



# St. Mary's Parish Solemnity of the Ascension May 12, 2024 - Year B

Acts 1: 1 - 11

1 Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

Mark 16: 15 - 20

“Go into the whole world  
and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

## 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

Send your e-transfer donations to  
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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.

The next Zoom Rosary will be on *Wednesday, May 22.*



## Mass intentions for the week of May 12 - 18

The intentions in brackets are said by  
retired priests in Edmonton

Sun. 9 am: †Annette Bailey (Patty Barry)  
 Sun. 11 am: Miles & Heather Brosseau -Anniversary  
 Sun. 7 pm: All Parishioners  
 Tue. 7 pm: †Barb Prospero (said privately)  
 Wed. 9 am: Trudy Verhappen (said privately)  
 Thu. 9 am: Bernard Demers (said privately)  
 Fri. 9 am: †Claude Demers (said privately)  
 Sat. 5 pm: †Verna Hnatiuk

### Special days of this week

Mon. May 13: Our Lady of Fatima  
 Tue. May 14: St. Matthias



### PLEASE NOTE

#### No Weekday Masses next week:

Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm  
 Wednesday, May 15 at 9am  
 Thursday, May 16 at 9am  
 Friday, May 17 at 9am

*All Mass Intentions will be said privately*



Congratulations to the children who have received their 1st Eucharist these past two weekends. The lovely crafts that have decorated the back of the church are now available for your child to collect in the hall.



### May is the Month of Mary

Devotion to Mary is an important part of the Catholic identity.

As our mother, she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God.

Because of the devotion to her, many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life, as any child with his mother. Please pray the Rosary.

### Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 2

The Corpus Christi Procession is a centuries-old tradition of the Catholic Faith, to process the Real Presence of Jesus, the Eucharist, in Public.

#### A St. Mary's Corpus Christi Procession will follow the 9am Mass on Sunday, June 2.

This will begin with the Exposition of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the Procession, and will finish with Benediction and Reposition. **This adds only 10 minutes.**

*All Parishioners are welcome to join in this Procession.*

### 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.



### Knights of Columbus News

Garage Sale  
 Saturday, May 25  
 St. Mary's Parking Lot  
 8am-4pm



If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop it off at the church during office hours or if you need someone to pick up your donations, call Ed at 403-314-9590.

### CWL News

The CWL has invited **Kath Hoffman**, executive director of Safe Harbour and advocate for Red Deer's homeless community, to speak on **Monday, May 20**, after the recitation of the rosary in the church, at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. The regular meeting will follow in the classroom.

#### The CWL is selling religious articles this weekend after the 9am and 11am Masses

#### CWL STRAWBERRY TEA

St. Mary's CWL would love for you to join us for a Strawberry Tea  
**June 1 at 1:30-3:30pm in Parish Centre**

Tickets are \$5/person, kids 6 and under are free  
To volunteer for this event, please contact Marie Grote at 403-506-7006 or mgrote30@gmail.com

#### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Please support the  
**Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre's  
 Baby Bottle Campaign**

The funds raised enable the Centre to continue operations, and to offer, free of charge, support to all who walk through their doors. **CWL members** are handing our baby bottles and envelopes at both entrances of the church on

#### May 11/12 (Mother's Day)

to use for monetary donations.

Cheques can be made out to the Pregnancy Care Centre.

Please return filled bottles by

#### June 15/16 (Father's Day)

A special drop container will be available for returned bottles at the front entrance.

Please pray that the Pregnancy Care Centre will be visible in the community as a safe place for all who seek help with an unplanned pregnancy.



**NEW EPISODE  
EVERY TUESDAY**



**Last week:**

**Facing our Discomfort with Death and Suffering**

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... the difference between  
Ascension and Assumption?**

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension, but on August 15 we will celebrate the feast of the Assumption.

And some people may confuse the two.

The Ascension celebrates Jesus' going up to the Father, to Heaven, of His own power, because He is God and He could bring himself there.

The Assumption celebrates the fact that Mary was *assumed*, that is, taken up and welcomed into Heaven by Jesus, because she is not God and, like all of us, needed to be brought home by her Son. Both feasts tell us much about God's power and love, but let us be sure to know the difference!



**Our Lady of Victory Camp  
Encounter Christ  
Encounter Community  
Encounter Creation**

**Summer, 2024**

July 6: *Summer Kick-off BBQ*

July 7-11: *High School Week (Grades 10-12)*

July 14-18: *All Ages Week I (Grades 4-9)*

July 28: August 1: *Elementary Week (Grades 4-6)*

August 4-8: *Jr. High Week (Grades 7-9)*

August 11-15: *All Ages Week II (Grades 4-9)*

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Information cards are available at both entrances

**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:**

**May 2024**

**For the formation of religious  
and seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

**From Pope Francis' Angelus**

And so let us ask ourselves: what face does the Lord have for me? The face of a friend or of a stranger?

Do I feel loved by Him as a dear person?

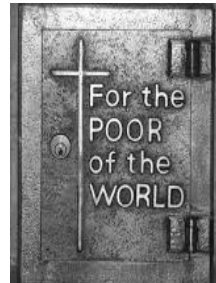


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Recovery**

They are in need of Men's underwear and Ladies small/medium underwear, shoe laces, socks, combs, razors, deodorant

If you would like to donate, please drop items off at the office

**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.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage  
July 20-25**

Each July, thousands of pilgrims make their way to the shores of Lac Ste Anne. Many come in search of healing and spiritual renewal. Some simply come to reconnect with old acquaintances and forge new friendships.

This pilgrimage, which began over a hundred years ago, has become the largest annual Catholic gathering in Western Canada.

**Go to Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage website for more information**

**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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virtually, please call the office and  
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of Prayer"

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**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

**Have you been thinking about how  
to enrich your prayer life?  
Come, pray the rosary with us!  
No experience necessary!  
Group recitation of the rosary:**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
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**Tuesday at 1pm:**  
The Holy Face and Rosary  
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