

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



**PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 23, 2021**

**MASS TIMES:**

**NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S Church: Saturday 4:30PM, Sunday 11AM, 4:30 PM and 6:30PM**

**Please Register for Sunday Mass at: [www.stmarybeaverlodge.ca](http://www.stmarybeaverlodge.ca)**

**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**

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 9:00 AM

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 9:00 AM

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass will be

Celebrated on Saturday at 7:30 PM

**Parish Pastoral Council:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 4:00 PM

**Parish Finance Council:** As announced

**Catholic Women's League:** Beaverlodge: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Rio Grande: Members will be notified

**Knights of Columbus:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 10:00 AM

## This Week

**Monday ~ Our Lady, Help for Christians,**

Father's Birthday, Victoria Day

**Tuesday ~ St. Bede**

**Wednesday ~ St. Philip Neri**

**Thursday ~ St. Augustine of Canterbury**

**Friday ~ St. Bernard of Montjoux <><**

**Saturday ~ St. Maximinus of Trier**

### Father's Footsteps:

#### The week of the Ascension

**May 24– May 29, 2021**

Daily Rosary at 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM Mass

Monday May 24: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM.

Visits to sick, Beaverlodge Hospital

Tuesday May 25: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. CWL

Rosary for Peace at 9:30am.

RCIA Session

Wednesday May 26: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM followed by Novena

10:30AM - Holy Eucharist for inmates of Hythe

Continuing Care

1:00 PM - Holy Eucharist for inmates of Hythe Pioneers

Home

Visit to hospital

Thursday May 27: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM

RCIA Session at St. Mary's school

Webinar Session

Friday May 28: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM

Sacramental preparation

Communion to the Sick and house bound.

Saturday May 29: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM

Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at St.

Patrick's, Rio Grande 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 bound, 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!**

### St. Mary's Parish Annual Walk for Life



New Date: **Sunday May 30, 2021**  
Immediately following the 11AM Mass

There will be 3 locations to gather and pray the Rosary for Life with no more than **5 people** in attendance at outdoor sites. Please bring your mask and stay 6 feet apart.

1. Highway parking lot on 10 street Highway 43. Located across from the Beaverlodge Hotel.
2. Victims of Abortion Monument located at St. Mary's Church.
3. Inside St. Mary's Church (15 people may attend).

"Your participation is critical right now because this is truly a life and death mission from God; Babies are dying and mothers and families are suffering. The social and political environment is becoming more hostile to life, and we must be God's hand and feet in defense of the voiceless pre-born babies and their mothers." – 40 Days for Life

ARCHDIOCESE OF GROUARD-MCLENNAN

## New Mass Restrictions

**The following restrictions will be in place for all parishes in the Archdiocese, as of May 5:**

- Mass and all other parish services limited to 15 in-person attendees, or 10% of firecode capacity, *whichever is less*
- Physical distancing between households must be maintained at all times
- Funerals and weddings have a maximum of 10-person attendants, including all participants and guests. Receptions are not permitted
- These restrictions apply to all services, held indoors or outdoors, seated and non-seated

## 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. 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.



## ‘It’s apocalyptic right now’

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**Local priest personally affected by India’s pandemic crisis hopes people will pray for recovery**

By Kyle Greenham  
ArchGM News

Each day Father Michael Dias scrolls through his phone to see the latest devastating news from his home country of India, **a nation brought to the brink** by the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is one harrowing story after another. His two nieces are front-line workers at the Manipal Hospital, working 24 hours a day with no opportunities to return home. The hospital's 5000 beds are now all filled with COVID patients.



*Caritas India has several initiatives in place to help people through the COVID-19 pandemic. Images provided via Caritas India.*

Dias' home province of Karnataka in southern India is now reporting more than 500 deaths every 24 hours. Dias' brother contracted the virus and has been hospitalized and on a ventilator for the past two weeks.

Catholic churches Dias visited as a boy have now been turned into isolation centres for COVID patients who have been turned away from the hospitals. Most recently, Dias heard from a family member that 71 bodies were found dumped and floating in a river in eastern India.

It's these stories that have kept Dias' prayers with constant thoughts of India, his family and the thousands of COVID victims.



*Many of Fr. Michael Dias's family in India have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. He has served the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan for nearly three years.*

"The situation is not good. It's very scary. In my home province there were 39,000 cases and 517 deaths just in the past 24 hours," Dias said in a May 12<sup>th</sup> interview. Dias has been a pastor with the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan for nearly three years, serving the parishes in Beaverlodge, Hythe and Rio Grande.

"My nieces working the frontlines seem very distressed," the priest added. "They are working 24/7; they won't even let them go home for a day to recuperate. Death rates are rising. People are suffocating. Many sick people are being turned away."





*Rev. Michael Dias celebrating Mass in his home country of India. As the country is faced with a devastating COVID-19 outbreak, his thoughts and prayers are often of home at this time.*

As for what parishioners in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan can do to help in this difficult and historic situation, Dias offers three words of advice.

“Pray, pray, pray,” he said. “Pray for the victims. Pray for the Indian government that their [leaders] will have the knowledge and wisdom to do what is right. And whatever people can contribute to Caritas India through Development and Peace, they should.”

The Catholic charity [Development and Peace-Caritas Canada](#) launched [their appeal to combat the pandemic crisis in India](#) on May 6. All donations go to Caritas India, and other Church-supported charities, who have launched several initiatives to help the Indian people get through this crisis, particularly in poorer regions of the country.

Mia Klein-Gebbinck, a representative with Development and Peace-Caritas Canada for the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, says the help is desperately needed.



*With the help of donations from Development and Peace-Caritas Canada, Caritas India provides food, medical supplies and hygiene materials to poorer regions of India. Images provided via Caritas India*

“The need is so great. We all have to do whatever we’re able to do,” said Klein-Gebbinck, who is a parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Beaverlodge and has worked with Development and Peace-Caritas Canada for more than 25 years.

“It’s a reliable avenue for the donations to go. Development and Peace is a Catholic charity supported by our bishops, and the Caritas network has been tried and tested for a long time. Donations are just drops in the bucket according to the great need that is there, but every drop in the bucket is helpful.”

Klein-Gebbinck has a sister who is a nun with the Medical Mission Sisters, a religious congregation dedicated to providing health care in poorer regions of the world. The Medical Mission Sisters established several hospitals in the New Delhi area of India, which is currently heavily affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Klein-Gebbinck’s sister has told her that many of the nuns offering health care in that region are being worked to capacity, and some have fallen gravely ill with the virus themselves.



*In Michael Dias' home province of Karnataka in southern India is now reporting more than 500 COVID deaths every 24 hours. Images provided via Caritas India*

"It's a desperate situation," said Klein-Gebbinck. "In this over-crowded, dense populations the virus spreads like wildfire. It overwhelms you thinking of the number of things to be done. So we need to work with organizations like Caritas India who are on the ground and know where the needs are greatest."

Some of Caritas India's efforts include bringing food to distribution centres and to impoverished communities, as well as sanitizer and hygiene materials. They also donate equipment and resources to Church-run clinics and hospitals in India. As well, they fund and organize public education campaigns to help people know where they can get vaccinated or access other health care resources.



*Development and Peace-Caritas Canada says all donations to their appeal in India are desperately needed at this time. Images provided via Caritas India*

"There's shortages everywhere. Whether it's medical supplies, oxygen, medications, beds – they're all desperately needed. It's apocalyptic right now," said Klein-Gebbinck. "Even though it's a hard time for us here in Canada, with the scope of the situation in India, the needs there are so great. We have no idea what it's like."

"Whatever we can do to help, we need to do."

Donations to Development and Peace-Caritas Canada's efforts in India can be made online ([www.devp.org](http://www.devp.org)) or through Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Beaverlodge by noting – Develop & Peace India Appeal on cheque.. Father Dias also proposed that parishes offer a Mass with intercessory prayers for the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic – not just in India, but around the world.

### **Prayer by Pope Francis for protection during the COVID-19 pandemic**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin*

07 May 2021



Dear Fathers and Parishioners,

I feel I need to reach out to you all on the matter of the latest COVID restrictions from the Alberta Premier and the Chief Medical Officer. At a time when we are all sick of the restrictions imposed on us, the latest maximum of 15 persons per worship service is felt to be excessively harsh. I hear those of you who have written to me about your objection to this. I not only hear you – I feel the same myself.

As we've often said during this pandemic, "we're all in this together". The voices that have also reached our ears are of the medical personnel who work in our hospitals and intensive care units. Their dedication and resources have been exceedingly tested, and they run some of the greatest risks of exposure.

In discussing this situation with other Alberta bishops on how best to manage this with our parishes, I came to see some wisdom in extending the measures to the whole archdiocese. Rather than have some parishes following the new protocols while others don't have to, I saw the benefit of all our parishes following the same measures. Otherwise, we create a situation where some parishes observe one set of rules and others totally different regulations. In such a scenario, some of the faithful will drive from their parish in a high-risk zone to a parish in another zone.

I am not surprised that some people disagree with me on this point, and I want to honour the opinions of those who feel differently than I do on the matter. I recognize and accept that their position has weight. As the bishop of this archdiocese, I ask that we accept the regulations as I have stated them.

We are all tired of this pandemic. We feel that our freedoms and liberties are curtailed. We long to return to expressions of family, society and church that we have cherished our life long. Medical professionals hold out hope that with herd immunity, a return to normal is around the corner. They anticipate that the present three-week stretch of restrictions heralds a semblance of normal.

Please know of my concern for you all in these difficult days. I pray that we all will find strength of spirit in our faith, hope and love

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Yours sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,

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