



St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

Our Mission Statement:

“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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**February 2, 2025 - Year C
The Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

“This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel...”

**FEBRUARY
the month of
THE HOLY FAMILY**



Holy Face of Jesus:

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, with 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

~Confirm with calendar inside~

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 7pm

Live Stream 5:00pm Mass

Visit: stmarysparishreddeer.ca

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday - 7 pm

Wednesday - Friday - 9 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00-4:00pm

Tuesday - Thursday:

9:00am - Noon;

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - Noon

Rosary:

30 minutes before the 9am daily Mass
and after the 9am daily Mass

24 Hour Adoration

First Friday of the Month

9am Friday to 8:30am Saturday

Adoration:

8-9am on Saturdays.

(1st Saturday of the month: 7:30-8:30am)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

After mass or call the office for an appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the office: 403-347-3114

After hours call: 780-931-6316

and leave a detailed message



Mass intentions for the week of February 2-8

The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

- Sun. 9 am: †Germaine Cote (Carlina F. Aquino)
- Sun. 11 am: †Mary Cote (†Socorro Bongco)
- Sun. 7 pm: Nora Dolosa (Crepin Mapout)
- Tue. 7 pm: Nancy Batuhan
- Wed. 9 am: †Chris Gangnier
- Thu. 9 am: NO MASS
- Fri. 9 am: Holy Face Devotion members (Enrico Dela Cruz & family)
- Sat. 5 pm: †Jane & †Cathy Que

Special days of this week

Sunday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord



Pastoral
Priorities



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This great feast day marks forty days after the Nativity and definitively ends the Christmas and Epiphany festivities. This ancient feast has been celebrated since at least c.386 AD, probably originating in Jerusalem. It has always been associated with the

meeting between Simeon and the infant Christ. The procession with candles highlights the journey made by the Holy Family to the temple for the purification rites required of mothers after childbirth. The blessing of the candles (added to the feast in the tenth century) and accompanying procession (during which the great Nunc Dimittis canticle is sung, proclaiming Christ as the "Light to enlighten the Gentiles") gave the name "Candlemas" to this day, which has been known by various names throughout the years: Hypapantē (Meeting), the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and (since the eighteenth century) the Presentation of the Lord.



Ash Wednesday, March 5 is fast approaching. If you have any palms from last year, please leave them on the counter at either entrance for the next couple of weeks.

The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are made from the burned and blessed palms of last year's Palm Sunday.

Called to Protect Sessions

If you have not taken a Called to Protect Session and are involved in a ministry, please register on link below.

February 10, Monday, 1:00 pm:

<https://forms.gle/eeHFbkTYJF8oPjix6>

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

The SSVP warehouse is in desperate need of furniture: **Single/double/queen beds with frames** (no head boards), 2 cushion loveseats (no couches), chest-of-drawers, book cases, small kitchen tables with chairs, coffee tables, end tables, pots & pans, and cutlery.

For furniture donations, please phone/text Carol Purves at 403-588-2416. Thank you!

The Poor Box Collection is next weekend, February 8/9 at both entrances.

Red Deer Live-in Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 8 at 9:30am
St. Mary's Parish

Roger and Bonita Bott from Withrow will be speaking about a tragic farming accident that claimed the lives of their three daughters. Within the immense loss and resulting grief journey, God remains faithful to carry them through life.

Register with the following link:

<https://forms.gle/FbEX3epDxPVX7eLx6>

Call/email Bonnie at (403) 304-0903
or reabound@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

Ham Supper

Friday, February 21, Parish Centre

Roasted Ham, Hashbrown Casserole, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Corn, Fresh Buns and Desserts

\$19 person

\$60 Immediate Family
6 and under eat Free!

Tickets available at all masses on

February 1/2, 8/9, 15/16.

You can also pick up tickets at the office.

Wheelchair Program

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Annual Wheelchair Drive until the end of February. This is the 11th year of the program at St. Mary's. To date we have donated 837 wheelchairs to various countries around the world. Our donor country this year is the Philippines and the cost of a wheelchair is \$205. Donations will be collected at the entrances before and after masses until February 26. A credit card machine will be available after masses and any cheques should be made payable to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation.

You also can mail your donation to the address on the provided envelope or put it into the collection box or bring it to the Parish Office.

You can donate online at the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation website; a link and information on how to donate is provided on the website.

Thank you for your support.

Red Deer Middle School
People of Discipleship Group
Presents

Valentine's Day
February 13th Formal
St. Mary's Parish
7-9:30pm

Please see the bulletin boards for more details



Valentine's Day



NEW EPISODE EVERY TUESDAY



This week:

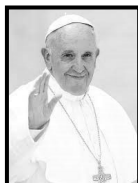
Reviewing the first 100 episodes.

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.



The Pope's Monthly Intention:

February 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Pope Francis' Twitter

The Word of the Lord cannot remain only a fine abstract idea or stir up only a passing emotion. Scripture invites us to change our gaze and allow our hearts to be transformed into the image of the heart of Christ.

God never stops dreaming of us becoming men and women of hope, harmony, and peace, as people who are not overcome by adversity. May we have the courage to dream for ourselves what God dreams for us.

St. Mary's Ministry Schedule

April 5/6 – July 26/27, 2025

Ministries will be scheduling in order to facilitate scheduling those who are in more than one ministry.

If you have any questions, concerns, or unavailable dates contact your ministry coordinator

Ministry	Completion Date
EMOCH	Feb 6, 2025

Ken Meraw: ken.meraw@rdcrs.ca;

Proclaimers Feb 13, 2025

Jeff Tuchscherer: jeff.tuchscherer@rdcrs.ca

Hospitality Feb 20, 2025

Kristy Gulak: kjgulak@gmail.com

Altar servers Feb 27, 2025

Cynthia Leyson: cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca



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Pray an AVE today

- AVE is an apostolate of prayer for parish priests. Parishioners are encouraged to make a commitment to pray one Hail Mary everyday for our priest, Father Mirek. Together we can provide thousands of prayers to offer our love, appreciation, and care for God's great gift to us in our parish priest.



CWL NEWS

NEW! LINE DANCE CLASS

The CWL is hosting an "Ultra Beginner Line Dance" class at the Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 2-3:30pm for a suggested donation of a toonie. Proceeds will go to St. Marys' building fund.

Classes run until April 8.

All parishioners are welcome and you may bring a friend.

22 people attended last week!

Please note: If there is a funeral on a Tuesday, the class will be cancelled.



Walking with Jesus Toddler Storytime!

Join us each **Thursday morning at 10:30am** for simple bible stories, songs, crafts and fellowship! Ages 1-3 years welcome! For more information please scan the QR code or contact Greer.McIvor@caedm.ca



E-transfer donations

Send your e-transfer donations to StMaryRD.etransfer@caedm.ca

WELCOME 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 table during the weekend masses.

Call for Volunteers

Adult Servers, Hospitality Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers, Altar Servers, Social Justice and Mercy, Saint Vincent de Paul and others.

If interested, please contact the office at 403-347-3114.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back.

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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Ministries

From the youngest
to the oldest,
There is a ministry for you!
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are part of a church group
and would like to meet
virtually, please call the office and
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PRAYING THE ROSARY

Come, pray the rosary with us!

No experience necessary!

Group recitation of the rosary:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

after daily Masses - in the
church

Tuesday at 1pm:

