



St. Mary's Parish 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024 - Year B

Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20
1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35
Mark 1: 21 - 28

“If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts.”

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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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 Zoom Rosary will be on *Thursday, February 22.*



Mass intentions for the week of January 28 - February 3

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Martin Coyle
 Sun. 11 am: Jannelle Joy Alvarez
 Sun. 7 pm: †Suzanne Lambert
 Tue. 7 pm: †Lucia Lopez
 Wed. 9 am: †Suzanne Lambert (Randi Laureano)
 Thu. 9 am: †Sean O'Neil & family (†Jorge Lopez)
 Fri. 9 am: Olga Puchala (Jen & family)
 Sat. 5 pm: †Stephanie Conroy (†Rodrigo, †Adela, †Jayjee Ramoso, †Sister Paquita Lackar)

Special days this week

Wed. Jan. 31: St. John Bosco
 Fri. Feb. 2: The Presentation of the Lord
 Sat. Feb. 3: St. Blase

CWL Word of the Week:

Respect

We are all God's children, created in God's loving image and deserving of compassion and respect. The Catholic Women's League's core values go beyond this, caring for all of God's creation. Join us and experience the joy of love and respect.

Knights of Columbus NEWS

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual *Wheelchair Fundraising Drive until the end of February*. This is the tenth year of this program at St. Mary's. Over the past 9 years, we have donated 689 wheelchairs to various countries around the world. Our donor country for 2024 is the Ukraine and the cost of a wheelchair is still \$195.

Donations will be collected at the entrances after Mass until February 4. You also can mail your donation to the address on the provided envelope or put it into the collection box at church or bring it to the Parish office. You can donate online at the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation website; a link and information on how to donate is provided on the Parish website. All cheques should be made payable to the *Canadian Wheelchair Foundation*.

Knights of Columbus Ham Supper

Friday, February 2
 St. Mary's Parish Centre

Menu

Gourmet Roasted Ham, Hashbrown Casserole
 Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Corn
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Tickets available after St. Mary's Weekend Masses
 or at the Parish Office

Please see Entrance doors/Bulletin Boards for details

Price:

\$18/person
 \$60 Immediate Family
 *6 and under eat Free!

Sittings:

5:00pm
 6:30pm



The Catholic
 Archdiocese
 of Edmonton

Catholic Pulse Survey on MAiD: Survey Results

An informal online survey within the Archdiocese
 Objective: To uncover prevailing sentiments on MAiD

Our Church is: *Countercultural*

Our survey results are a stark contrast from the national surveys where majority of respondents support MAiD. Based on this, we can conclude that we are a countercultural Church.

However, Catholics who oppose MAiD were not able to prevent their loved ones from going through with it.

Compassionate

People who are in favor of MAiD are coming from a place of compassion and empathy for those who are suffering. Compassion is also at the core of Catholic Social Teaching in the person of Jesus Christ who died and resurrected to redeem human life. However, people who are in favor of MAiD very much feel that the Church cares more about following the teachings rather than empathizing with the suffering.

Compelling

Majority of respondents are compelled and strongly influenced by their Catholic Faith in terms of how they live their lives. However, they would like to see more compelling messages from Church leaders on the topic of MAiD

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AND ACTION POINTS

We are a COUNTERCULTURAL CHURCH.

How do we live this out? Equip Catholics to be effective witnesses in their families, parishes, workplaces and communities to the true hope and dignity offered by Our Lord Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and dying.

We are a COMPASSIONATE CHURCH.

How do we demonstrate this in the public square? Highlight how the Catholic Church has been helping people to "die with dignity" since its founding, offering hope, mercy and love to those who are suffering – not abandonment and death.

Catholics are highly influenced by their Catholic Faith.

How do we articulate compelling messages on MAiD? Offer Jesus Christ and his message of hope: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Thank you to everyone who responded to our MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying) survey.

We received more than 700 responses. It shows there is great concern over assisted suicide and its expansion.

Your responses were very personal. Many shared the helplessness they feel when a loved one is diagnosed with a terminal illness. Others felt at peace knowing that the Lord was accompanying them in difficult times. Still others want our Church leaders to take a more active stance against MAiD.

As Catholics, we uphold the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Our secular world threatens this.

The Archdiocese is developing an action plan based on the survey results, and we look forward to sharing the action plan with you in the coming weeks.

To see the entire survey:

[maidsurveyresultsfornewsletters \(4\).pdf](#)

For questions regarding the survey results, please email
[**mission.advancement@caedm.ca**](mailto:mission.advancement@caedm.ca).



NEW EPISODE EVERY TUESDAY



This week:

Private Revelations, Marian Apparitions, Prophecy

Listen to it as a podcast, watch the video on **YouTube**, at

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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.

Called to Protect training

Called to Protect, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on **Wednesday, January 31 at 1pm**. The 2 1/2 hour session is mandatory for all Volunteers of the Archdiocese

who have not yet participated in this training.

This will be a zoom session open for all.

Please register:

[Wednesday January 31, 2024 Registration \(google.com\)](#)

St. Mary's Ministry Schedule

April 6/7, 2024 – July 27/28, 2024

Ministries will be scheduling in order. This facilitates scheduling those who are in more than one ministry.

Ministry **Completion Date**

Adult Server **February 1, 2024**

Chuck: yrdnal@shaw.ca

EMOCH **February 8, 2024**

Theresa: theresanielsen456@gmail.com

Proclaimers **February 15, 2024**

Jeff: jeff.tuchscherer@rdcrs.ca

Hospitality **February 22, 2024**

Kristy: kjgulak@gmail.com

Altar servers **February 29, 2024**

Cynthia: cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca

If you have a question, concerns, or have unavailable dates contact the ministry coordinator for your ministry.

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!**



The Pope's Monthly Intention:

January 2024

For The Gift Of Diversity in The Church

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

February 2024

For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

From Pope Francis' Angelus

The Lord loves to involve us in His work of salvation, He wants us to be active with Him, He wants us to be responsible and protagonists. A Christian who is not active, who is not responsible in the work of proclaiming the Lord and who is not a protagonist of his faith is [...], as my grandmother used to say, is a "rosewater" Christian.

Pray an AVE today

- AVE is an apostolate of prayer for parish priests. Parishioners are encouraged to make a commitment to pray one Hail Mary everyday for our priest, Father Mirek. Together we can provide thousands of prayers to offer our love, appreciation, and care for God's great gift to us in our parish priest.



Mount St. Francis LADIES Silent Retreat
Ladies Retreat at Mount St. Francis in Cochrane
February 9 - 11.

The Retreat Centre celebrates its 75th Anniversary this summer, it is a beautiful space of peace, healing and prayer. The weekend includes presentations by members of the Retreat Team, quiet time for reflection, meals in silence, morning and evening prayer with the friars, Mass on Saturday and Sunday, opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, meet with a member of the Retreat Team if there is something you wish to talk over or share.

The theme is 'All is Made New': pondering the insights of St. Francis. You are invited to pay what you can, no one is turned away because of finances; the cost to the centre is about \$215 per person which includes your own room, bedding, towels, all meals, snacks, coffee/tea, etc. for the weekend.

Contact:

Simone at 587-223-4896 or moniecede@gmail.com,
 Dianna Ridgway deedee411@live.ca and we are happy to answer any questions.

The website is www.mountstfrancis.ca

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