



**St. Mary's Parish**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2023 - Year B**

Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11

2 Peter 3: 8 - 14

Mark 1: 1 - 8

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make His paths straight.”

**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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anyone email messages asking for help, money or gift cards.**

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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.



## Mass intentions for the week of December 10 - 16

The intentions in brackets are said by  
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Frank Groenen  
 Sun. 11 am: All Parishioners  
 Sun. 7 pm: Paul Haegebaert (†Socorro Bongco)  
 Tue. 7 pm: †Maria Radicchi  
 Wed. 9 am: Father Jan Sobkowicz (†Barb Prospero)  
 Thu. 9 am: †Antonio De Castro (†Maurice & †Therese Demers)  
 Fri. 7 pm: †Arthur Tallmadge (Bernard Demers)  
 Sat. 5 pm: †Ricci Villanueva (†Socorro Bongco)

### Special days this week

Tue. Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Wed. Dec 13: St. Lucy  
 Thu. Dec 14: St. John of the Cross



## Advent Penitential Services

### St. Mary's Parish

Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm

### Sacred Heart Parish

Thursday, December 14 at 7pm

### Our Lady of Peace Parish, Innisfail

Wednesday, December 20 at 7pm

*Several priests will be available for confession*

## 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation

Please register your child online for  
these sacraments on our  
website: [stmarysparishreddeer.ca](http://stmarysparishreddeer.ca)

## St. Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee Christmas Backpacks

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy committee are  
collecting items for their yearly Christmas Backpacks  
for the homeless and needy in our community.  
They will be delivered before Christmas.

### Greatly needed items:

Thick, warm socks  
 Hand and foot warmers  
 Toques, winter mittens/gloves  
 Men's underwear (sizes M/L)  
 Women's underwear (sizes S/M)  
 Feminine hygiene products (tampons/pads)  
 Toothpaste/toothbrushes/dental floss  
 Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap  
 Deodorant

### Wonderful to have:

\$5-\$10 gift cards for MacDonal'd's/Tim Horton's/DQ  
 Nail clippers,  
 Individual pack band-aids/Kleenex  
 Lip balm  
 Notepads/pens  
 Snacks such as granola bars  
 Hair brushes/combs  
 Razors/shaving cream  
 Water bottles  
 Playing cards

### They are taking donations until December 18.

Please place items on the tables at the back of the  
church marked *Christmas backpacks*. Donations of  
money and gift cards can be placed in the donation  
tables at the entrance of the church, clearly marked  
for the *Justice and Mercy Committee* or given to the  
parish staff.

**Thank you and God bless you for your support.**

## Women of Faith

Looking to grow in faith and connect with other  
women? This ongoing program begins  
**January 5, 2024** and runs the **First Friday** of  
every month, **10am-noon** in the mezzanine.  
Call the office for more information.



## Christmas/New Year's Mass Times

### Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

4:30pm - Christmas Pageant

5:00pm Mass

7:30pm Mass

10:00pm Mass

Midnight Mass (12am)

### Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)

Monday, December 25

10:00am Mass

### New Year's Eve (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

Sunday, December 31

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

7:00pm Mass

### New Year's Day (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Monday, January 1

9:00am

11:00am

## Pray the O Antiphons

Join members of the UAC after the 5pm Mass on  
**Saturday, December 16** to pray the "O Antiphons."

The O Antiphons have been recited in the church for centuries and focus  
on the 7 Biblical titles of Jesus. The O Antiphons are prayed individual-  
ly from December 17-23 in Evening Prayer to prepare our hearts for the  
birth of our Savior. UAC members pray these 7 antiphons together as a  
guide so we can incorporate them in our own Christmas traditions. Con-  
sider joining us in person or Livestream after the completion of mass.



**NEW EPISODE  
EVERY TUESDAY**



**This week:**

**Marian Devotion: The Immaculate Conception  
and Our Lady of Guadalupe**

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.

**DEADLINE FOR 2023 DONATIONS:**

If you want your donation credited to 2023 tax year it must be given no later than the 7:00pm Mass on December 31. All donations given on January 1, will be credited to 2024.

**2024 Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2024 donation envelopes at the back of the church. If you don't have envelopes assigned to you, call or stop by the office and we will give you a set.

**Misa de Gallo**

The Misa de Gallo Filipino traditional 9 day Novena Mass before Christmas schedule

- December 16: 7am
- December 17: All Sunday Masses
- December 18: 7am
- December 19: 7am
- December 20: 7am
- December 21: 7am
- December 22: 7am

December 23: 5pm Potluck after mass

December 24: All Sunday Masses

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
THE SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION**

**December 9/10**

All financial support is greatly appreciated

*Beds are greatly needed*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting in the classroom on **Tuesday, December 12 at 1:30pm.**

All ladies are welcome to join.



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

**For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**Pope Francis on X**

We have entered Advent full of hope. We fervently implore the Prince of Peace to bring comfort to our wounded hearts and to nations suffering from wars and crises of every kind, so that all may live a dignified and peaceful life.

**CWL NEWS**

St. Mary's CWL is holding their annual Christmas Potluck on **Monday, December 18. Potluck supper starts at 6:00pm.** Please supply a hot casserole or choice of dessert. Also, please bring an unwrapped baby gift to give to the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre.

**CWL Word of the Week**

*OUTREACH*

"For it is in giving that we receive." Members of the Catholic Women's League strive to reach out to those in need. Won't you help us reach further? Come and join us.



**Grades 6-8 Students:  
You are invited to  
Christmas**

**EXTRAVAGANZA  
Sacred Heart Parish  
Wednesday, December 13  
7:00-8:30pm**

Grade 9 and older arrive at 6:45pm

*Christmas Carnival games, food and many more Christmas festivities!*

**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.**

**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.

**WELCOME!**

**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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**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Have you been thinking about how  
to enrich your prayer life?  
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:  
The Holy Face and Rosary  
for the priest