

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

Our Mission Statement:

“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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December 1, 2024 - Year B
1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

“The Lord is our righteousness....”

First Sunday of Advent



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

Rosary:

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

Adoration:

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00-4:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday:
9:00am - Noon;
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Friday: 9:00am - Noon

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 December 1-7

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

- Sun. 9 am: All Parishioners (†David Kamga)
 Sun. 11 am: †Tran Family (†Elisa Arens, Wilfredo & Natalia Laranang)
 Sun. 7 pm: †Anthony Scaloppini
 Tue. 7 pm: †Michael Pletz (†Michael & †Mary Matsala, †Elisa Arens)
 Wed. 9 am: †Julie Perks (Glean Castro-Esteban, †Elisa Arens)
 Thu. 9 am: †Artemio Ojeda (†Elisa Arens)
 Fri. 9 am: Cindy Baker
 Sat. 5 pm: †Ricci Villanueva (Eleanor MacNeil, †Antonio De Castro)

Special days of this week

Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

24 Hour Adoration

St. Mary's will be holding 24 Hour Adoration starting at 9:00am on December 6. Please stop by and spend some time in the presence of Christ. If you are interested in signing up for an hour a month for adoration please call Greer at 403-347-3114 ext. 4 or email: Greer.McIvor@caedm.ca

Sacrament Registration

Registration for 1st Eucharist and Confirmation is now open. Please scan the QR codes below to register online, or call the parish office for more details.

1st Eucharist



Confirmation



Simbang Gabi

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Simbang Gabi, 9 days Novena Mass starting December 16.

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional, nine day series of masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas.

Simbang Gabi in the Philippines is held daily from December 16-24, and occur at different times. It has an important role in Philippine culture. The tradition of Simbang Gabi traces back to the arrival of Spanish missionaries in the Philippines about 500 years ago. At the time, they had a tradition of celebrating pre-Christmas Novena Masses in honor of the Annunciation.

This event is in cooperation with Couples for Christ-Red Deer.

2024 Simbang Gabi Schedule:

Monday, December 16, 7am

Tuesday, December 17, 7am

Wednesday, December 18, 7am

Thursday, December 19, 7am

Friday, December 20, 7am

Saturday, December 21, 5pm

(Potluck Supper after mass)

Sunday, December 22, Regular Mass Times

Monday, December 23, 7am

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Mass Times



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Mary's: Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm

**Please note: No 7pm Mass*

Sacred Heart: Thursday, December 19 at 7pm

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee Christmas Backpacks



Our committee will be assembling 40 Christmas Backpacks for the needy.

These will be delivered before Christmas. We are requesting

donations of new items for backpacks. They include: Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, lip balm, deodorant, hair brushes, combs, nail clippers, playing cards, toques, socks, winter gloves, mittens, McDonald's cards, Dairy Queen certificates, Tim Horton's cards, water bottles, insulated cups, candy, first aid kits, flashlights and hand/feet warmers.

We are collecting these items until

December 15.

All donations can be placed on the designated tables at the front /back entrances of the church. Donations of money or gift cards can be placed in the donation receptacles. Clearly mark them for the Justice and Mercy Committee or give them directly to the parish staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this worthy cause and God bless.

CWL Christmas Potluck

Monday, December 9 at 6pm, Parish Centre.

Bring a main course dish or a dessert and invite a friend! It has become a Christmas tradition to have a "Baby Shower", in honour of the baby Jesus.

Unwrapped baby items for the Pregnancy Care Centre will be gratefully accepted.

ALTAR SERVER

Potluck Dinner



**Saturday, December 14 after the 5pm Mass
Parish Centre**

Please bring a salad or dessert
Ham and roast beef will be provided

Call Cynthia for more information



**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.

**Focus on Advent by
Praying the O Antiphons**

Mark your calendar and join members of the UAC at 7pm on **Tuesday, December 17** to pray the "O Antiphons" the source of the Advent hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

This song, with its longing for the coming of the Savior, genuinely belongs to Advent and introduces the Magnificat, or canticle of Mary, at evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, from December 17th through December 23rd.

Each Antiphon begins with a traditional title for Christ. The seven traditional titles for the Messiah connect the coming of Christ with the prophetic writings of the Old Testament. They prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

UAC members pray these seven antiphons together so we can incorporate these traditional descriptions in our own Christmas traditions. Make this prayer a part of your Christmas preparation by praying with us or if unable to join us in person connect remotely through St. Mary's site.

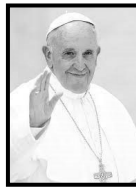
Pray an AVE today

- 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.



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.



The Pope's Monthly Intention:

December 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Pope Francis' Twitter

Prayer is the soul of hope.

Each of us is called to oppose any form of violence against women and girls. We must work together to ensure that the human rights and dignity of every person are recognized.



**together
we serve**
Catholics making a difference

Plunging into the Lord's Prairie Vineyard

The early Roman Catholic history of Central Alberta

You are invited to a book launch written by former Red Deer Catholic teacher, Henry Wostenberg, as he describes the challenges and happenings of four courageous priest-professors. The author will summarize the important story of these men and how their activities impacted the areas between Edmonton and Calgary as well as the area east of Red Deer.

December 14 at 2-3:30pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

#4 5579-47 Street in Cronquist Business Park.

Have your \$25 book signed by the author!

See bulletin board for more information about the book

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!

Hospital Mass

A Catholic Mass is held on the last Friday of every month at 10:30am in the Hospital Chapel. If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to receive communion or the anointing of the sick, please contact the office. You may also let the hospital staff know your Catholic to be put on a list for our pastoral care ministry.

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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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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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:

