



## St. Mary's Parish 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023 - Year A

Malachi 1: 14b - 2:2b, 8 - 10  
1 Thessalonians 2: 7b - 9, 13  
Matthew 23: 1 - 12

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;  
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

### 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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#### 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.



## Mass intentions for the week of November 5 - 11

The intentions in brackets are said by  
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Elmer Stang  
 Sun. 11 am: Cornelio de la Pena  
 Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners  
 Tue. 7 pm: Jerry & Connie Maynard  
 Wed. 9 am: †Mary Premak  
 Thu. 9 am: †Ida Romano  
 Fri. 9 am: †Claude Demers (†Rolly Daz)  
 Sat. 5 pm: †Maurice & †Therese Demers

### Special days this week

Thu. Nov 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
 Fri. Nov 10: St. Leo the Great  
 Sat. Nov 11: St. Martin of Tours.

### 1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation

Please register your child online for these sacraments  
on our website: [stmarysparishreddeer.ca](http://stmarysparishreddeer.ca)

# Thank You

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank  
everyone who volunteered to help make this year's  
Fall Turkey Supper a success.

Thank you all who donated pies for dessert!!



Anyone interested in helping 11am Children's Liturgy, please  
contact Christina Hackett at [christina.hackett@hotmail.com](mailto:christina.hackett@hotmail.com)  
or 403-391-0575.

### Children's Liturgy in a Bag:

"Children's Liturgy in a Bag" are located at both entrances and  
intended for children attending Mass at a time other than 11:00am.  
Please take the liturgy colouring sheets home with you.  
Kindly return the bag and crayons to the back of the  
basket so they can be used again.

### The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION is next weekend,  
November 11/12.

All financial support is greatly appreciated.

**\*The Society is in great need of beds and bedding\***  
**403-597-3030**

### To provide 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.*

### We Remember Our Loved Ones

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their  
departed loved ones in the *Book of Eternal Life* which is  
placed on a stand to the left of the altar from

**November 1 until November 30.**

AS A PARISH, we are asked to remember all the  
faithful departed in our prayers.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so  
that everyone who believes in him may not perish but  
may have eternal life."*

John 3:16

### CWL NEWS

### CWL Word of the Week

### *INTEGRITY*

A hallmark of the Catholic Women's  
League is integrity. Members stand  
together in faithfulness, reliability,  
honesty and helping others.

We are Catholic and Living it!

Come stand with us.



### Catholic Education Sunday

Today is Catholic Education Sunday and with that comes the oppor-  
tunity to celebrate Catholic schools in Alberta. Publicly funded Catho-  
lic education is a unique gift for which we are grateful. In Red Deer

Catholic Regional Schools, we are grateful for the opportunity to  
provide faith-based education to more than 10,700 students, an in-  
crease of 3% from last year, in 6 communities in Central Alberta:

Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Blackfalds, Rocky Mountain House,  
Innisfail, and Olds. In addition, we support the learning of over 800  
students in a Home Education Program. In keeping with this year's  
Catholic Education Sunday theme, "**Courage to Lead,**" I'd like to  
share 3 points from our Board of Trustees' Strategic Plan. By 2026,  
you will recognize that in Red Deer Catholic:

- Our Catholic principles shape our actions and decisions as we  
adapt to a changing world and the evolving needs of staff, students,  
and the community.
- Our ability to grow success for every student and results for every  
graduate is driven through innovation, productive partnerships, a  
tangible embodiment of our faith and a commitment to our staff.
- And, every single student feels safe and respected, and this will  
serve as a strong foundation for their mental wellness, learning, and  
personal success. How will this be accomplished? In these 3 ways:
- Continued focus on the Safety and Mental Health of our students  
and employees;
- Purposefully, Tangibly, & Visibly Demonstrating our Faith in our  
schools and within the communities we live and serve in;
- Building a Workplace Culture in Red Deer Catholic of Engage-  
ment, Empowerment and Innovation where we value, empower and  
equip our employees to drive an engaged workplace culture as a  
magnet for diverse and talented people, guided by their faith. Parents,  
educators, trustees, and clergy have a shared responsibility as stew-  
ards of faith-based education. In addition, all Catholics share in this  
responsibility by offering the support of their prayers and advocating  
strongly for our schools. Together, we help children develop their  
unique capabilities while realizing their responsibility to  
transform the world by practicing the Catholic faith and upholding  
Catholic values.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our school  
communities where we provide quality, faith-based, inclusive  
education where we know every child and staff member is welcomed,  
safe, and cared for. Thank you and God bless.

*Kathleen Finnigan-Superintendent of Schools*



**NEW EPISODE  
EVERY TUESDAY**



**This week:**

**Publicly-Funded Catholic Schools, Parental Rights,  
and Bringing Jesus Into the Classroom.**

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.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting on **Tuesday, November 7 at 1:30pm in the classroom.** All ladies are welcome to join.

If you have any unwanted yarn you would like to donate, please drop it off at the parish office during office hours. Thank you.

**Effect Hope** The Leprosy Mission Canada

We are collecting postage stamps again.

If you have any used stamps you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please drop them off in the containers provided at both entrances.

*Our donors help cure 60+ people per year by sending us their trimmed, used postage stamps.*



**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:**

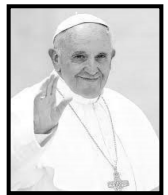
We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at St. Mary's. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at both entrances, and drop it off at the office or in the collection basket during the weekend masses.

**WELCOME!**

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

**For the Pope**

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of The Holy Spirit.



**Pope Francis on X**

Holiness is a gift from God which we have received with Baptism: if we let it grow, it can completely change our life, enlightening it with the joy of the Gospel. Holiness is a gift offered to everyone for a happy life.

**Live-In Retreat Weekend**

**Are you finding life to be a struggle?  
Do you desire a closer relationship with God?**

The St. Andrews Live-In Society is hosting a Live-In retreat weekend on November 10-12, 2023, at Ecole Camille J. Lerouge school in Red Deer. The purpose of this weekend is to discover a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pre-registration is required.

If you would like more information, please contact Carol Szymanek: [SALISreddeer@gmail.com](mailto:SALISreddeer@gmail.com) or 403-391-8117.



**Providence Renewal Centre  
Upcoming Programs:**

**Centering Prayer:** Wednesdays, 6:30 pm  
**Spiritual Book Club:** Nov. 6, Via Zoom  
**Spiritual aspects of health and health care:** Nov. 5, with Alberta Pasco, Ph.D.

For more information, please visit their website at: <https://providencerenewal.ca/>



**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.

**Upcoming events:**

- ◆ Reconciliation Through Justice: Indigenous Speaker Series
- ◆ Fall Artful Reflection Evening
- ◆ Spirituality of the Cosmos Public Lecture & Retreat
- ◆ Addiction, Trauma & the Family Workshop
- ◆ Centering Prayer: an introduction on contemplative silence

**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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