



St. Mary's Parish Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 - Year A

Matthew 21: 1 - 11
Isaiah 50: 4 - 7
Philippians 2: 6 - 11
Matthew 26: 14 - 27:66

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Our Mission: “Together Building Up the Body of Christ” Parish Priest: Fr. Mirek Kostarzewski

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StMarys.RedDeer@caedm.ca

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



Holy Thursday,
April 6: 7:30pm
Good Friday,
April 7: 11am & 3pm
Holy Saturday,
April 8: 8pm
Easter Sunday,
April 9: 9am & 11am

**Please note that there is NO 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday*

Prayer Group:

St. Mary's prayer group meets before and after the 9am Mass to pray the rosary every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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.

VOLUNTEER



Call for Volunteers, Experienced and New

If you were a volunteer prior to the pandemic, we'd love to have you back. If you weren't a previous volunteer, but have given it some thought, we'd love to talk to you also. There are many positions to fill: Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Proclaimers, Altar Servers 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.



Mass intentions for the week of April 2 - 8

The intentions in brackets
are said by the priests in Edmonton.

Sun.	9 am:	All Parishioners
Sun.	11 am:	†Josph Ferdais
Sun.	7 pm:	Sister Lynn Rouleau (†Carlos Arens)
Tue.	7 pm:	†Adrian Hermary
Wed.	9 am:	†Alexander Kostarzewski (†Mario Bencivenga)
Thur.	7:30pm:	Holy Thursday
Fri.	11am/3 pm:	Good Friday
Sat.	8 pm:	Easter Vigil

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For more complete information and to register, please check the Parish website at stmarysparish.jimdo.com or Janis.Nett@rdcrs.ca

BAPTISM: (under 7 years old)

1st RECONCILIATION (age 6/7 or Grade 2 and up)

1st EUCHARIST (age 6/7 or Grade 2 and up)

CONFIRMATION (age 11/12 or Grade 6 and up)

MARRIAGE:

If you are interested in getting married in the Catholic Church, you need to contact the Parish Office at least 6 months ahead of time.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK/CONFESSION:

Please contact the Parish Office at 403-347-3114

R.C.I.A. and C.I.C.:

A faith journey for adults and/or children (7 years & up) that leads to Baptism and full reception into the Catholic Church.

Mercy and Justice Lenten Food Drive

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

**Passion (Palm) Sunday – April 1/2 -
Canned Fruit**

*Please place items in the bins at the back
entrance to the church.*



SSVP needs:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of chest of drawers, shelving, coffee tables, end tables, small kitchen table and chairs, living room chairs, single, double and queen beds, cutlery, kettles, toasters, coffee makers and slow cookers. Sincere thanks to those who have donated bedding and other items.

Please contact Carol at 403-588-2416 and thank you for your support.

The SSVP can now accept **ONLINE DONATIONS.**

1. Go to the website: canadahelps.org
2. In the search bar, type the SSVP business number:
132410671RR0548
3. Click on the **SSVP Red Deer** icon to donate.

Zoom Rosary

A monthly Rosary is prayed on Zoom, usually on the 22nd of each month at 7 pm, 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 date for April is Friday, April 21.



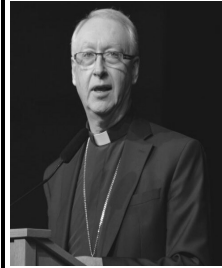
The Pope's Monthly Intention: April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence
We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Pope Francis Twitter

We must never forget the moment and the way in which God enters into our lives, treasuring in our hearts and minds that encounter with Grace that enkindles faith in our hearts and sparks zeal for the Gospel within us.

Archbishop Smith's Visit to St.Mary's



Read the article about His Grace's visit to our Parish at:

<https://caedm.ca/archbishop-smith-makes-pastoral-visit-to-red-deer-parish/>

and see all to pictures of the visit at:
<https://galleries.page.link/txYWm>

To dispose of old palms

As the palms your received in previous years are blessed liturgical items, they must be disposed properly.

You can bury them in the ground in a proper location, such as your backyard , or you can bring them to the Parish office anytime during the year, so that they may be properly burned and used at the following Ash Wednesday Mass.

Please do NOT throw them away!



CWL Word of the Week

COMPASSION

Do you recognize the human dignity in all people?
Do you feel motivated to do something to help others?
Catholic Women's League members embark on many projects that directly impact those who are disadvantaged in society.
How can you help? Become a member and be part of the solution.

Wheelchair Fundraising Drive



The Knights of Columbus sincerely thank each and every one of you who have contributed to this year's Wheelchair Fundraising Drive.

Thanks to your amazing support, we have raised \$22,195 this year, which will translate to 114 wheelchairs for Costa Rica. Over the past nine years we have raised enough for 688 wheelchairs around the world. Our parish is making a difference for those who otherwise would have no means of mobility.

Thank you again.



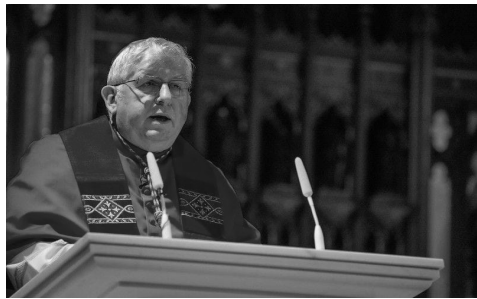
This week:

Deep dive into the Holy Week Liturgies

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

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



"The storms are rising... We go onward!"

An interview with Thomas Cardinal Collins, who officially began his
retirement last week, following the installation of
Most Rev. Francis Leo as Archbishop of Toronto.

Watch here:

["The storms are rising ... We go onward!" - Cardinal Collins on the
mission of the Church \(pillaratholic.com\)](#)

Star of the North Retreat Centre

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



Some current topics offered:

- **The Synod on Synodality**
- **Jesus & the Unpredictable Disciple**
- **Bereavement Support Group**
- **Another World is Possible**
- **Formation Through Word & Creation**
- **Graceful grand-mothering**

World Youth Day

WYD is the gathering of young people
from all over the world with Pope Fran-
cis. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration
of youth and an intense moment of
evangelization.

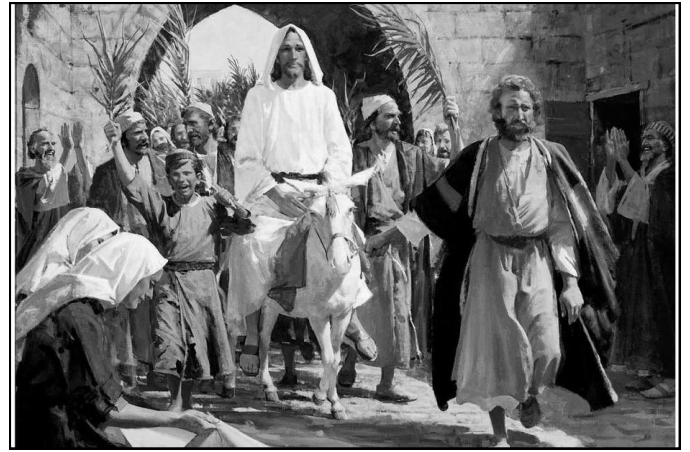
To get more information or to register
for the event, got to

www.lisboa2023.org/en

There may also be some local events
related to WYD: stay tuned for them!



Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)



**Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Christ into
Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in his path,
before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion
on Good Friday.**

It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final
week of Lent.

Six Days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the
city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him: in their hand
they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;

Grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

John 12.1, 12-13; Psalm 23.9-10

**Our Lady of Victory Camp
returns this summer**

This camp exists to support families and youth ministry
initiatives in the Archdiocese of Edmonton by offering a
week-long faith experience. At camp everyone can *Encounter
Christ, Encounter Community, and Encounter Creation*. They
will do this through a mixture of faith experiences and outdoor
activities held at our camp on beautiful Gull Lake.

Registration for camp is now open, and any young person
entering grades 4-12 next fall is welcome to attend! Read more
about what we do at camp, how to register, or how you can get
involved or support OLVC at www.olvcamp.com.

The Ukrainian Displaced Persons Planning Committee

is in urgent need for host families.

If you can help, please call Cheryl at 403-506-6620.

E-transfer donations

Send your e-transfer donations to
StMaryRD.etransfer@caedm.ca

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St. Mary's Parish will ever send anyone email messages asking
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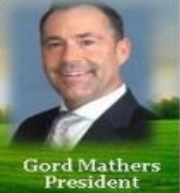
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and would like to meet
virtually, please call the office and
we will set you up.



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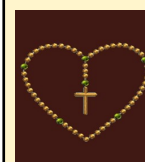
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PRAYING THE ROSARY

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
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