



St. Mary's Parish
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2023 - Year A

Isaiah 55: 6 - 9
Philippians 1: 20c - 24, 27a
Matthew 20: 1 - 16a

“Seek the Lord while He may be found!”

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

Parish Staff: Father Mirek Kostarzewski;
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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

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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

A monthly Rosary is prayed on Zoom, usually on the 22nd of each month at 7pm, but there is 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.

The next date is Sunday, October 22 at 7pm.



**Mass intentions for the week of
September 24 - 30**
The intentions in brackets
are said by retired priests in Edmonton.

- Sun. 9 am: Bernard Demers
- Sun. 11 am: †Socorro Bongo
- Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners
- Tue. 7 pm: †Elisa Arens
- Wed. 9 am: Peggy Hamill
- Thu. 9 am: †Aurora Cruz
- Fri. 9 am: †Pedro De Castro
- Sat. 5 pm: Edna Soliven

Special days this week

- Mon. Sept 25: Sts. Cosmas and Damian
- Tue. Sept 26: St. Jean De Brebeuf and Companions, Secondary Patrons of Canada



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.



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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass started on September 17. With more volunteers, we could include Children's Liturgy at the 9am Mass as well. If you are interested in helping, please contact Christina Hackett at christina.hackett@hotmail.com or 403-391-0575.

Welcome

To *Greer McIvor*,
our new Pastoral and
Sacramental Assistant!

We thank Greer for her availability and look forward to her capable and enthusiastic contribution to our Parish and especially to our young people. God bless!

Blessing of the Graves
Sunday, October 1, 1:00pm



Mount Calvary (67 Street)
Father Jan Sobkowicz

Alto Reste (26575 AB-11 Red Deer County)
Deacon James Eidem from Sacred Heart Parish

Red Deer Cemetery (3830-55 Street)
Father Mirek Kostarzewski



CWL NEWS

St. Mary's CWL will be selling religious articles after all masses this weekend, **September 23/24** at the front entrance.

CWL Word of the Week

Humanity

Love one another. Catholic Women League's members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and compassion, seeking out issues of injustice. Come, share the love!

Ministry Schedule for December to March

Ministries will be scheduling in order, so as to facilitate scheduling those who are in more than one ministry. If you have a question, concern, or have unavailable dates, contact your ministry coordinator

Ministry Completion Date

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| Adult Servers | Sept 28, 2023 |
| Chuck: yrdnal@shaw.ca | |
| EMOCH | October 5, 2023 |
| Theresa: theresanielsen456@gmail.com | |
| Proclaimers | October 12, 2023 |
| Jeff: jeff.tuchscherer@rdcrs.ca | |
| Hospitality | October 19, 2023 |
| Kristy: kjgulak@gmail.com | |
| Altar servers | October 26, 2023 |
| Cynthia: cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca | |




1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation

Registration for these sacraments and the preparation for them will open shortly.

We will announce registration dates before Masses and will post them in our bulletin.


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NEW EPISODE EVERY TUESDAY

This week:

Is the Catholic Church the One, True Church? Wounds of Unity, and Pluralism

Listen on your favourite podcast app. or at <https://caedm.ca/upfront>

And now on **YouTube** also, as a video!

Read the Archbishop's Sunday homily at:

<https://caedm.ca/archbishop/messages-homilies/>

Check also 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.

The Archbishop's Dinner

Our Parish has a few complimentary tickets to this event, to be held on **Friday, October 6, at 5pm** at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office or Father Mirek.

Visit <https://caedm.ca/dinner/> for more information

Called to Protect training

This abuse prevention training session will be offered on Monday September 25, 2023, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. This two and half session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese.

This will be a Zoom session, open for all. Please register:
Registration link – <https://forms.gle/DfQJDQvCjoaGsgXs9>
Evaluation link – <https://forms.gle/MXuqxRaLSjh6a2oGA>

Star of the North Retreat Centre

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



Please help those less fortunate this winter by donating gently used coats and winter items for kids and adults to one of the following dry cleaners from September 23-October 14.

Participating dry cleaners are:

Classic Cleaners, the Coverall Shop Mustang Laundry, Sterling Cleaners and Village Dry Cleaners.

There will also be a charity check-stop, where items or cash may be dropped off, on



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 X/Twitter

Let us pray together for those who lost their lives in an inundation in Libya, for their families and for the displaced. May we not fail to show our solidarity with the people of Morocco who are suffering from an earthquake.

Prayer is "water for the soul". It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly. They know how to raise their gaze on high, remembering they are made for Heaven.

Catholic Renewal Services

Fall Conference: September 29-October 1

St. Thomas More Parish Hall,

210 Haddow Close NW, Edmonton at 6:30pm

Father Trevor Nathasingh, from Trinidad, and Maria Vadia, from Florida, will be the keynote speakers. Both are powerful speakers who have international ministries.

Livestream is available.

For more information about cost and to register, please check

Food Bank Drive

The **Justice and Mercy Committee's Annual Food Drive** will start on September 23 and 30. The committee will hand out slips of paper at Mass with food and household items printed on them. On September 30 and October 7, parishioners are asked to bring the items and place them on the tables at the front and back of the church.



Thanks in advance from your Justice and Mercy Committee!



Red Deer Live-In

Invites you to the *Fall Prayer Breakfast* on September 30 at St. Mary's Parish

Doors open at 9am for fellowship; the program starts at 9:30am with Praise and Worship; guest speaker Ryan Mitchell and of course breakfast! Everyone is welcome. **Please see bulletin board for more information**

Call for Volunteers

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

If this is something you would consider, please contact the office at 403-347-3114.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give back.

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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are part of a church group
and would like to meet
virtually, please call the office and
we will set you up.



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



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