

St. Mary's Parish The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024 - Year B

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6 Ephesians 3: 1 - 3a, 5 - 6 Matthew 2: 1 - 12

"Lord, every nation on Earth will adore you."

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

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.

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 Zoom Rosary will be on *Monday, January 22*.



Mass intentions for the week of January 7 - 13 The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

Sun.	9 am:	†Mary Harasym (Clemente Schewedener & Maria
		Esperanza Aragon)
Sun.	11 am:	†Del Hannah
Sun.	7 pm:	†Mary Harasym
Tue.	7 pm:	Hermary family members (Clemente Schewedener
	•	& Maria Esperanza Aragon)
Wed.	9 am:	†Hugh Lindsay
Thu.	9 am:	†Orest Lawrence Kalynchuk
Fri.	9 am:	Joanna Clement
Sat.	5 pm:	Bernadette Brul (†Socorro Bongco)
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Special days this week

Mon. Jan 8: The Baptism of the Lord. Fri. Jan 12: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation

Registration for the Sacraments of

Reconciliation

1st Eucharist Confirmation

Confirmation

Closes on January 15th

Register in person at the parish office,

or online:

Register for Confirmation:

https://stmarysparish.jimdo.com/sacraments/

<u>confirmation/</u>

Register for Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist:

https://stmarysparish.jimdo.com/sacraments/first-

reconciliation-and-first-eucharist/

<u>St. Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee</u> <u>Bottle Drive on January 6-22</u>

Parishioners are encouraged to drop off empty and clean beverage containers and flattened milk containers at the parish rectory garage before weekend masses.

When the garage doors are open, please place items in the garage. When the doors are closed, place them in front of the Southernmost garage door. **Proceeds from the sale of the**

bottles will buy food cards

for the needy



St. Mary's Donations/Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 donation envelopes at the back of the church as soon as possible.

Have you recently moved?

Have you contacted us with your new address? Tax receipts will be sent in the new year, so please be sure we have your current address.

January-The Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

We celebrate the feast of Jesus' holy name in order to foster a deep love for His name. If we pray the name of Jesus continually in this life, then it will be His name that we pronounce when we meet our Savior face to face. *Father Edward Looney*

"In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

Knights of Columbus NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual *Wheelchair Fundraising Drive*

from January 13/14 until the end of February. This is the tenth year of this program at St. Mary's. Over the past 9 years, we have donated 689 wheelchairs to various countries around the world. Our donor country for 2024 is the Ukraine and the cost of a wheelchair is still \$195. Donations will be collected at the entrances after Mass

until February 4th.

You also can mail your donation to the address on the provided envelope or put it into the collection box at church or bring it to the Parish office. You can donate online at the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation website; a link and information on how to donate is provided on the Parish website. All cheques should be made payable to the *Canadian Wheelchair Foundation*.

> Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 14 After the 9am and 11am Masses

> > Join your faith community for breakfast

> > > Pay by donation

WELCOME STUDENTS! January 9: St. Thomas School @ 10:30am Mass January 10: St. Francis School @ 10:30am Mass January 11: Holy Family/Maryview School @ 10:30am Mass January 16: St. Elizabeth Seton School: 10:30am Mass

"Let the little children come to me" Mark 10:14

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NEW EPISODE EVERY TUESDAY

This week no new episode A chance to revisit some old episodes Listen to it as a podcast, watch the video on YouTube, at <u>https://www.youtube.com/@UpfrontArchbishop</u> or online at <u>https://caedm.ca/upfront</u>

Read the Archbishop's Sunday homily at: https://caedm.ca/archbishop/messages-homilies/

Check other news and resources at the Archdiocesan website: <u>https://caedm.ca/</u>. You may also want to consider subscribing to other diocesan publications and resources, such as the *People of Mission Bulletin* or the *Window* newsletter.

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry The Prayer Shaw Ministry is meeting in the classroom on Tuesday, January 9 at 1:30pm All ladies are welcome to join

CWL Word of the Week PRIDE

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We in the Catholic Women's League take pride in our accomplishments. We are a sisterhood of women dedicated to service to God and Canada. Join our sisterhood today!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul POOR BOX COLLECTION

will be next weekend, **January 13/14** All financial support is greatly appreciated.

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!

The Pope's Monthly Intention:

<u>January 2024</u>

For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the

richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis on X

Spiritual combat leads us to closely examine the vices that chain us and to walk in God's grace towards the virtues that can bloom within us, bringing the spring of the Spirit into our lives.

<u>St. Vincent Pallotti Feast Day – January 22</u>

Members of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) will gather to celebrate the feast day of our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti on

Sunday, January 21 11am Mass

Please consider being part of the celebration and joining us in the Parish Centre after Mass for coffee

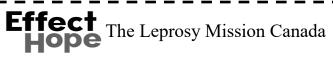
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Providence Renewal Centre Upcoming Programs:

Centering Prayer, Spiritual Book Club, Self-Care Day, Lenten Series and Retreat, Holy Week Retreat and more.

For more information, please visit their website at: <u>https://providencerenewal.ca/</u>



We are collecting postage stamps. If you have any used stamps you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please drop them off in the containers provided at both entrances.

Our donors help cure 60+ people per year by sending us their trimmed, used postage stamps.

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.

