



St. Mary's Parish
4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)
March 10, 2024 - Year B

2 Chronicles 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23

Ephesians 2: 4 - 10

John 3: 14 - 21

“God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.”

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 *Friday, March 22.*



Mass intentions for the week of March 10 - 16

The intentions in brackets are said by
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: Suzette Alinio
 Sun. 11 am: All Parishioners
 Sun. 7 pm: †Olg Kramchynski
 Tue. 7 pm: Lenten Penitential Service
 Wed. 9 am: Helen Lindsay
 Thu. 9 am: Alexandra Dittrich
 Fri. 9 am: †Ezio Fiorillo (Bernard Demers)
 Sat. 5 pm: Lepa Rodic (†Socorro Bongco)

CWL News:

The CWL will meet on Monday, March 18th at 7pm. We will begin with the rosary and a spiritual presentation in the Church, followed by a short meeting and social in the Parish Centre. All ladies are welcome to join us.

CWL Word of the Week:

Spirituality

We are called to live in relationship with God, others and creation. Spirituality nourishes us on our faith journey, enriching us as we grow. The Catholic Women's League calls us to be witnesses to the love of God through ministry and service. Connect and grow with us!

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 17

After the 9am and 11am Mass
Parish Centre

Pay by donation

**Enjoy breakfast and no clean up with your
parish community!**



St. Mary's parishioner sets world record for most blood donations

Josephine Michaluk from Penhold, has donated 209 units of blood throughout her life, setting the world record for most donations by a woman.

Josephine started donating in 1965. She was visiting her older sister who had a blood donation appointment and was asked to come along. "I decided I would join her and that was the beginning," says Josephine as per the **Guinness World Record** official website.

Despite being in her 80s, Josephine gives one unit of blood four times a year.

On why she does what she does, Josephine says, "I feel like I have it in me to give. I can share it to people that need it."

She wants people to know there is such a high demand for blood to save lives and more people should be doing it.

On how she feels about breaking a record that she never set out to create, Josephine says, "I never even thought I would have a record; I was not donating for that reason. And I plan on keeping on."

National Post Staff

Triduum



Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:30pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Good Friday, March 29

11:00am: *Passion of the Lord*

3:00pm: *Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00pm: *Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am: *The Resurrection of the Lord*

11:00am: *The Resurrection of the Lord*

7:00pm Mass is cancelled on Easter Sunday



Lenten Penitential Service

St. Mary's Parish

Tuesday, March 12, at 7pm

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays at 7pm

They will be led by the following:

March 15: CWL

March 22: Justice & Mercy

Mercy and Justice Lenten Food Drive

Each week of Lent we ask parishioners to help the hungry by contributing various non perishable food items:

- 4th Sunday of Lent – March 9/10 - Pasta Sauce

- 5th Sunday of Lent - March 16/17 - Macaroni & Cheese

- Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 23/24 - Canned Fruit

*Please place items in the bins at both entrances
to the church.*

Thank you for supporting the Food Bank

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.





NEW EPISODE EVERY TUESDAY

This week:
Canada's Fight Against the Culture of Death
 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.

**Do you know...
 ...why this Sunday is called "Laetere Sunday"?**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent takes its name from the Latin word "laetere" which means "to rejoice." Why should we rejoice in the middle of a time of penance and repentance? Because we are half way through our Lenten journey and can start to see Easter approaching. We are called to remember that we are preparing for the most joyous and most important celebration of the year, when we shall exult in the Lord's resurrection and His completion of the work of our salvation.

We will soon exult, so now let us rejoice!

The Shroud of Turin
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church
10825-97 Street, Edmonton
March 10, 2-4pm

Discover the facts about this ancient cloth which is the most researched artifact in Christendom. This full size photographic replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display. See bulletin board for details.

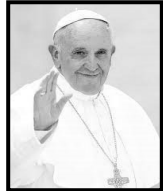
Sacred Heart Parish Book Sale
 Cleaning house? Downsizing?
 Consider donation your unwanted books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, magazines (no encyclopedias please)

SALE DATES:
Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27

Donations may be left in the Parish Hall
 Starting Tuesday, April 16

Contact Valerie at 403-346-3085

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:
March 2024
For the new martyrs
 We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.


From Pope Francis' Angelus
 So, let us ask ourselves: first of all, what is my prayer like? Is it a price to be paid, or is it a moment of trusting abandonment, without looking at the clock?

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
 The SSVP warehouse needs **single/double/queen beds with frames** (no head boards), 2 cushion loveseats (no couches), chest-of-drawers, book cases, small kitchen tables with chairs, coffee tables, end tables, pots & pans, and cutlery.

For furniture donations, please phone/text Carol Purves at 403-588-2416. Thank you!

SSVP extends sincere thanks to St. Mary's parishioners for their financial support.

POOR BOX COLLECTION
Will be THIS weekend,
March 9/10
All financial support is greatly appreciated.


Star of the North Retreat Centre
www.starofthenorth.ca,
 email programs@starofthenorth.ca,
 or call 780-459-5511.


Upcoming events:

- ◆ Rembrandt's Jesus, March 14.
- ◆ New Creation, April, May and June.
- ◆ Bereavement Support group, April 9 to May 21.
- ◆ Unraveling Revelation, April 12-14.

Yarn Donations:
 If you have any yarn that you would like to donate, please drop it off at the church anytime during office hours or before/after mass.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
 The Prayer Shawl Ministry will now meet the **last Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm in the classroom.**

The next date is March 26 at 1:30pm



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.

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