



St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

Our Mission Statement:

“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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Catherine Adrias, Administrative Assistant**

December: The Month of the Immaculate Conception



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 7 PM, with no obligation to make a monthly commitment. To join, please contact Isabel at 403-314-0031 to get the Zoom link.

**December 14, 2025 - Year A
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11

“Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.”

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

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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am - 5:00pm

Closed from 12:00 - 1:00pm for lunch

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:15 - 8:50am

Tuesday: 6:15 - 6:50pm

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:50pm

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Call the office: 403-347-3114



Mass intentions for the week of December 14 - 20

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun., Dec 14 9 am: †Antonio de Castro (Dabeyba Arens)
Sun., Dec 14 11 am: †John Ngoc & †Marie Van (Riley Gaudet)
Sun., Dec 14 7 pm: †Bernadette Jackson (†Mariette Williamson,
†Victoria De Guzman)
Tues., Dec 16 7 pm: †Andrew Christopher Tenebro (Olga Pachala,
For all retired priests in Edmonton)
Wed., Dec 17 9 am: †Christopher Borysenko (†Belinda Senoron)
Thurs., Dec 18 9 am: †Marie Hansen (†Dave Borle, Zachary Baker)
Fri., Dec 19 9 am: †David LaGrange (†Alphons James)
Sat., Dec 20 5 pm: †Bernadette Brul (†Angelina Cheng,
Helen Lindsay)

Special days of this week

Sunday, December 14: Third Sunday of Advent



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a delicious Pancake Breakfast hosted by
the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, December 14,
following both the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses.
Come enjoy good food and fellowship with our
parish community. All are welcome!

No Daily Mass or Confessions

Please note that there will be no daily Mass or confessions on
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, December 16, 17, and 19.
You are invited to join us for Simbang Gabi at 7:00 am or attend
one of the school Masses listed below:

St. Francis: Tuesday, December 16 at 10:30 am
Holy Family: Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 am

**Simbang
Gabi** 2025

9 DAYS NOVENA NIGHT
MASSES TIME SCHEDULES:

DEC. 16 [TUES] 7:00 AM
DEC. 17 [WED] 7:00 AM
DEC. 18 [THURS] 7:00 AM
DEC. 19 [FRI] 7:00 AM
DEC. 20 [SAT] 5:00 PM
DEC. 21 [SUN] 7:00 PM
DEC. 22 [MON] 7:00 AM
DEC. 23 [TUES] 7:00 AM
DEC. 24 [WED] REGULAR
CHRISTMAS
EVE MASS TIME.

DEC. 16 - 24, 2025

@ ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH
RED DEER, ALBERTA

Join us celebrating this cherished
Filipino tradition that unites our
community in joyful anticipation of
Christ birth. "SIMBANG GABI" a nine-day
series of Masses, offers a meaningful
way to prepare spiritually for Christmas,
allowing the faithful to reflect on the
true essence of the season.

IN COOPERATION WITH

Couples for Christ
RED DEER

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

SSVP Poor Box Collection will be next weekend (December 13/14).
All financial support is greatly appreciated.

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!

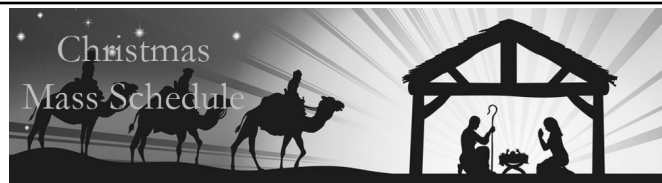


Pope Leo XIV Twitter

God desires us to assist in His saving work here on earth. In
this Advent season, let us prepare our hearts not only to
recognize the ways that God comes to meet us, but also the
ways in which He asks us to participate in His life.

Prayer for the New Archbishop

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock
have set your servant Stephen over it
as a successor to the Apostles,
grant him, we pray,
a spirit of counsel and fortitude,
a spirit of knowledge and piety,
so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him,
he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Pageant	4:30pm
Christmas Eve Masses	5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm & Midnight
Christmas Day Mass	10:00am
New Year's Eve Mass	5:00pm
New Year's Day	9:00am & 11:00am

Holiday Season

Office Hours



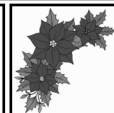
Parish Office Holiday Hours

Wednesday, December 24	Closed at Noon
Thursday, December 25	Closed
Friday, December 26	Closed
Monday, December 29	Open (1:00pm - 5:00pm)
Tuesday, December 30	Open (9:30am - 5:00pm)
Wednesday, December 31	Closed at Noon
Thursday, January 1	Closed
Friday, January 2	Open (9:30am - 5:00pm)

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Bill C-218 has
been introduced
in Parliament to
stop the expansion of euthanasia to
those with mental illness. Your
Member of Parliament needs to
know you want them to support this
bill!

Mental health supports
should never include
assisted suicide.



Thank you for
your past
donations of
poinsettias.

They are very much
appreciated. You are so
welcome to donate again
this year.

Please drop them
off at the church
between
December 18-23.





CWL NEWS

Religious Articles Kiosk - The CWL Religious Articles kiosk will be open this weekend for your last-minute Christmas needs. Discover items that can help bring Christ into your home this season. A limited number of 2026 Religious Calendars will also be available. Visit us after Mass!

CWL Christmas Potluck - Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00pm. Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and festive cheer! Turkey, ham, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Please bring a vegetable dish, salad, or dessert to share on the potluck table. A program and entertainment will follow the meal - bring your best singing voice and invite a friend to join in the songs of the season! We kindly invite donations for the homeless through Safe Harbour or Turning Point. (Refer to the CWL Newsletter for suggested items.)

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Please note that Prayer Shawl Ministry is cancelled for the month of December and will resume in January.

Save the Date and Your Bottles!!

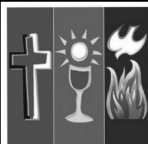
St Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee will be having a bottle drive January 3,4,10,11,17,18. Please save your clean bottles and milk containers. Parishioners are encouraged to drop off empty and clean beverage containers and flattened milk containers at the parish rectory garage before weekend masses. When the garage doors are open, please place items in the garage. When the doors are closed, place them in front of the garage door closest to the alley. Proceeds from the sale of the bottles will be spent on food cards for the needy. Thank you for your support and awesome generosity in donating to the Christmas Backpacks. You made many unfortunate and needy people have a Merrier Christmas. God bless!



The Pope's Monthly Intention

For December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Last Chance to Register!

Register your child for 1st Eucharist or Confirmation, before December 31.

No registrations will be taken in the new year.

How should I respond when a loved one asks for euthanasia or assisted suicide?

Invite them to talk about it and then listen to what they say. Affirm and accompany them with Christian love and truth. Remind them of how much you love them and also how much God loves them. Reassure them that you and others will accompany them during this difficult and trying time, and that they are not alone on this journey. Let them know specifically that they are not a burden and that their life matters to you and to others.

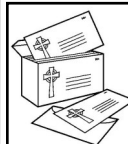
For suggested conversation starters and other helpful information, visit the Caregivers and Families page at

hopeanddignity.caedm.ca



Call for Hospitality Volunteers

We are currently seeking additional Hospitality Ministers to assist at our upcoming New Year's Masses. If you feel called to serve and would like to be part of this welcoming ministry, please contact the Parish Office for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Sunday Offering Envelopes

You can now pickup your Sunday Offering Envelopes on the table at the front entrance of the Church.

Contact the parish office if you would like to receive your own Sunday Offering Envelopes.

The Christmas Nativity

Sign and Symbol of Christ Among Us

Come join us to view displays of **Nativity Sets**.

Listen to **live music** and enjoy a hot drink. Warm your soul and prepare your heart for Christmas at

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
5033- 47A Ave Sylvan Lake

Saturday, December 13

Viewing 6pm to 8:30pm

Sunday, December 14

Viewing 12:30pm to 8:00pm

Do you have a nativity set you would like to put on display?

Door prizes

Please contact [Maureen Miller \(403-598-8064\)](mailto:Maureen.Miller@403-598-8064) for details.



St. Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee Christmas Backpacks

Our committee will once again be assembling Christmas Backpacks for those in need, to be delivered before Christmas. We are requesting donations of new items such as: Kleenex, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, lip balm, deodorant, hair brushes, combs, nail clippers, playing cards, toques, socks, winter gloves or mittens, McDonald's, Dairy Queen, or Tim Hortons gift cards, water bottles, insulated cups, candy, first aid kits, flashlights, and hand/feet warmers.

Donations will be accepted until December 18. Please place items on the designated tables at the back and side entrances of the church.

Monetary donations or gift cards may be placed in the collection baskets (clearly marked Justice and Mercy Committee) or given directly to the parish office staff.

Thank you, and God bless you for your generosity and support of the Justice and Mercy Ministry.

For questions or to learn how you can help with our projects, please contact the parish office at 403-347-3114.



Catholics Urged to Take Immediate Action on Bill C-9

The Archdiocese of Edmonton is calling on all Catholics in Alberta and across Canada to take immediate action regarding the federal government's proposed Bill C-9 (the Combating Hate Act) and its potential impact on religious freedom.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has issued an open letter (Dec. 4) to Prime Minister Mark Carney urging the government to halt plans to remove the long-standing religious-text exemption from Canada's hate-speech laws. This letter was also sent to key federal officials. Catholic leaders warn that removing this protection could put legitimate religious teaching and pastoral ministry at risk.

You are encouraged to contact your MP to express your opposition to removing the religious-text exemption in Bill C-9. Share your concerns about how this amendment could affect preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and the Church's public witness.



SCAN ME

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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Baptism Preparation

We are delighted to walk with you as you prepare to celebrate your child's Baptism! Parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation session before scheduling the Baptism. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to learn, ask questions, and connect with other families in our parish community.

Please call or email the parish office to pre-register.

Upcoming dates:

- January 10 at 2:00 PM
- February 14 at 2:00 PM
- March 14 at 2:00 PM



Coffee & Fellowship

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in the parish hall after the 11:00AM Sunday Mass for coffee, and fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and build our community. We look forward to seeing you there!



4 WAYS TO DONATE

For full details, please visit our website

www.stmarysparishreddeer.ca

1. **Drop Off** - drop your donations in the Donation basket during Mass or at the Parish Office.
2. **Pre-Authorize Debit** - Fill out the form and drop it off at the office.
3. **E-transfer** - We now accept e-transfer donations at StMaryRD.etransfer@caedm.ca
4. **By Mail** - You can send your donations to St. Mary's Parish via mail at any time of the year.



24 Hour Adoration

Start your month with Adoration! Join us for 24-Hour Adoration held every First Friday of the Month, starting after morning Mass and continuing through Saturday morning. Come spend time in quiet prayer and reflection. Please contact the parish office for more information.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

SSVP WAREHOUSE:
to donate furniture please
CALL 403-588-2416 or email
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PRAYING THE ROSARY

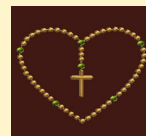
Have you been thinking about how to enrich your prayer life? Come, pray the rosary with us!

No experience necessary!
Group recitation of the rosary:

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

Support our Pastor through Prayer

"Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus"
Tuesdays at 1pm



Women of Faith

Join us every first Friday of the month following the morning Mass. Together, we'll watch and discuss a Bishop Barron homily connected to the Sunday Mass readings.

Bring your coffee or tea and share in faith, fellowship, and conversation with other Catholic women. Come for any or every gathering—you are always welcome!

Any questions can be directed to the parish office.