

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish

Our Mission Statement:

“Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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February 23, 2025 - Year C
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

“Pray for those who mistreat you....”

FEBRUARY
the month of
THE HOLY FAMILY



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

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 February 23-March 1

The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

- Sun. 9 am: January Alinio
- Sun. 11 am: All Parishioners
- Sun. 7 pm: Gregorio Ferrer Alvarez (Crepin Mapout)
- Tue. 7 pm: †John Kirn (†Iris Gilley) (Rosario Martinez)
- Wed. 9 am: Helen Pelaez (Rosario Martinez)
- Thu. 9 am: †Joseph Rayos (†Iris Gilley) (Rosario Martinez)
- Fri. 9 am: †Hilaire Mann (Rosario Martinez)
- Sat. 5 pm: †Joy Lawrence (†Wilfredo Poquiz & † Ramon Luzano)

Special days of this week

Saturday, March 1: First Saturday



ASH
WEDNESDAY

The First Day of Lent Ash Wednesday, March 5

Mass Times:

- 9:15am (Maryview School attending)
- 12:15pm (St. Thomas School attending)
- and 7:00pm

IWIN/Red Sand Project

IWIN (I'm Worth It Now), a *Catholic Women's League* initiative in collaboration with the Red Sand Project, is raising awareness about human trafficking-an atrocity that is occurring right here in our own province. You will notice red sand in the sidewalk cracks outside the church this weekend. This is to serve as a reminder that we cannot merely walk over the most marginalized people in our communities-those who "fall through" the metaphoric cracks.

The red sand also symbolizes the blood Christ poured out for all His children. In addition to raising awareness, IWIN provides backpacks of basic necessities to survivors of human trafficking who are entering a wrap-around program which provided education and assistance.

If you would like to help offset the costs of the backpacks IWIN provides, or if you would like to participate in a future IWIN fundraiser, contact us at iwincalgary@gamil.com. We also ask that you please follow us on social media as every follow/like makes a big difference to grow our community and spread the word.

Instagram: @iwin_initiative

Facebook: @iwincalgary

www.iwininitiative.ca

Yarn Donations:

If you have any yarn that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the church anytime during office hours.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The CWL Prayer Shawl Ministry will now meet the **last Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm in the classroom.**

The next date is Tuesday, February 25
If you know of anyone in need of comfort,
Please contact Nelly at 403-340-3749



The Catholic Women's League members' passion is to inspire women to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

We are excited to have you join us!

For more information, call or text
Anita at 306-421-7538



Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) Study Day – Journeying Together as Pilgrims of Hope

In this Jubilee year where the theme is Hope, we invite all who want to delve deeper into our Catholic identity to join us for a day of discussion and prayer.

Saturday, March 1

10am-3pm

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Members of the UAC will lead us in a discussion of "words" that can lead us deeper into our calling as Catholic Christians.

Registration at 9:30am

Lunch is provided.

A donation is requested to cover cost of lunch.

Register: Yolande at yach@telus.net or 403-342-2838.

Deadline for registrations is February 24.

Knights of Columbus News

Wheelchair Program

January 25/26 to February 22/23

This is a final reminder for the Wheelchair fundraising program. You can give your donation by using the envelope marked Knights of Columbus and drop it into the collection box at church or at the Parish office; or go to the Parish website for information on how to donate online at the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation website. All cheques should be made payable to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation.

Free Throw Competition

Boys and Girls from Age 9-14

Saturday, March 1 at 9am

St. Pat's School Gym

Pick up registration forms at either
entrance or at the school office

Bring the form at the day
of the competition.



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.



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.

LINE DANCE CLASS

The CWL is hosting an "Ultra Beginner Line Dance" class at the Parish Hall on Tuesdays at 2-3:30pm for a suggested donation of a toonie. Proceeds will go to St. Marys' building fund. **Classes run until April 8.**

All parishioners are welcome and you may bring a friend.

Please note: If there is a funeral on a Tuesday, the class will be cancelled.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

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!

Secular Franciscans

An opportunity to pray, learn and share by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the example of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Join us the **first Monday** of each month, St. Mary's mezzanine at 6:30pm.

Call Irene at 403-318-8238.

Call for Volunteers

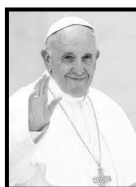
Adult Servers, Hospitality Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers, Altar Servers, Social Justice and Mercy, Saint Vincent de Paul and others.

If interested, please contact the office at 403-347-3114.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back.

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:

February 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Pope Francis' Twitter

What is built on the basis of force, and not the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.

Dear brothers and sister who are ill or who care for the suffering, you play a very important part in this Jubilee 2025. Your journey together is a sign for everyone, a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope. The whole Church thanks you for this!

Prayer for the health and recovery of Pope Francis

May the Lord, through Our Lady's powerful intercession, grant him renewed strength, health, and energy in his vocation to serve the Church as the Successor of Peter and the Vicar of Christ on earth.



Get informed on the Catholic Teaching on End-of-Life issues

Watch the video "*Responding to Euthanasia with Hope and Dignity*" Prepared by the Archdiocese of Edmonton and available on YouTube at hopeanddignity.caedm.ca/



Providence Renewal Centre

3005 119 Street NW Edmonton,

<http://www.providencerenewal.ca>

email programs@starofthenorth.ca,

or call 780-459-5511.



Pastoral Priorities



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Confident witness



service to Marriage & Family

E-transfer donations

Send your e-transfer donations to StMaryRD.etransfer@caedm.ca

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.

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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virtually, please call the office and
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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: