

# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

## Our Mission Statement:

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

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Greer McIvor, Pastoral Assistant;  
Donna Annett, Administrative Assistant**

**December 15, 2024 - Year B  
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3.14-18a  
Philippians 4.4-7  
Luke 3.10-18

“rejoice in the Lord always...”

## Third 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](http://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 15-21

The intentions in brackets are said by  
retired priests in Edmonton

- Sun. 9 am: All Parishioners (†Rolly Daz, †Patricia Olesen)
- Sun. 11 am: Georgia Nadine Alvarez
- Sun. 7 pm: †Carlos & †Elisa Arens (Dabayba Arens)
- Tue. 7 pm: †Ray & †Marty Nicol
- Wed. 9 am: †Clara Pletz (Karen Elizabeth Rose Martin)
- Thu. 9 am: †George Pletz
- Fri. 9 am: †David LaGrange (Denis Cote)
- Sat. 5 pm: Ronald Ramos (Olga Puchala, Fred & Rita Sieben & family)

### Special days of this week

Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

### Sacrament Registration is ending December 31

Please make sure that you have registered your child for  
1st Eucharist/Confirmation before December 31.

Please scan the QR codes below to  
register online, or call the parish office for more details.

**1st Eucharist**

**Confirmation**



### Art and Environment Committee

Art and Environment is asking  
parishioners if you would like to  
donate a poinsettia to add to the  
Christmas spirit in the church to please  
drop them off after December 20.  
Thank you

### 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**



### Mass Times

### Christmas Eve, December 24

**5:00pm Mass**

**7:30pm Mass**

**10:00pm Mass**

**Midnight Mass**

### The Nativity of the Lord

### Christmas Day, December 25

**10am**

### New Year's Eve, December 31

**5:00pm Mass**

### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### January 1, 2025

**9am Mass**

**11am Mass**

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

### Office Hours:

**December 24: 8:30-Noon**

**December 25, 26, 27: Closed**

**December 30: 1-4pm**

**December 31: 1-4pm**

**January 2: 1-4pm**

### Envelopes/Donations

Please pick up your 2025 donation boxes at the  
back of the church. Some of the envelope numbers  
have changed so please **do not** use your old  
envelopes next year.

If you do not have envelopes and would like a tax  
receipt at the end of the year, please call the office.

**NOTE: Please make all 2024 donations by  
December 31. Anything after will be  
2025 donations.**

### UAC: Praying the O Antiphons

**Tuesday, December 17 at 7pm**

Join the UAC 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 17-23.

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.



**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 Chosen**

Parishioners interested in watching and discussing **Season 1 of *The Chosen*** can register by calling David at 403-357-9117 or the parish office.

We plan to meet once a week on Wednesdays at 2pm starting on January 15, 2025.

*This is a good way to celebrate our Jubilee Year*

**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.

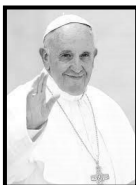


**The Pope's Monthly Intention:**

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**

I express my hope that a political solution may be reached in Syria that will foster the country's stability and unity. I pray that the Syrian people may live in peace. May the various religions walk together in friendship and mutual respect for the good of this beloved nation.

The Holy Spirit is the source that fans the flame of hope. His presence in our lives helps us to both have hope and radiate it for humanity, which greatly needs it.

**Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

Pope Francis announced that December 24, 2024 to

January 6, 2026 is a Holy Year. It is a year of prayer and renewal. We pray as a parish, as a family and on our own.

Check your Christmas bulletin for the Jubilee Prayer. Make this year special by purchasing a Jubilee candle from the Secular Franciscans in your parish.

When you take time for prayer during this Holy Year, light the candle and say a prayer asking for the grace to transform you into a Pilgrim of Hope. We are asked to walk the path of faith with hope and trust in the future. You can watch the celebration of the opening of the

Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve and the other major basilica's in Rome during the rest of the week. We are asked to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father by reciting the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be, or other freely chosen prayers.

**Walking with Jesus Toddler Storytime!**

Join us each **Thursday morning at 10:30am** for simple bible stories, songs, crafts and fellowship! Meet other parents and deepen the faith of our littlest parishioners! Ages 1-3 years welcome!

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**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.

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

- 5:00PM | OPTIONAL MASS
- 6:00PM | OPENING PRAISE & WORSHIP
- 6:30PM | GOSPEL HEALING PRESENTATION BY FR. PAUL MORET
- 7:00PM | CORPORATE PRAYER FOR HEALING & TESTIMONIES LED BY WILLIAM SMILEY
- 8:00PM | INDIVIDUAL PRAYER MINISTRY

[encounterschool.org/edmonton](http://encounterschool.org/edmonton)

**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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to the oldest,  
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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:

