



St. Mary's Parish 6th Sunday of Easter May 14, 2023 - Year A

Acts 8: 5 - 8, 14 - 17

1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

John 14: 15 - 21

“Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.”

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

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 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 next date is *Monday, May 22*.

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.

Call for Volunteers

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
May 14 - May 20**
The intentions in brackets
are said by the priests in Edmonton.

- Sun. 9 am: All Parishioners
- Sun. 11 am: †Aurora Cruz
- Sun. 7 pm: †Ingrid Schmidt
- Tue. 7 pm: †Hagen Staudt
- Wed. 9 am: All Souls in Purgatory
- Thur. 9 am: Jean Tay
- Fri. 9 am: †Valeria Jansen
- Sat. 5 pm: †Martin Touchette *(†Maurice & †Therese Demers, Joanna Clement)



Happy Mother's Day

*She opens her mouth in wisdom,
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

Proverbs 31:26

CWL Word of the Week

Family

My Catholic Women's League is like family. Wherever you live in Canada, you can find or start a council in your parish. Sisters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers are ready to share their wisdom. Catholic family values abound at the Catholic Women's League. Come join our family!

The CWL invites all women of the parish to join them for a presentation on "*A Woman of Faith*" and the recitation of the Rosary, in the church on Monday, May 15th at 7:00pm. Following the Rosary, the regular meeting will take place in the Parish Centre's classroom.

Please support the
**Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre's
Baby Bottle Campaign.**

The funds raised enable the Centre to continue operations, and to offer, free of charge, support to all who walk through their doors. CWL members will be handing out baby bottles and envelopes at both entrances of the church on
May 13/14 (Mother's Day)

for you to use for your monetary donations.
Cheques can be made out to the Pregnancy Care Centre.
Please return filled bottles by
June 17/18 (Father's Day).

A special drop container is available for returned bottles at the front entrance.

Please pray that the Pregnancy Care Centre will be visible in the community as a safe place for all who seek help with an unplanned pregnancy.

CWL 1st Annual Strawberry Tea

St. Mary's CWL would love for you to join us for a **Strawberry Tea on June 3,**

1:30-3:30pm in the Parish Hall

\$5/person and kids 6 and under are free.



Tickets available: after 11am Mass on Sunday, May 21 and after all Masses on May 27/28, at the office and The Knights of Columbus Garage Sale

Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of visiting, Strawberry Shortcake and a beverage.

Volunteers needed.

Please contact Marie Grote at
403-506-7006 or mgrote30@gmail.com

Attention

There will be NO daily masses next week:

- Tuesday, May 16 at 7pm
- Wednesday, May 17 at 9am
- Thursday, May 18 at 9am
- Friday, May 19 at 9am

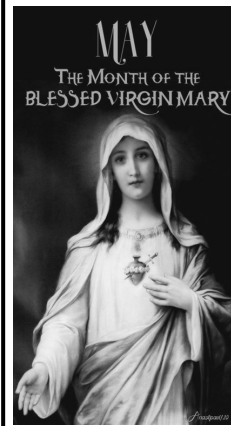
All Mass Intentions will be said privately

May: The Month of Mary

May is the month when we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother.

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary"
St. Bernard

Pray the rosary at home or pray with others before or after the 9am Mass on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Congratulations to all the children who received First Communion on April 30 and May 7

St. Mary's Parish will celebrate the young adults who will be receiving the sacrament of **Confirmation** on the following dates:

Sunday May 28 @ 1:30pm:

St. Francis of Assisi Middle School,
St. Joseph High School & St. Patrick's Community School.

Sunday June 4 @ 1:30pm— St. Thomas Aquinas School, Ecole J. Lerouge, & for all students registered who do not attend Red Deer Catholic schools.



Red Deer Food Bank

We are in need of canned goods for emergency hampers, as well as baby food, any non-perishable items and other basic necessities. Please drop your donations in the Parish's hamper at either entrance of the Church, or at the Food bank.
Thank you

Pentecost Prayers of the Faithful



St. Mary's Parish has a grand tradition of having the Prayers of the Faithful spoken in several languages during Pentecost Masses, which this year will occur on May 27/28. Within our diverse faith community there are many gifted with the ability to speak a language besides English and it would be wonderful if we could include you in this tradition.

Anybody willing to volunteer or would like more information can contact Jeff Tuchscherer by Wednesday, May 17 at 403-350-8430 or jeff.tuchscherer@rdcrs.ca. The parish office can assist you as well.

Thanks to everyone in advance and God Bless!

Knights of Columbus



Saturday, May 27
(St. Mary's Parking lot)

Donations are being accepted

Please call 403-588-6399 or 403-350-0386

Playground Fundraiser

St. Teresa of Avila School is fundraising for a new inclusive **playground**. It is our goal to raise funds to build a barrier-free playground that all students can access. If you are interested in making a donation, please email nicole.zimmerman@rdcrs.ca



World Youth Day

WYD is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis. 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, go to www.lisboa2023.org/en.



Ukrainian Displaced Persons Planning Committee

We are in urgent need for host families. If you can help, please call Cheryl at 403-506-6620.



The Pope's Monthly Intention: *May 2023*

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Pope Francis Twitter

In our daily mission as baptized Christians, may the love of Christ push us toward the peripheries of our societies to meet our brothers and sisters who have been cast aside and abandoned, to show them the Lord's tenderness.



This week:

Keeping Kids Catholic and the Domestic Church

Listen on your favourite podcast app. or at

<https://caedm.ca/upfront>

Read the Archbishop's Sunday homily at:

<https://caedm.ca/archbishop/messages-homilies/>

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 *People of Mission Bulletin* or the *Window* newsletter.

Our Lady of Victory Camp Returns

Registration for summer 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.



We Need Your Help!

Work has already begun at Our Lady of Victory Camp to prepare for the relaunch of camp this summer. This April, we need extra hands to help get ready for work bees in May and June. It's our hope to refresh the camp after it has been sitting dormant the past four summers. Please consider giving a day to camp this month!

Call Deacon Claude Baril at 403-896-3745 to get involved or to learn more details.

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.



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