, can be found at www.taize.fr If you would like more information about the Whitehorse group, do not hesitate to contact Michelle Edwards at mpedwards55@gmail.com
- **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. 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.

- **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: 667 6205 or info@mc yukon.com
- **Safe Environments and Abuse Prevention** for our diocesan staff and volunteers: For info, letter to RCMP and forms please contact Yolande at the chancery: executiveassistant@whitehorsediocese.ca
- **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.**
- **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 call Fr. Marc at 633-2647
- **Knights of Columbus:** meetings are 7.00 pm, 2nd Wed CYO Hall. Contact Domagoj Pehar, 332-0835
- **Catholic Women's League:** meetings 7.00 pm, 2nd Tues, CYO Hall. Contact Carol Vanderbyl, 633-5348.

Please be considerate of those who voluntarily clean the church before the weekend Masses. It is disheartening to find it badly needs cleaning again on Monday so, please grab the vacuum or brush and dustpan from the cupboard in the back room to leave no trace, especially of food debris. Also, please be mindful of snacks that may be allergenic for some children because we know they like to share.

Our Lady of Victory financials, January 1 – September 30, 2018

	Expense	Income	Gain/Loss
January – March:	\$21,957.78	\$ 8,105.00	- \$13,852.78
April – June:	\$13,547.63	\$ 9,114.35	- \$ 4,433.28
<u>July – September:</u>	<u>\$ 6,934.21</u>	<u>\$ 8,900.13</u>	<u>+ \$ 1,965.92</u>
Year to date:	\$42,439.62	\$26,119.48	- \$16,320.14
Comparative: Jan – Sept 2017	\$29,350.18	\$25,908.94	- \$ 3,441.24
Average 2018 operating expense and income per calendar month, based on figures to date:	\$ 4,716	\$ 2,902	- \$ 1,814



“I want my rib back!”