

# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

## Our Mission Statement:

**“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”**

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## March is the Month of St. Joseph



### 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.

March 2, 2025 - Year C  
The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

“be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord...”

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

~Confirm with calendar inside~

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 7pm

*Live Stream 5:00pm Mass*

*Visit: [stmarysparishreddeer.ca](http://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 March 2-8

The intentions in brackets are said by  
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Elmer Klein (Rosario Martinez)  
 Sun. 11 am: Teresa Pasadilla  
 Sun. 7 pm: †Vince Ackerman (Rosario Martinez)  
 Tue. 7 pm: †Mariano Que  
 Wed. 9:15am †Frederick Steeves  
 Thu. 9 am: Sandra Mooney (Theresa MacDonald)  
 Fri. 9 am: †Christopher Borysenko  
 Sat. 5 pm: †Marie Beatrice, †Pauline Djouka, †Bernadette Madjouka,  
 †Therese Mache

### Special days of this week

Wednesday, March 5: Ash Wednesday



### Funerals for this week:

Funeral Mass for Alois Kunc  
Monday, March 3 at 11am

Funeral Mass for Linda Wysminity  
Thursday, March 6 at 11am

Funeral Mass for Cesar Tecson  
Friday, March 7 at 11am

Funeral Service for Paul Harrison  
Saturday, March 8 at 1pm



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

### Ash Wednesday, March 5

Mass Times:

9:15am (Maryview School attending)  
12:15pm (St. Thomas School attending)  
7:00pm

### Appointment of The Most Reverend Richard W. Smith as Twelfth Archbishop of Vancouver

VANCOUVER, BC – The Vatican announced that Pope Francis has appointed Archbishop Richard W. Smith as the next Archbishop of Vancouver and accepted Archbishop J. Michael Miller's resignation from the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese. Archbishop Miller has been named Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Vancouver until the new Archbishop's arrival.

Archbishop Smith, 65, has been Archbishop of Edmonton since 2007. He has been a priest for almost 38 years and a bishop since 2002. With his move to Vancouver, he will have served the Church from coast to coast.

After ministering in the Archdiocese of Halifax, his birthplace, he was named Bishop of Pembroke, Ontario, before moving to Edmonton.

During his 17 years in Edmonton, Archbishop Smith served as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, spiritual adviser to the Catholic Women's League of Canada, and on the board of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute. The Archbishop is currently a member of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA).

Archbishop Smith was the general coordinator of Pope Francis' historic pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022—the fourth papal visit to Canada and the first since Saint John Paul II visited in 2002.

In Halifax, he held the office of vicar general and was responsible for pastoral ministry to French-speaking Catholics in the Archdiocese.

Archbishop Smith was chaplain to the deaf community in Halifax from 1986-1991. He was also a professor of theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario.

Ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1987, for the Archdiocese of Halifax, Archbishop Smith pursued further studies in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, earning a licentiate degree in 1993 and a doctorate in 1998.

Archbishop Smith extended his heartfelt appreciation to Archbishop Miller "for the wonderful leadership he has provided. I wish him God's choicest blessings as he enters retirement. He has served in exemplary fashion both the Archdiocese of Vancouver and the Church in Canada.

**"I look forward to meeting the clergy, consecrated women, men, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese, and pray that the Lord will enrich us all with the grace we need to embrace anew and together the great mission of the Church."**

Archbishop Miller greeted the appointment with "gratitude to the Holy Father and great satisfaction," assuring Archbishop Smith of his prayers and fraternal support.

**"Vancouver has been given a shepherd of extraordinary gifts and vast experience. We warmly welcome Archbishop Smith, who is already familiar with the challenges facing us here— evangelization, passing on the faith to young people, Indigenous reconciliation, vocations to the priesthood, to name just a few."**

Archbishop Smith shall remain with Edmonton as Archdiocesan Administrator for the next few months of transition, the details of which have yet to be finalized. His Grace's formal installation as Archbishop of Vancouver will likely take place in the latter part of May.

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7pm

March 7: Led by Franciscans

March 14: Led by Pro-Life

March 21: Led by Justice & Mercy Committee

March 28: Led by CWL

April 4: Led by UAC

April 11: Led by Couples for Christ

### Justice and Mercy Committee News

#### Bottle Drive

The Justice and Mercy Committee would like to thank all of the parishioners who generously donated cash or bottles to our recent bottle drive. A total of \$350 was raised.

Food cards for the needy were purchased from the proceeds. Thank you to all of our committee members, who helped in this endeavor, and a special thank you to Father Mirek for contributing his time and allowing us to use the garage for this worthy cause.

#### Lenten Food Drive

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

**1st Sunday of Lent: March 8/9-Peanut Butter**

**2nd Sunday of Lent: March 15/16-Canned Fish**

**3rd Sunday of Lent: March 22/23-Pasta**

**4th Sunday of Lent: March 29/30-Pasta Sauce**

**5th Sunday of Lent: April 5/6-Macaroni & Cheese  
Passion (Palm) Sunday: April 12/13-Canned Fruit**

Please place items in the bins at both entrances of the church. Thank you for supporting the Food Bank.



### 24 Hour Adoration

Friday, March 7 at 9am to  
Saturday, March 8 at 9am

If you are interested in signing up for an hour once a month for Adoration or to sign on as a spare, please contact the parish office.

World Day  
of Prayer



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday, March 8 at 1:30pm  
Gaetz Memorial United Church

*"I Made you Wonderful"*

Psalm 139:1-18



**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.



**Pastoral  
Priorities**



Eucharistic  
**worship**



Confident  
**witness**



**service**  
to Marriage & Family

**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!**

**SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION will be next weekend,  
March 8/9. All financial support is greatly appreciated.**



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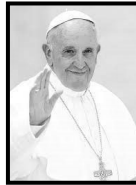
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**Father Mirek nor anyone from St. Mary's Parish would  
ever send anyone email messages asking for help, money or  
gift cards. These are scam emails.**  
**Please report them and move them to the junk folder.**

**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:**

March 2025

**For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover  
the cure for their wounds through forgiveness,  
rediscovering each other's gifts, even in  
their differences.

**Prayer of Healing for Pope Francis:**

God of Wholeness and hope:

Send Your Spirit of healing, that She may accompany our  
shepherd Pope Francis in his illness. As he endures pain and  
discomfort, give him strength and peace.

May he experience the continued grace of your mercy.

May your unconditional love comfort him and help him heal.

May his faithful and humble service continue to be a beacon of  
hope for each of us who continue to serve your Kingdom.

AMEN.

**Pope Francis' Twitter**

I have recently received many messages of affection, and I  
have been particularly struck by the letters and drawings  
from children. Thank you for your closeness, and for the  
consoling prayers I have received from all over the world!

I urge you to continue your apostolate with joy and to be a  
sign of a love that embraces everyone, as the  
#GospelOfThe Day suggests. May we transform evil into  
goodness and build a fraternal world.  
Do not be afraid to take risks for love!

**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.



**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! Scan the QR code  
for more information



**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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From the youngest  
to the oldest,  
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*Call the office for details.*

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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:

