



**St. Mary's Parish**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**February 25, 2024 - Year B**

Genesis 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Romans 8: 31b - 34  
Mark 9: 2 - 10

“I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.”

**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\*\*](mailto: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.  
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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 Zoom Rosary will be on *Friday, March 22.*



## Mass intentions for the week of February 25-March 2

The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: Chief Andrew Okorie-Ama  
 Sun. 11 am: †Bill Pobihushchy (†Antoni Batko)  
 Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners  
 Tue. 7 pm: Eleanor MacNeil  
 Wed. 9 am: Olga Puchala  
 Thu. 9 am: Sean O'Neil & family  
 Fri. 9 am: †Clare Pletz  
 Sat. 5 pm: Ken & Pauline Brozer

### CWL Word of the Week:

*Social Justice*

Called by sacred scriptures, church teachings and tradition, Catholic Women's League members commit themselves to furthering God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Join us on this exciting journey to create God's justice here and now!

### Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Prayer Service  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Silver Rose  
 March 4  
 St. Mary's Parish  
 7pm

The Knights have eight Silver Roses that will be at prayer services in many Canadian locations, then into the US, Mexico and, on December 12, will be at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

All are welcome to attend this prayer service.

### 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

Available for pick up at the back of the church during office hours.

Also, please pick up your envelopes

### YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT!

If you are aged 18-30 come join our Young Adults for a GAME NIGHT on March 9 at Sacred Heart Parish after the 7pm Mass in the Parish Hall.

### Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 7pm

They will be led by the following:

March 1: Pro-Life

March 8: UAC

March 15: CWL

March 22: Justice & Mercy



### Lenten Penitential Service

St. Mary's Parish

7pm

Tuesday, March 12

### Mercy and Justice Lenten Food Drive

Each week of Lent we ask parishioners to help the hungry by contributing various non perishable food items:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – February 17/18 - Peanut Butter
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – February 24/25 - Canned Fish
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 2/3 - Pasta
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 9/10 - Pasta Sauce
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - March 16/17 - Macaroni & Cheese
  - Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 23/24 - Canned Fruit
- Please place items in the bins at both entrances to the church.

Thank you for supporting the Food Bank

### Do you know... why prayer, almsgiving and fasting are so important in Lent?

Besides the fact that they constitute a timeless program of growth confirmed by Jesus' teaching, they offer us the three key axes to improve our spiritual and community life.

**Prayer** is the vertical axis and it helps us strengthen our relationship with God.

**Almsgiving** is the horizontal axis and leads us to deepen our relations to our neighbors, especially the ones in need.

**Fasting** is the interior axis and it leads us to know and understand better ourselves and our dependence on God.



### 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 4 at 7 pm** in the Church Library.

Also, check the information on UAC on the web site.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Yarn Donations:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for yarn donations. If you have some that you don't want, please drop it off at the church anytime during office hours or before/after mass.





**NEW EPISODE EVERY TUESDAY**



**This week:**

**Lent: The Call to Fast, Exodus 90 and Asceticism**

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.

### **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**

Altar servers

February 29, 2024

Cynthia: [cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca](mailto:cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca)

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

### **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.



### **Secular Franciscans**

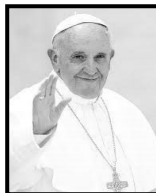
An opportunity to pray, learn and share by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the example of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Join us the **first Monday** of each month,

St. Mary's mezzanine at 6:30pm.

Call Irene at 403-318-8238.

**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:**

**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.

**March 2024**

**For the new martyrs**

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

### **From Pope Francis' Angelus**

While temptations tear us apart, the good divine inspirations unify us and let us enter into harmony: they quench the heart, infuse the taste of Christ, "the flavour of Heaven". And in order to grasp the inspiration of God, one must enter into silence and prayer.

And Lent is the time to do this.

### **Star of the North Retreat Centre**

[www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca),

email [programs@starofthenorth.ca](mailto:programs@starofthenorth.ca),

or call 780-459-5511.

## ***Lured Into the Desert***

»»»»»»»»»»»» The Healing Power of Contemplative Prayer and Fasting

**FRIDAY/SATURDAY, MARCH 1 & 2**

A unique 24-hour *poustinia* healing experience with Lucie Leduc & Bishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI

[STAROFTHENORTH.CA/DESERT](http://STAROFTHENORTH.CA/DESERT)

CLICK FOR MORE INFO

### **The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**

The SSVP warehouse needs **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.**

**The Poor Box collection is on the 2nd full weekend of the month.**

### **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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