



# St. Mary's Parish 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023 - Year A

Jeremiah 20: 7-9  
Romans 12: 1 - 2  
Matthew 16: 21 - 27

“Do not be conformed to this world  
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind  
that you may prove what is the will of God.”

## Our Mission: “Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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### MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 7pm  
Daily Mass:  
Tuesday - 7 pm  
Wednesday - Friday - 9 am

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1:00-4:00pm  
Tuesday - Thursday:  
10:00am - Noon;  
1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Friday: 10:00am - Noon

### E-transfer donations

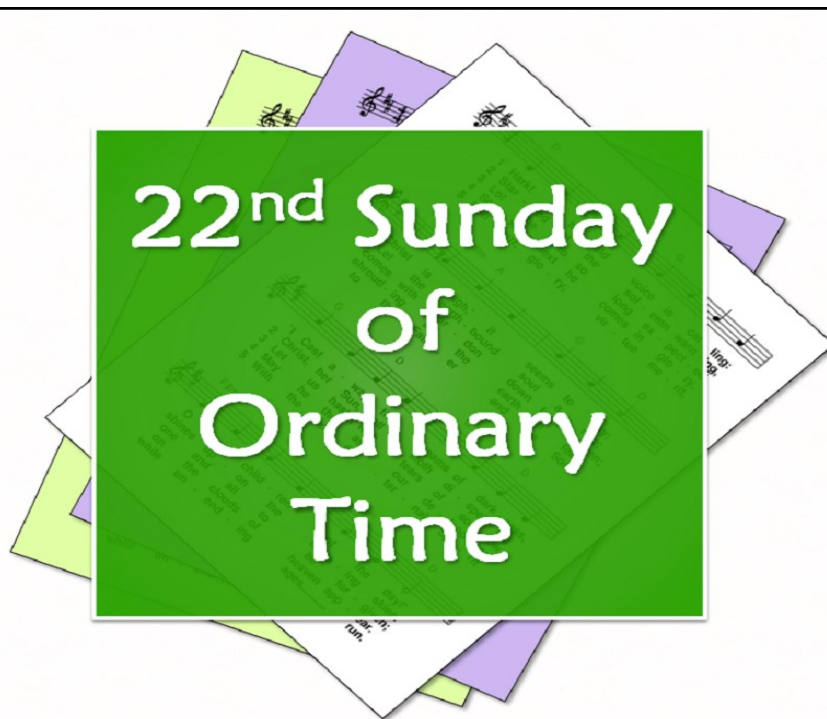
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**Mass intentions for the week of  
September 3 - 9**  
The intentions in brackets  
are said by retired priests in Edmonton.

Sun. 9 am: † Peter Barchuk  
Sun. 11 am: † David Vogel  
Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners  
Tue. 7 pm: † David Vogel  
Wed. 9 am: Janis Nett  
Thu. 9 am: Suzanne Poole  
Fri. 9 am: † Marion Barchuk (Stan & Lorna Landry)  
Sat. 5 pm: Ron Barchuk

**Special days this week**

Mon. Sept 4: Labour Day  
Fri. Sept 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**CWL Word of the Week**

As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love, and loneliness with care.

You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman.  
Join us today!

**1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation**

Online Registration for 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation is **not** open yet. We will announce registration dates before masses and will post them in our bulletin.



**RCIA and CIC**

If you are interested in journeying towards God, through Jesus Christ, and learning more about Catholicism, or seeking to become a member of the Catholic Church, you are invited to join St. Mary's RCIA program.

The program is intended for those 7 years and up. Please contact the parish office at 403-347-3114 or visit the Parish website for more information.

**Prayer Group:**

Join us at 8:30am, before the 9am daily Mass, to pray the Rosary. The rosary is also prayed after the 9am daily Mass.

**Adoration:**

8-9am on Saturdays. (1st Saturday of the month: 7:30-8:30am)

**Holy Face of Jesus:**

This group meets on 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**

Zoom Rosary will not be taking place for the months of July and August. It will resume on Friday, September 22 at 7pm.

St. Mary's Parish is closed on **Monday, September 4** and will reopen at **10am on Tuesday, September 5**

**There will be no daily masses:  
Tuesday, September 5,  
Wednesday, September 6  
Thursday, September 7  
Friday, September 8**

*All mass intentions will be said privately*

Welcome back to school kids.  
We look forward to seeing you here for  
School Opening Masses!



St. Mary's Parish would like to extend our thanks to Janis Nett who worked in the office for several months. She has moved back to her home province of Saskatchewan and we wish her the best of luck.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION will be next  
weekend, September 9/10.**

**All financial support is greatly appreciated.**

***They accept ONLINE DONATIONS:***

1. Go to the website: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)
2. In the website search bar type the SSVP business number: 132410671RR0548
3. Click on the SSVP Red Deer icon to donate.

You can also use the direct link on the web site of the Parish.



**Altar Servers**

Altar Server Training is being offered to children who have had 1st communion. If your child is interested, please call Cynthia Leyson or call the parish office at 403-347-3114.

**Call for Volunteers**

Volunteer:

Adult Servers  
Hospitality Ministers,  
Eucharistic Ministers,  
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Altar Servers

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Saint Vincent du Paul and others.

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**Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back.**



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You may also want to consider subscribing to other diocesan publications and resources, such as the *People of Mission Bulletin* or the *Window* newsletter.

**Save the Date—Archbishop's Dinner**

It brings us great joy to announce that the Catholic Community of our Archdiocese will gather once again for the Archbishop's Dinner on Friday, October 6, 5pm at the Edmonton Convention Centre. Take advantage of the special early bird rate—grab your tickets today! Visit <https://caedm.ca/dinner/> for more information and to purchase your tickets.

**CHILDREN'S COLLECTION:**

**Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood of Canada**  
**A letter from the National Director**

Thank you for your unwavering support and generous contribution to the Holy Childhood Association. Your donation has impacted the lives of children, families, and individuals in India, Bangladesh, and around the world who are supported by our donors like you.

Witnessing and hearing the life-changing stories and lasting impact that you have made brings immense joy and blessings. Sr. Sudha Mary SMRA in her project report indicated that your donation with other donations provides food, medicine, and assistance in medical tests and fees for **Doctors in Fatima Health Clinic.**

May God bless you and keep you. Please keep our missionaries and those they serve in your prayers.

**With much appreciation**

Fr. Ales Osei, CSSp  
National Director.

**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 basket during the weekend masses. **WELCOME!**



**The Pope's Monthly Intention:**  
**September 2023**

**For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Pope Francis on Twitter**

A person's dignity does not depend on them being a citizen, a migrant, or a refugee. Saving the life of someone fleeing war and poverty is an act of humanity.

**Star of the North Retreat Centre**

Offers many programs on a variety of topics, from justice to Lent, bereavement and others. For more information, please check their website at [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca), email them at [programs@starofthenorth.ca](mailto:programs@starofthenorth.ca), or call them at 780-459-5511.



**Reminder from Mount Calvary Cemetery**



Please remember that **NO CANDLES ARE ALLOWED** to be placed on graves at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

**Thank you!**

**Offering Mass Intentions**

Any individual can ask to offer a Mass for special intentions such as thanksgiving, healing, birthdays and anniversaries or, more commonly, for the repose of the souls of the dead. If you would like to request a Mass, please contact the Parish Office as early as possible before a particular date.

You may also request the next available date based on when you can attend.



The food bank is in need of canned goods for emergency hampers, as well as baby food, any non-perishable items and other basic necessities.

Please drop your donations in the Parish's hamper at either entrance of the Church.

Thank you



Check out the Archdiocese WINDOW newsletter for latest news from the Edmonton Archdiocese.

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and would like to meet  
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Have you been thinking about how  
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Group recitation of the rosary:

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



Tuesday at 1pm:  
The Holy Face and Rosary  
for the priest