



St. Mary's Parish
5th Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024 - Year B

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

Hebrews 5: 7 - 9

John 12: 20 - 33

“I will place my law withing them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be my people”

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

**Parish Staff: Father Mirek Kostarzewski; Deacon Roger Reilander;
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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

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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.

The next Zoom Rosary will be on *Friday, March 22.*



Mass intentions for the week of March 17 - 23

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: Jim & Carol Sweeney
 Sun. 11 am: Philip Mayayao-B'day (Daniel Joseph Bineesh)
 Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners
 Tue. 7 pm: Josh & Jenna Dittrich
 Wed. 9 am: Randy Baker
 Thu. 9 am: Peggy Hamill (†Claude Demers)
 Fri. 9 am: †Chief Andrew Okorie Ama
 Sat. 5 pm: †Pierre & † Martin Touchette (†Socorro Bongco)

Special days this week

Mon. Mar. 18: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
 Tue. Mar. 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Do you know.....

who the patron saint of Canada is?

It's St. Joseph, whose feast we celebrate this week, on March 19, and how appropriate: Canada's reputation has been that of a country that quietly works to help everywhere in the best possible way, just like St. Joseph quietly helped Jesus and Mary and thus contribute to our salvation.

May our country continue to follow the example of this great Saint in his actions and thus help contribute to the salvation of the world.

Holy Childhood (children's collection)

Thank you to our families at St. Mary's Parish who have donated money to the children's collection at the end of every weekend mass. The total for 2023 is \$20,212.67. Money is sent monthly to the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood of Canada in Toronto.

From there it is sent to places in the world like Zambia, Kenya, Peru, and Madagascar where the funds help support poor community schools. The money provides textbooks, food, school uniforms, medicine, tuition fees and other educational materials.

They are grateful to our donors. Thank you!

Mercy and Justice Lenten Food Drive

Each week of Lent we ask parishioners to help the hungry by contributing various non perishable food items:

**5th Sunday of Lent - March 16/17 - Macaroni & Cheese
 Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 23/24 - Canned Fruit**
*Please place items in the bins at both entrances
 to the church.*

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.



Triduum



Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:30pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, March 29

11:00am: *Passion of the Lord*

3:00pm: *Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00pm: *Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am: *The Resurrection of the Lord*

11:00am: *The Resurrection of the Lord*

7:00pm Mass is cancelled on Easter Sunday

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 7pm

They will be led by the following:

March 22: Justice & Mercy

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Edmonton's 44th Annual Good Friday

Outdoor Way of the Cross

"Journeying Home"

Good Friday, March 29

10am (99 Street and 107 Avenue)

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is an ecumenical prayer event marking the suffering and death of Jesus. It is a time to reflect on how the gospel values of Jesus apply to individual and public life today. This year's theme is based on Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the fast that I choose... to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless into your house." People of all faith traditions are welcome. The 1.5-kilometre walk is reasonable for most ages and ability levels. Free street parking is available near the start location.

Light refreshments will be provided at Hope Mission (106 Avenue and 99 Street) after the final station.

For more information, contact Marguerite Watson at marguerite.watson@telus.net or visit the Way of the Cross website.



**NEW EPISODE
EVERY TUESDAY**



Last week:

Canada's Fight Against the Culture of Death

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage
July 20-25**

Each July, thousands of pilgrims make their way to the shores of Lac Ste Anne. Many come in search of healing and spiritual renewal. Some simply come to reconnect with old acquaintances and forge new friendships.

This pilgrimage, which began over a hundred years ago, has become the largest annual Catholic gathering in Western Canada.

Go to Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage website for more information

CWL News:

The CWL will meet on **Monday, March 18th at 7pm**. We will begin with the rosary and a spiritual presentation in the Church, followed by a short meeting and social in the Parish Centre.

All ladies are welcome to join us.

CWL Word of the Week:

Strength

The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful, and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond.

The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others.

There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

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.

WELCOME!



**The Pope's Monthly Intention:
March 2024**

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

From Pope Francis' Angelus

Many times, we like to speak badly, to go in search of gossip against others. Let us ask the Lord to give us, all of us, this merciful gaze, to look at others as He looks at us.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



The SSVP warehouse needs **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!

SSVP extends sincere thanks to St. Mary's parishioners for their financial support.

Sacred Heart Parish Book Sale

Cleaning house? Downsizing?

Consider donation your unwanted books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, magazines (no encyclopedias please)

SALE DATES:

Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27

Please take donations to Sacred Heart
Contact Valerie at 403-346-3085

Pilgrimage to Quebec, September 18-24, 2024

Join Father Joseph Vadassery this fall, exploring the rich religious history and culture of Quebec.

Visits include Montreal, St. Joseph Oratory, Notre Dame Basilica, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine, Quebec City, St. Anne de Beaupre, Montmorency Falls, plus much more.

Reserve by May 30.

For more information, you can contact Maria at Marianatha Tours at marianathatours@outlook.com or by phone at **(780) 708-1683**. More information can also be found on their website at marianathatours.org

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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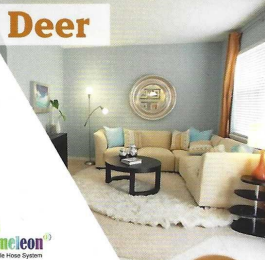
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and would like to meet
virtually, please call the office and
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Group recitation of the rosary:

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



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