



St. Mary's Parish
1st Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023 - Year B

Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7
1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9
Mark 13: 33 - 37

“Watch therefore, for you do not know
when the Master of the house will come.”

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

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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 December 3 - 9

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 11 am: Cindy Baker
 Sun. 7 pm: Georgia Santucci
 Tue. 7 pm: Shirley Nicholas (†Evan Klein)
 Wed. 9 am: †Andrew Okorie-Ama (†Jesus Aaron Gucco Sr.)
 Thu. 9 am: †Marilyn Gomolchuk-Alford & †Jeanette Croteau
 Fri. 7 pm: †Zenon Kostarzewski (†Barb Prospero, Bernadette
 Brul, †Luis Barreto & †Ida Garcia)
 Sat. 5 pm: Eleanor MacNeil (†Procopico Secjdas Jr.)

Special days this week

Fri. Dec. 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

1st Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation

Please register your child online for
these sacraments on our
website: stmarysparishreddeer.ca

CWL NEWS

CWL Word of the Week *MENTORSHIP*

Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement.
The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors
willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.

**The CWL will be selling 2024 Calendars and
Christmas cards after all masses this weekend.**

Red Deer Catholic School Division is proud to host an evening with Chris Stefanick for parents and parishioners

Christ Stefanick is an internationally acclaimed author,
speaker, and television host who has devoted his life to
inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. Chris
will be speaking on the ways we can live the Joy of our
Faith. Every success in life is meaningless without joy.

Joy is God's dream for you. Heaven is called a "wedding
banquet." And Jesus' whole mission was to share that joy
with you. He said it himself,

"I've told you these things so my joy may be in you."

The joy of GOD in YOU.

The experience of the eternal joy starts now. And it
doesn't start with a change in your circumstances
but a change in you. Make living a part of your Advent
journey this year and join Chris at

**St. Mary's Parish
December 7 at 7-8pm**

as he shares the ways we can build new habits, change
our thinking, and live a more joyful life.

This event is free

2024 Envelopes

Please pick up your 2024 donation envelopes at the
back of the church.

If you don't have envelopes assigned to you, call or stop by
the office and we will give you a set.

Advent Penitential Services

St. Mary's Parish

Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm

Sacred Heart

Thursday, December 14 at 7pm



Several priests will be available for confession

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy Committee Christmas Backpacks

St. Mary's Justice and Mercy committee are collecting items
for their yearly Christmas Backpacks for the
homeless and needy in our community.
They will be delivered before Christmas.

Greatly needed items:

- Thick, warm socks
- Hand and foot warmers
- Toques, winter mittens/gloves
- Men's underwear (sizes M/L)
- Women's underwear (sizes S/M)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons/pads)
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes/dental floss
- Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap
- Deodorant

Wonderful to have:

- \$5-\$10 gift cards for MacDonald's/Tim Horton's/DQ
- Nail clippers,
- Individual pack band-aids/Kleenex
- Lip balm
- Notepads/pens
- Snacks such as granola bars
- Hair brushes/combs
- Razors/shaving cream
- Water bottles
- Playing cards

They are taking donations until December 18.

Please place items on the tables at the back of the church
marked *Christmas backpacks*. Donations of money and gift
cards can be placed in the donation tables at the entrance of the
church, clearly marked for the *Justice and Mercy Committee* or
given to the parish staff.

Thank you and God bless you for your support.

Pray the O Antiphons

Join members of the UAC after the 5pm Mass on
Saturday, December 16 to pray the "O Antiphons."
The O Antiphons have been recited in the church for
centuries and focus on the 7 Biblical titles of Jesus.

The O Antiphons are prayed individually from
December 17-23 in Evening Prayer to prepare our hearts
for the birth of our Savior. UAC members pray these
7 antiphons together as a guide so we can incorporate
them in our own Christmas traditions. Consider joining us
in person or Livestream after the completion of mass.



**NEW EPISODE
EVERY TUESDAY**

This week:

Purgatory, Indulgences and Praying for the Dead.

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.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton is inviting parishioners to participate in a survey on Medical Assistance in Dying. Please see the bulletin board at both entrances to scan the QR code to answer the survey.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers needed for the 11am Children's Liturgy. Contact: Christina.hackett@hotmail.com or 403-391-0575.

Children's Liturgy in a Bag:

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.

Our Lady of Assumption

welcomes everyone to view displays of Christmas Creches, listen to live music and enjoy a hot drink:

Saturday, December 9

1:30-4:30pm and 6:30-8:30pm.

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
THE SSVP POOR BOX COLLECTION**

will be next weekend: **December 9/10.**

All financial support is greatly appreciated.

Beds are greatly needed

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.



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

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Pope Francis on X

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us so that we may be able to give an account of our faith and hope to today's world with words and, above all, with the testimony of our lives.

Misa de Gallo

The Misa de Gallo Filipino traditional 9 day Novena Mass before Christmas schedule

December 16: 7am

December 17: All Sunday Masses

December 18: 7am

December 19: 7am

December 20: 7am

December 21: 7am

December 22: 7am

December 23: 5pm Potluck after mass

December 24: All Sunday Masses

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting in the classroom on **Tuesday, December 12 at 1:30pm.**

All ladies are welcome to join.

Women of Faith

Looking to grow in faith and connect with other women?

Women of Faith will begin operating an ongoing program for adult ladies the **first Friday** of every month,

10am-noon in the mezzanine, starting

January 5, 2024.

We will be using a Bishop Barron video series, continuing with discussion, prayer and of course coffee.

Join us, bring your coffee mug and expect faith enrichment and fellowship. Any questions can be directed to the parish office.

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!

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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