



# St. Mary's Parish

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 10, 2023 - Year A

Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9  
Romans 13: 8 - 10  
Matthew 18: 15 - 20

“For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.”

## 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

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**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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**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 date is Friday, September 22 at 7pm.



**Mass intentions for the week of  
September 10 - 16**  
The intentions in brackets  
are said by retired priests in Edmonton.

Sun. 9 am: All Parishioners  
Sun. 11 am: †Barb Brodowski  
Sun. 7 pm: Rod & Maria Steeves  
Tue. 7 pm: †Glen Vienneau  
Wed. 9 am: Margarita Coleman  
Thu. 9 am: †Joe Prospero  
Fri. 9 am: †William Coyle (Jenny Lydom)  
Sat. 5 pm: Donna Annett (Kevin Lynch)

**Special days this week**

Wed. Sept 13: St. John Chrysostom  
Thu. Sept 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Fri. Sept 15: Our Lady of Sorrows  
Sat. Sept 16: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

**1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation**

Online Registration for 1st Eucharist,  
Reconciliation and Confirmation is **not** open yet.  
We will announce registration dates before  
masses and will post them in our bulletin.



**RCIA and CIC**

If you are interested in journeying  
towards God, through Jesus Christ, and  
learning more about Catholicism, or  
seeking to become a member of the  
Catholic Church, you are invited to  
join St. Mary's RCIA program.

The program is intended for those 7 years and up.  
Please contact the parish office at 403-347-3114 or visit  
the Parish website for more information.

**Children's Liturgy program**

Children's Liturgy at the 11am Mass starts  
September 17th. With more volunteers, we could include  
Children's Liturgy to the 9am Mass as well. If you are  
interested in helping, please contact Christina Hackett at  
[christina.hackett@hotmail.com](mailto:christina.hackett@hotmail.com)  
or at 403-391-0575.

**New this fall:** St. Mary's will also be offering  
"Children's Liturgy in a Bag". These bags will be  
available at the back of the church with the Sunday  
colouring sheets for families attending a mass  
other than at 11am.  
More information will follow.

**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 basket  
during the weekend masses.

WELCOME!

**Blessing of the Graves**

**Sunday, October 1  
1:00pm**



**Mount Calvary (67 Street)**  
Father Jan Sobkowicz

**Alto Reste (26575 AB-11 Red Deer County)**  
Deacon James Eidem from Sacred Heart Parish

**Red Deer Cemetery (3830-55 Street)**  
Father Mirek Kostarzewski

**CWL NEWS**

**CWL Word of the Week**

***HELP***



The Catholic Women's League was formed  
in the early 20th century to help immigrants  
arriving in Canada. Members continue to  
help the most vulnerable across the country.  
Come and add your helping hands to ours!

The Catholic Women's League, **nation wide, is celebrating  
National Faith Day on Saturday, Sept. 16.** Please join us at  
**8:00 - 9:00am** in the church for Holy Hour.

The CWL would like to invite all ladies of the Parish to a  
Spiritual Presentation on "*Women of the Bible*".  
Please join us in the Church, on **Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** at  
**7:00pm** for the Rosary and the Presentation.  
The regular meeting will take place thereafter in the  
Parish Centre.

**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.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**  
**SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION is this  
weekend, September 9/10.**

**All financial support is greatly appreciated.**

***They accept ONLINE DONATIONS:***

1. Go to the website: [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org)
2. In the website search bar type the SSVP business  
number: 132410671RR0548
3. Click on the SSVP Red Deer icon to donate.

You can also use the direct link on the web site of the Parish.



**NEW EPISODE  
EVERY TUESDAY**



**This week:**

**The Idol of Comfort & the Allure of Materialism**

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<https://caedm.ca/upfront>

And, starting next week, **on YouTube** also, as a video!

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.

**Save the Date—Archbishop's Dinner**

The Catholic Community of the Archdiocese will gather once again for the Archbishop's Dinner on Friday, October 6, 5pm at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

Take advantage of the special early bird rate.

Visit <https://caedm.ca/dinner/> for more information and to purchase your tickets today!



The food bank is 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. Thank you.

*Dear God,  
As we send our children back to school, we pray for Your protection and guidance. Keep them safe from harm, both physically and emotionally. Help them to find friends who will support and encourage them. Give them wisdom as they face challenging situations. And help them to always remember that You are with them, no matter what.*



**The Pope's Monthly Intention:  
September 2023**

**For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Pope Francis on Twitter**

The Lord does not look for the centre-stage, but for the simple heart of those who desire him and love him without ostentation, without wanting to tower above others.

**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](http://www.starofthenorth.ca), email them at [programs@starofthenorth.ca](mailto:programs@starofthenorth.ca), or call 780-459-5511.



**Catholic Renewal Services**

Fall Conference:

September 29-October 1

**St. Thomas More Parish Hall,**

**210 Haddow Close NW, Edmonton at 6:30pm**

Father Trevor Nathasingh and Maria Vadia will be the keynote speakers. Father Trevor comes from Trinidad and Maria from Florida. Both are powerful speakers who have international ministries.

**Livestream is available.**

For more information about cost and to register, please check [www.crsedmonton.ca/events](http://www.crsedmonton.ca/events)

On Saturday, September 30 at 7:00 pm there will be a mass with healing service open to the public, a love offering will be taken. Mass is also in the Parish hall.

**Call for Volunteers**

- Adult Servers
- Hospitality Ministers,
- Eucharistic Ministers,
- Proclaimers,
- Altar Servers
- Social Justice and Mercy
- Saint Vincent du 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.**

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