Welcome to St. Mary's Parish



"...to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Christ, the Lord... you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

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Readings for Christmas & New Years, Year C

Christmas Eve, December 24 Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7/Titus 2.11-14/Luke 2.1-16

Nativity of the Lord:

Christmas Day, December 25 Isaiah 52.7–10/Hebrews 1.1–6/John 1.1–18

New Year's Eve, December 31 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

New Year's Day, January 1 Numbers 6.22–27/Galatians 4.4–7/Luke 2.16–21



Wishing you a Joyful Christmas Season May you and your loved ones be blessed with joy, love, peace and happiness.

Fr. Mirek Kostarzewski, Deacon Roger Reilander, Rod Steeves, Andrew Sheedy, Greer McIvor, Donna Annett

We would like to express our thanks to those who dropped off cards, goodies and Christmas wishes to Father Mirek and the office staff. We appreciate your kindness!

Thank you to Father Wladyslaw Karciarz who helped Father Mirek with Christmas Masses this year.

Sacrament Registration

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

*No registrations will be taken in the new year. StMarys.RedDeer@caedm.ca (under Sacraments)

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

NEW YEARS MASS TIMES

New Year's Eve

Tuesday December 31 - 5:00pm Mass

New Year's Day (Feast of the Holy Mother of God)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 9am and 11am Mass

Office hours

December 26, 27: Closed December 30: 1-4pm December 31: 8:30-Noon January 1: Closed

January 2: 1-4pm



A big thank you to our parishioners and all those in ministry for keeping St. Mary's the beautiful place it is to attend mass and pray. A huge **Thank You** to everyone who helped decorate the church and those who donated poinsettias.

Also, a special thanks to Roger and Cynthia Leyson for the beautiful nativity scene they create every year!

Mass Intentions: December 29, 2024-January 4, 2025.

The intentions in brackets are said by a retired priest in Edmonton

Sun. 9am: All Parishioners

Sun. 11am: †Jan & †Janina Zabek (†Cresencio & †Natividad Ponpon)

Sun. 7pm: Annett family (†Mary Cote)

Tue. 5pm: Edna Soliven (†Luis Felipe Barreto & †Ida Garcia de Barreto)

Wed. 9am: †Socorro Bongco (Jandinero family)

Wed. 11am: †Alysa DuMontier Thur. 9am: †Georgette Shave Fri. 9am: †John & †Mary Nicol Sat. 9am: †Georgette Shave

Special days of this week

Sunday, Dec. 29: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Wednesday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God