



St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

Our Mission Statement:

“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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April: The Blessed Sacrament



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.

**April 13, 2025 - Year C
Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Luke 19.28-40

Isaiah 50.4-7

Philippians 2.6-11

Luke 22.14-23.56

“The Lord God has opened my ear..”

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: 1:00-4:00pm

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 April 13-19 The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9am:	†Ron Dufresne (†Engracia Tacian, †Remedios Paulo)
Sun. 11am:	Dela Pena/Alvarez Family (†Margaret Jegede)
Sun. 7pm:	All Parishioners (Jasper Jandinero)
Tue. 7pm:	†Peter Barchuk (Steve Langlois)
Wed. 9am:	†Bernard Bradley
Thurs. 7:30pm	No Mass Intentions
Fri. 11am & 3pm	No Mass Intentions
Sat. 8pm	No Mass Intentions

Special days of this week

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday
Friday, April 18: The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday

What Pope Francis says about Palm Sunday

Jesus's Humble Entry:

He highlights the Gospel account of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, emphasizing the message of humility and peace.

Service and Love:

He often uses Palm Sunday as an opportunity to reflect on Jesus's life of service and the importance of serving others, reminding people that God's love is a call to action.

Forgiveness and Hope:

Pope Francis often encourages people to journey toward Easter with God's forgiveness, reminding them that it's never too late to begin again.

Reaching Out to the Abandoned:

He often reminds people to remember those who are abandoned and to seek out Jesus in the suffering and marginalized, emphasizing the importance of compassion and empathy.

Responding to Suffering:

The Pope frequently calls for people to reach out to those who are suffering and to focus on doing good for others, rather than being consumed by their own needs.

Jesus as an Example:

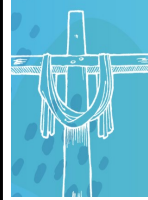
He encourages Catholics to look to the suffering Christ as an example of a life lived completely in the service of others.

Appealing for Peace and Prayers:

During the Palm Sunday Mass, Pope Francis has often offered prayers for peace in conflict zones and for the victims of violence.

The Power of Love:

Pope Francis often speaks about the transformative power of love, emphasizing that it can turn hearts of stone into hearts of flesh, capable of mercy, tenderness, and compassion.



Easter

HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASSES



Holy Thursday, April 16: 7:30pm
Eucharistic Adoration after Mass until 11pm
Good Friday, April 18: 11am & 3pm
Holy Saturday, April 19: 8pm
Easter Sunday, April 20: 9am & 11am
***Note: NO 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday**

Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

Ringling of Bells

You are welcome to bring bells from home to ring during the *GLORIA*

The Gloria: The ringing of bells during the *Gloria* (Glory to God in the highest) is a sign of joy for the end of Lent and the celebration of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday.

Silence of the Bells: After the *Gloria* on Holy Thursday, the bells are silenced, remaining silent until the Easter Vigil, which marks the beginning of Easter Sunday.

Lenten Food Drive

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

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.

Journey Through Lent - 2025 Video Series

The first 4 videos of the "Journey Through Lent" video series is available on the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops website. Visit the [CCCB website](http://CCCB.ca) each Monday to access the latest videos.



CWL MEETING

Please note the change of meeting date for CWL:

The meeting will be held **Wednesday, April 23 at 7pm** in the church with the Rosary and a spiritual reflection, followed by a meeting and social in the parish centre. All are welcome to attend.



National
Family & Life Week
May 11-18, 2025 *Abound in hope*



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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

(cf. Rom 15:13)





The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

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.

FAREWELL EVENTS FOR ARCHBISHOP SMITH

Bid a warm farewell to Archbishop Richard Smith, celebrating his nearly 18 years of service to the people of the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Several farewell events are planned in the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

-On May 1 from 3-5pm, a come-and-go open house will be held at Newman Theological College. All are welcome.

-Later that evening, at 7pm, gather in prayer and thanksgiving at St. Joseph's Basilica. Together, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, patron of the Archdiocese, as well as the 18th anniversary of Archbishop Smith's installation as the seventh Archbishop of Edmonton.

-Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube (ArchEdmonton). A reception in O'Leary Hall will follow the mass.



SUMMER 2025

Our Lady of Victory Camp

July 5: Kick-off BBQ and Alumni Event

July 6 - July 10: High School Week

July 13 - July 17: Elementary Week

July 20 - July 24: All Ages I

July 27 - July 31: Jr High Week

August 3 - August 7: All Ages II

Register at WWW.OLVC.CA

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION is this weekend.
All financial support is greatly appreciated.

March for Life Bus Trip!

May 8

6:30am leaves Our Lady of Peace Innisfail

7:15am leaves **St. Mary's Parking Lot**

9:30am arrives for Mass at St. Joseph's Basilica

2:40pm leaves Legislature building

Return approximately 5:00pm

\$30.00 per person

Call Parish Office to book your tickets: 403-347-3114

Ext 4 or Greer.McIvor@caedm.ca



The Pope's Monthly Intention:

April 2025

For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Pope Francis' Twitter

I have much in common with you at this time of my life, dear brothers and sisters who are sick: the experience of illness, of weakness, of having to depend on others for so many things, and of heeding their support.

Jesus' gaze is not one of reproach, but of mercy. It is that mercy we sometimes struggle to accept, especially when God forgives those who, in our opinion, do not deserve it.

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.



Hospital Mass

A Catholic Mass is held on the last Friday of every month at 10:30am in the Hospital Chapel.

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to receive communion or the anointing of the sick, please contact the office. You may also let the hospital staff know your Catholic to be put on a list for our pastoral care ministry.

E-transfer donations

Send your e-transfer donations to
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Scammers at work: Beware and be careful!
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.

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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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:

