



St. Mary's Parish 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 2024 - Year B

Job 7: 1 - 4, 6 - 7
1 Corinthians 9: 16 - 19, 22 - 23
Mark 1: 29 - 39

“I have made myself a slave to all,
so as to win over as many as possible.”

Our Mission: “Together Building Up the Body of Christ”

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Donna Annett, Administrative Assistant**

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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

Send your e-transfer donations to
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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.

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 February 4 - 10

The intentions in brackets are said by retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: Chief Andrew Okorie-Ama
 Sun. 11 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 7 pm: Donna Annett & family
 Tue. 7 pm: †Emilia Fafara
 Wed. 9 am: †Ricci Villanueva
 Thu. 9 am: †Sean O'Neil & family (No Mass in Church)
 Fri. 9 am: †Don Goodman
 Sat. 5 pm: Joanna Clement

Special days this week

Mon. Feb. 5: St. Agatha
 Tue. Feb. 6: St. Paul Miki and companions
 Thu. Feb. 8: St. Josephine Bakhita
 Sat. Feb. 10: St. Scholastica

CWL Word of the Week:

Service

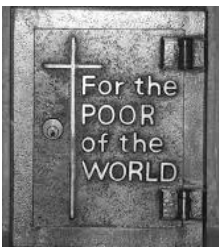
Baptism calls us to witness to God's love - especially for the outcast and vulnerable in this world - be they human or other. Catholic Women's League members witness this service in many ways.
 Come be a part of this compassionate service.

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*.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul



POOR BOX COLLECTION

**Will be NEXT weekend,
February 10/11**

All financial support is greatly appreciated.

Do you know...

...what the official name of our Church is?

Our Church, which we usually just call St. Mary's, is the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. You can learn more details about the history of our Parish at our website, under *Parish/History*.



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 a 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
<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.



Star of the North Retreat Centre

www.starofthenorth.ca,

email programs@starofthenorth.ca,
or call 780-459-5511.

Upcoming events:

◆ Sacred Land Retreat, February 10

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

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

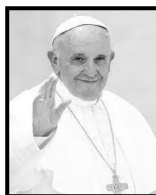
February 29, 2024

Cynthia: cynthia.leyson@rdcrs.ca

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

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.



**The Pope's Monthly Intention:
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

Brothers and sisters: with the devil there must be no dialogue!
Be careful: with the devil there can be no dialogue, because if
you start speaking to him, he will always win. Be careful.



**Catholic Renewal
Services of Edmonton**

The Catholic Renewal Services
of the Archdiocese of Edmonton
is hosting their next

Mass with Healing Service

on **Saturday Feb 17, 6:30 pm**, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding.

It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church
(12960-112 St NW, Edmonton). Reconciliation on Saturday, with
Fr. Matthew, will be available between 3:30-5:00.



**Providence Renewal Centre
Upcoming Programs:**

**Centering Prayer, Self-Care Day,
Lenten Retreat, and more.**

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

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Tax receipts will be sent in the new year, so please be
sure we have your current address.

**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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ZOOM account. If you
are part of a church group
and would like to meet
virtually, please call the office and
we will set you up.



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PRAYING THE ROSARY

Have you been thinking about how
to enrich your prayer life?
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No experience necessary!
Group recitation of the rosary:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
after daily Masses – in the church



Tuesday at 1pm:
The Holy Face and Rosary
for the priest