



St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

Our Mission Statement:

“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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December 8, 2024 - Year C
Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9

Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Luke 3.1-6

“Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God...”

Second Sunday of Advent



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

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.



Mass intentions for the week of December 8-14

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Frank Groenen (†Rosalinda Lopez)
 Sun. 11 am: All Parishioners (†Kenneth & †Edna Peterson)
 Sun. 7 pm: †Souls of Tran family (Jandinero family)
 Tue. 7 pm: Advent Penitential Service
 Wed. 9 am: Father Jan Sobkowicz
 Thu. 9 am: Sister Lynn Rouleau
 Fri. 9 am: Divina Nueva
 Sat. 5 pm: Jenna Villanueva (†Chloe Becher, †Ruth Simonsen)

Special days of this week

Sunday, Dec. 8: Second Sunday of Advent
 Monday, Dec. 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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
Registration



Confirmation
Registration



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.

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!



For more information please scan the QR code or contact
Greer.McIvor@caedm.ca 403-347-3114 Ext 4



Funeral Mass for
 Percy Blair
 Monday, December 9 at 12pm



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

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

*Please note: No 7pm Mass

Sacred Heart: Thursday, December 19 at 7pm



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)

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



Pastoral
Priorities



**NEW EPISODE
EVERY TUESDAY**



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.

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

WELCOME NEWCOMERS:

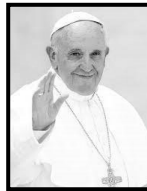
We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at St. Mary's. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at both entrances, and drop it off at the office or in the collection table during the weekend masses.

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.



Twitter

Please, let us continue to pray for peace! War is a human defeat; it does not solve problems but only brings destruction. So many children and innocents die! Let us pray for all countries at war. Let us always pray for peace.

The Word of God spreads when we are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit, preaching would have neither soul nor life, and we would spread only ideas or precepts to be fulfilled.

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.



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.

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.

Plunging into the Lord's Prairie Vineyard The early Roman Catholic history of Central Alberta

You are invited to a book launch written by Henry Wostenberg, as he describes the challenges and happenings of four courageous priest-professors.

**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

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Women of Faith

Looking to grow in faith and
connect with other women?
Women of Faith is an ongoing
program for adult ladies the
first Friday of every month,
10am-noon in the mezzanine. We will be
using a Bishop Barron video series,
continuing with discussion, prayer and of
course coffee.

Join us, bring your coffee mug and expect
faith enrichment and fellowship.

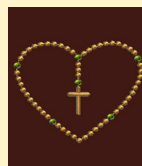
Any questions can be
directed to the parish office.



PRAYING THE ROSARY

Have you been thinking about how
to enrich your prayer life?
Come, pray the rosary with us!
No experience necessary!
Group recitation of the rosary:

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



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