



St. Mary's Parish
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2023 - Year A

Proverbs 31: 1-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 6
Matthew 25: 14 - 30

“Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Come, share your Master's joy”

Our Mission:
“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 7pm
Daily Mass:
Tuesday - 7 pm
Wednesday - Friday - 9 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00-4:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday:
10:00am - Noon;
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday: 10:00am - Noon

E-transfer donations

Send your e-transfer donations to
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Scammers at work: beware and be careful!
Father Mirek nor anyone from St. Mary's Parish would ever send
anyone email messages asking for help, money or gift cards.
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Prayer Group:

Join us at 8:30am, before the 9am daily Mass, to pray the Rosary.
The rosary is also prayed after the 9am daily Mass.

Adoration:

8-9am on Saturdays.
(1st Saturday of the month: 7:30-8:30am)

Holy Face of Jesus:

This group meets on Tuesdays, from 1-2pm, in front of the Blessed
Sacrament for prayer, devotion and reparation to the Holy Face of
Jesus, as well as recitation of the Rosary for priests.

Zoom Rosary

A monthly Rosary is prayed on Zoom, usually on the 22nd of each
month at 7pm, but there is no obligation to make a monthly
commitment. If you would like to join, please contact Isabel at
403-314-0031 to get the Zoom link.



Mass intentions for the week of November 19 - 25

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Joanne Stefanyk
 Sun. 11 am: Mary Nwaribe
 Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners
 Tue. 7 pm: †Barb Prospero
 Wed. 9 am: Cindy Baker
 Thu. 9 am: †Robin Bishop
 Fri. 9 am: †Nestor Masindo (†Gary Peterson, Nilda Peterson
 and family)
 Sat. 5 pm: †Jose Gimbo Dizon (†Evan Klein)

Special days this week

Sun. Nov 19: World Day of the Poor
 Tue. Nov 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wed. Nov 22: St. Cecilia

1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation

Please register your child online for
these sacraments on our
website: stmarysparishreddeer.ca

Called to Protect Training

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training
session, will be offered on **Monday November 20, 2023,**
6:30pm to 9:00pm. The two-and-half-hour Zoom session
is mandatory for all volunteers of the Archdiocese who
have not yet participated in this training.

Register:

<https://forms.gle/4rgMyYPEzL5mRNZ99>

You can also register at our website



Anyone interested in helping 11am Children's Liturgy, please
contact Christina Hackett at christina.hackett@hotmail.com
or 403-391-0575.

Children's Liturgy in a Bag:

"Children's Liturgy in a Bag" are located at both entrances
and intended for children attending Mass at a time other than
11:00am. Please take **the liturgy colouring sheets home** with
you. Kindly **return the bag and crayons** to the back of the
basket so they can be used again.

CWL NEWS

CWL Word of the Week
LOVE

Love is more than a feeling, it's a decision. It requires practice,
focus, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's
League and share the love.

The CWL will meet on **Monday, November 20 at 7pm**
in the classroom.

All ladies are welcome to join us.

We Remember Our Loved Ones

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their
departed loved ones in the *Book of Eternal Life* placed
on a stand to the left of the altar from
until November 30.

AS A PARISH, we are asked to remember all the
faithful departed in our prayers.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but
may have eternal life."*

John 3:16

WELCOME!

**Holy Family Grade 4 students
November 23
9am Mass**



"Let the little children
come to me"
Mark 10:14

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee Christmas Backpacks

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy committee are collecting
items for their yearly Christmas Backpacks for the
homeless and needy in our community.
They will be delivered before Christmas.

Greatly needed items:

Thick, warm socks
 Hand and foot warmers
 Toques, winter mittens/gloves
 Men's underwear (sizes M/L)
 Women's underwear (sizes S/M)
 Feminine hygiene products (tampons/pads)
 Toothpaste/toothbrushes/dental floss
 Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap
 Deodorant

Wonderful to have:

\$5-\$10 gift cards for MacDonalD's/Tim Horton's/DQ
 Nail clippers,
 Individual pack band-aids/Kleenex
 Lip balm
 Notepads/pens
 Snacks such as granola bars
 Hair brushes/combs
 Razors/shaving cream
 Water bottles
 Playing cards

They are taking donations until December 18.

Please place items on the tables at the back of the church
marked *Christmas backpacks*.

Donations of money and gift cards can be placed in the
donation tables at the entrance of the church, clearly
marked for the *Justice and Mercy Committee* or given to
the parish staff.

Thank you and God bless you for your support.



**NEW EPISODE
EVERY TUESDAY**



This week:

**The Forgotten Book of Tobit
and World Day of the Poor.**

Listen to it as a podcast, watch the video on **YouTube**, at <https://www.youtube.com/@UpfrontArchbishop> or online at <https://caedm.ca/upfront>

Read the Archbishop's Sunday homily at: <https://caedm.ca/archbishop/messages-homilies/>

Check other news and resources at the Archdiocesan website: <https://caedm.ca/>. You may also want to consider subscribing to other diocesan publications and resources, such as the *People of Mission Bulletin* or the *Window* newsletter.

**OLDS CWL IS HOSTING AN ADVENT RETREAT
WITH FATHER DAN GURNICK
FROM MOUNT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTRE
at ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH, Olds
NOVEMBER 25: 9am-3pm.**

Rise up with the Christ Child

This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the Greccio Nativity Scene created by St. Francis of Assisi. Through the same inspiration, we will allow the Nativity Scene characters to inspire our hearts.

**Register: Cindy @ 403-556-5084 or
Email: jjsell2011@gmail.com**

Soup, beverages, and sweets provided.
Please bring your own sandwich.

We will be accepting a love offering for Fr. Dan

Star of the North Retreat Centre Anniversary Dinner

The **Star of the North Retreat Centre** invites you to join us on **December 7**, in gratitude for our **70th Anniversary!**

This will be a time of gathering, socializing, briefly remembering stories of history, present vision and offerings, and future dreams, while sharing a family style meal with food prepared by our chef and kitchen staff team and enjoying light piano entertainment.

Come for a delicious dinner and valued community ties.

We look forward to hosting you. For more details and to register call 780-459-5511 or register online:

<https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/70-years-317/>

Call for Volunteers

Adult Servers, Hospitality Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers, Altar Servers, Social Justice and Mercy, Saint Vincent de Paul and others. If this is something you would consider, please contact the office at 403-347-3114.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back.

The Pope's Monthly Intention:

November 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Pope Francis on X

Let us pray together for peace, especially for martyred Ukraine and for the Holy Land, in Palestine and Israel. May we not forget Sudan, which suffers greatly. We should take a moment each day to pray for peace. We desire peace!.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Accepts and greatly appreciates all financial support.**

To provide ONLINE DONATIONS:

1. Go to the website: canadahelps.org
2. In the website search bar type the SSVP business number: 132410671RR0548
3. Click on the SSVP Red Deer icon to donate.
You can also use the direct link on the web site of the Parish.

The SSVP Society is in great need of beds and bedding



Star of the North Retreat Centre

www.starofthenorth.ca,

email programs@starofthenorth.ca,
or call 780-459-5511.



**Providence Renewal Centre
Upcoming Programs:**

please visit their website at:
<https://providencerenewal.ca/>

**Effect
Hope** The Leprosy Mission Canada

We are collecting postage stamps again.

If you have any used stamps you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please drop them off in the containers provided at both entrances.

Our donors help cure 60+ people per year by sending us their trimmed, used postage stamps.

NEWCOMERS: We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at St. Mary's. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at both entrances, and drop it off at the office or in the collection basket during the weekend masses.

WELCOME!

OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PARISH. YOUR SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL TO US AS WE CONTINUE OUR MISSION.



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are part of a church group
and would like to meet
virtually, please call the office and
we will set you up.



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to enrich your prayer life?
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No experience necessary!
Group recitation of the rosary:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
after daily Masses – in the church



Tuesday at 1pm:
The Holy Face and Rosary
for the priest