



St. Mary's Parish 1st Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024 - Year B

Genesis 9: 8 - 15
1 Peter 3: 18 - 22
Mark 1: 12 - 15

“The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.”

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
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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 *Thursday, February 22.*



Mass intentions for the week of February 18 - 24

The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am:	Chief Andrew Okorie-Ama
Sun. 11 am:	All Parishioners
Sun. 7 pm:	Enrico Dela Cruz († Rosario & Renwyck Quiano)
Tue. 7 pm:	†Juliett Shields Collins (Nazlin Hirji)
Wed. 9 am:	†Emma Boyer (†Henry Landry)
Thu. 9 am:	†Sean O'Neil & family
Fri. 9 am:	Joanna Clement
Sat. 5 pm:	Joanna Clement

Special days this week

Thu. Feb. 22: The Chair of St. Peter
Fri. Feb. 23: St. Polycarp

HAPPY FAMILY DAY!

The office and church will be closed on
Monday, February 19
and reopen on
Tuesday, February 20 at 10am

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7pm

They will be led by the following:

February 23: Couples for Christ
March 1: Pro-Life
March 8: UAC
March 15: CWL
March 22: Justice & Mercy

CWL News

The CWL will meet on Monday, February 19th at 7:00pm. We will begin with the rosary and a spiritual presentation in the Church, followed by a short meeting and social in the Parish Centre. All ladies are welcome to join us.

Word of the Week:

Sisters

Have you ever longed for a sister? The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, they will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love. Come meet new sisters.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Together We Serve

Thank you for your generosity!

The 2023 Campaign raised \$1.5 million for Catholic organizations in the Archdiocese of Edmonton and beyond.
Gifts to our Beneficiaries

Local:

Catholic Social Service Sign of Hope - \$268,904
Foundation of St. Joseph Seminary & Newman Theological College - \$268,904
Our Lady of Victory Camp - \$134,452
St. Joseph College - \$134,452
St. Joseph Priest's Foundation - \$67,226
Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Edmonton Central Council - \$67,226

Canada:

Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith - \$100,839
Needs of the Canadian Church - \$100,839

International:

Evangelization of Nations - \$67,226
Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - \$67,226
Papal Charities - \$67,226

St. Mary's Parish Target was \$40,000
We reached 95% of our target: \$37,905.25
Thank you for your support.

Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC)



Founded by St. Vincent Pallotti in the 1800's, the UAC is the expression of St. Vincent's vision of how to live and serve together for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized.

If you would like to learn more about St. Vincent Pallotti and the Union of Catholic Apostolate, there will be a "Come and See", on Monday, **March 4th at 7 pm** in the Church Library. Also, check the information on UAC on the web site.

Yarn Donations:

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

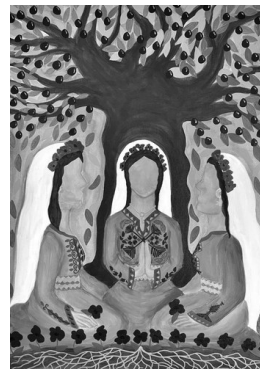
Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

The next date is March 26 1:30pm

Do you know... ...how to count the 40 days of Lent?

If we start on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Sunday, we count 47 days, not 40, so what is really included? We must exclude the 6 Sundays of Lent and Easter itself, since every Sunday is Easter, thus getting to 40. Still, Galileo may have said that God wrote the universe in the language of mathematics, but He speaks to us in the language of love, not in numerical details.



World Day of Prayer 2024

Friday, March 1 at 2pm
St. Mary's Parish

Please join us for World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The service was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine.

I Beg You...Bear With One Another In Love

Please see the Bulletin Boards for details

Tax Receipts are available for pick up at the back of the church after masses.

Please pick up your envelopes if you have not yet done so.



**NEW EPISODE
EVERY TUESDAY**

Last week:

The Catholic Crisis and How To Respond

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.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus **Wheelchair Fundraising Drive** continues until the end of February. The cost of a wheelchair is \$195 and the sponsor country is **Ukraine** this year.

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.

Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's Ministry Schedule

April 6/7, 2024 – July 27/28, 2024

Ministries will be scheduling in order. This facilitates scheduling those who are in more than one ministry.

Ministry Completion Date

Hospitality February 22, 2024

Kristy: kjgulak@gmail.com

Altar servers February 29, 2024

Cynthia: cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca

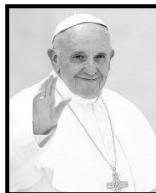
If you have a question, concerns, or have unavailable dates contact the ministry coordinator for your ministry.

Parking



Please do not park in the alley along the fences of our neighbours. It creates issues with cars that park in the parking lot as they try to leave after mass and displeases our good neighbours.

St. Thomas allows us to park at the school parking lot on the weekends.



**The Pope's Monthly Intention:
February 2024**

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

From Pope Francis' Angelus

Let us ask ourselves today: Do I know how to listen to people, am I ready to meet their requests? Or do I make excuses, procrastinate, hide behind abstract or useless words?

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

SSVP warehouse furniture needed are **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!

SSVP extends sincere thanks to St. Mary's parishioners for their financial support. Poor Box collection is on the 2nd full weekend of the month.

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

is heading a campaign titled, "*Don't abandon people with mental illness to death by euthanasia*"

This campaign is to lobby politicians, urging them to stop the implementation of euthanasia for mental illness.

We ask that you fill out a card located at the entrances of the church and address it to your MP representative at the House of Commons.

Your support matters!

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.



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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Have you been thinking about how
to enrich your prayer life?
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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