

**ST. MARY'S: ST. PATRICK'S: ST. EDMUNDS:
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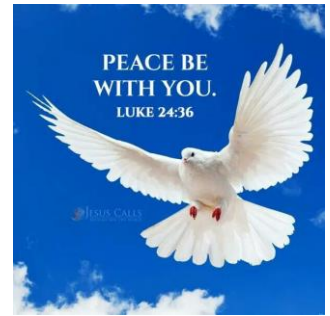
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"We are called to nurture Life and Spirit"



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 18, 2021

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 11AM AND 6:30PM

St. Mary's – Beaverlodge

Weekday Mass: Monday –Saturday: 9:00 AM

Sunday Mass: 11:00 AM and 6:30PM

First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 AM

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard ½ hour before all Masses and anytime upon request.

Rosary for Peace ~ The CWL invites all to join them in the recitation of the Rosary on every Tuesday after the 9 AM Mass, St. Mary's Church

Christian Meditation: Every Wednesday at 4:00 PM at St. Mary's Church

School Mass

Every fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise posted (No Adoration on these Fridays)

St. Edmund's – Hythe

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays: 9:00 AM

2nd and 4th Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 7:30 PM

St. Edmund's Church prays the Rosary every Thursday afternoon at 4:00pm.

All are welcome.

St. Patrick's – Rio Grande

2nd & 4th Sundays: 9:00 AM

1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday Mass will be

Celebrated on Saturday at 7:30 PM

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Tuesday – 4:00 PM

Parish Finance Council: As announced

Catholic Women's League: Beaverlodge: 1st Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Rio Grande: Members will be notified

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Sunday – 10:00 AM

This Week

Monday ~

Tuesday ~

Wednesday ~ St. Anselm

Thursday ~

Friday ~ St. George, St. Adalbert

Saturday ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Father's Footsteps: April 19 - 24, 2021

Daily Rosary at 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM Mass
3rd Week of Easter

Monday: April 19: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. Visits to sick, Beaverlodge

Hospital

Seminar session, meetings

Religion classes St. Mary's school

Tuesday: April 20: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. CWL
Rosary for Peace at 9:30am.

Religion classes St. Mary's school

Wednesday: April 21: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
followed by Novena

Religion classes St. Mary's school.

10:30AM - Holy Eucharist at Hythe Continuing Care

Thursday April 22: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
RCIA – St. Mary's school

Friday April 23: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
Zoom meeting

Communion to the Sick and house bound.

Saturday April 24 Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
Zoom meeting , preparation for Sacraments.

Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at St.
Patrick's church, Hythe at

7:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard ½
hour before all Masses
and anytime upon request.

Holy Communion to the sick and house bond, Blessings:
Available anytime upon request

You are welcome to send us prayer request so that we can
place your prayer
intention at the feet of the Lord and pray as a community.
Call or Text Fr. Michael: 780-814-3471
Email: frmichaeldias2006@gmail.com

BAPTISM: Please contact the rectory for baptismal
preparations and to set a date.

MARRIAGES: Please contact the rectory to make
arrangements and to begin marriage preparation at
least six months prior to the desired date.

OCIA AND ANY OTHER SACRAMENTS:

Please contact the Parish office at 780.354.2415 or
Email: stmarys1@telus.net

Those who wish to offer Holy Eucharistic Mass for
the dearly departed or healing or any other personal
intention please contact Fr. Michael at 780-354-
2415 or 780-814-3471

Weekly Donations

We have baskets available on each side of the entrance
of the church for you to drop off your charitable
donations.

You can also make donations to our parish Church
online on our website / Pre-authorized debit/ Credit card.
If you would like a box of donation envelopes please
contact the parish office.

**Thank you for your commitment and generosity to
your Parish family life!**

Catholic Missions in Canada Gala

The Catholic Missions in Canada (CMIC) is organizing a
virtual gala on April 29, 2021 in Toronto. CMIC is a
major donor to our archdiocese. Archbishop Pettipas
invites you to look at this event and share it with others.

Check it out; *Tastes of Heaven Virtual Gala*

For more details login to the CMIC website at cmic.info

Easter House Blessing

Please contact Fr. Michael to schedule
your house blessing at:

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Congratulations!

Please pray for our parish children who will be
making their First Holy Communion at 1PM on
April 18, at St. Mary's Church

LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP - APRIL 1, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Fathers...

Honouring the life of Fr. Maurice Marion

On Friday, March 19th, Father Maurice Marion passed away in his apartment in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he had been living in retirement since June 2018. Originally from Winnipeg, Fr. Maurice had been married with two children until his wife passed away. His son and daughter being already adults, Maurice entered St. Joseph Seminary as a candidate for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, but then offered Archbishop Guimond to study for the Grouard-McLennan Archdiocese. Father Maurice did his pastoral internship at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Peace River, where he was ordained to the diaconate on February 16, 2008 and to the priesthood on August 23rd, 2008. Fr. Maurice was assigned as parish priest at Notre Dame de Lourdes in Girouxville in 2009 (also serving Tangent and Eaglesham). In August 2017, he was transferred to St. Thomas More in Fairview with responsibility to Hines Creek. Fr. Maurice's funeral took place in Winnipeg on Tuesday 30 March. I am grateful to Fr. Maurice for his years of service to our archdiocese.

Archdiocese welcomes new Communications Officer

Kyle Greenham is the new Communications Officer for the Archdiocese. Born and raised in Newfoundland, Kyle began his career in communications there before moving to Edmonton. He comes to this position, having worked in several venues, including his latest at Grandin Media at the Archdiocese of Edmonton. In the midst of this he was baptized and received into the Catholic Church. I'm pleased to have on the chancery staff a person of his abilities. Welcome, Kyle, to the Archdiocese

Ryan Beaupré to complete seminary formation in Ontario

Many of you may remember Ryan Beaupré. After completing his high school studies at Christ the King Minor Seminary in Mission BC, he entered St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton for our archdiocese. He then took a couple of years out of the sem, one year of which he worked on a master's degree in philosophy at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. It's a delight to have Ryan coming back to conclude his theology studies, for the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan. Ryan will complete his seminary formation at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario.

Hopes for easing of COVID19 restrictions in our parishes

We continue to struggle with the COVID pandemic. It was my thought and hope that the provincial government would be able to ease some of the restrictions on indoor gatherings before Holy Week, so that we might accommodate more people at our Easter Triduum services. It seems that this was also the government's intention, until the number of cases of COVID, including variants of the virus, began to peak again. It is not as dire as last year, thank God. I'm pinning my hopes on 2022, but I'm making no immediate travel plans to go anywhere. "It's not over until it's over."

Zoom – A blessing for our vast archdiocese You may have noticed that my calendar is filled with meetings by Zoom. This handy app has become standard equipment in many businesses and organizations, especially since the pandemic has made it much more difficult to meet physically in groups. However, our archdiocese started using Zoom prior to the pandemic. Shortly after I became the bishop of our diocese, I became acutely aware of

our vast distances, and how difficult it will be to try to have meetings that include parishioners and priests from across the whole diocese. I recall at one point gratefully using a school board video-conferencing program and equipment for a meeting that tried to connect Grouard, Slave Lake and High Level. It proved to be a total failure!

Later I heard about Zoom from Sr. Louise Vanderploeg that her congregation of School Sisters of Notre Dame were using Zoom to meet together from all across the globe! Once Sister Louise got me onto this, I found it wonderful, but too few people were yet on it, and many were slow to warm up to the idea. Then came the pandemic, and instantly there are meetings and gatherings galore on Zoom. This has become de rigeur for bishops' meetings. I use it not only for archdiocesan meetings, but also personally to meet with family members, and former class mates from the minor seminary (now, that's reaching back into the last century!). It's an inexpensive app, and is quite user-friendly. I don't say all this just to tell you about Zoom ... I want to encourage all of our parishioners and priests to learn and be able to use it. I believe this will be one of the lasting effects of the pandemic: meeting by Zoom. As I've pointed out, our diocese is so vast, it's difficult for us to meet otherwise. Many people don't like to travel long distances for meetings. This way, you can attend the meeting from your own office or living room. This is not to say we will never again meet personally; there are several times and events when we must meet personally. But for many other occasions, an on-line meeting serves us quite well. I have already seen this in bishops' meetings.

Year of St. Joseph

We have begun the Year of St. Joseph. I encourage you to look for updates on the elements in this year on our website <https://archgm.ca/year-of-st-joseph/>. Let us all renew our devotion to St. Joseph, and deepen our prayer life as families and individuals. I often call to mind the motto that I chose for myself when I became a bishop: What God wants is for all to be holy

Archbishop Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R



*St. Joseph's church in John D'Or Prairie with some of the parishioners who attended the Easter Sunday
Photo courtesy of Fr. Albert Sterzer, C.Ss.R.*

Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan Pilgrimage

St. Joseph

We have three churches in our archdiocese dedicated to St. Joseph: in Spirit River, Grande Prairie and John D'Or Prairie (in the Little Red River Cree Nation). You are encouraged as a whole family or individual to make a pilgrimage to these churches. Because churches are usually locked, you'll need to register the date and approximate time of your visit to any of these churches. More details about this will be announced soon. At any of these churches, you can pick up a "pilgrimage passport". In your passport you will find a series of reflections and prayers focused on the sorrows and joys of St. Joseph. You are welcome over the year to visit each of the three churches and pray the devotions and get your passport stamped at that church. When you have visited all three churches you need to go the Chancery Office in Grande Prairie. There you need to present your passport and you will be given an olive-wood crucifix made by Christians in the Holy Land, as a memento of your pilgrimage.