

## ST. MARY'S: ST. PATRICK'S: ST. EDMUNDS: HORSE LAKE RESERVE

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# MOST HOLY TRINITY, May 30, 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

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 ~ VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday ~ St. Justin Wednesday ~ St. Marcellinus and St. Peter Thursday ~ St. Charles Lwanga and companions Friday ~ St. Quirinus <>< Saturday~ St. St. Boniface

#### Father's Footsteps:

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time, Month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus May 31– June 5, 2021

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

Monday May 31: **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. Visits to sick, Beaverlodge Hospital

Tuesday June 1: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. CWL Rosary for Peace at 9:30am. RCIA Session

Wednesday June 2: 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

CWL Meeting

Thursday June 3: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM RCIA Session at St. Mary's Church

Friday June 4: **First Friday** Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Preparation of Sacrament of Confirmation Communion to the Sick and house bound.

Saturday June 5: **First Saturday** Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM followed by Novena to Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Sunday Mass will be celebrated n Saturday at 4:30 PM Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at St. Edmund's, Hythe at 7:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 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

**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 Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 3pm Ministered by His grace Archbishop Pettipas

Please pray for our parish youth as they receive this most beautiful sacrament!

#### Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

# June is dedicated to THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

You are welcome to invite Fr. Michael to Consecrate your homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Call or text: 780.814.3471 or email: frmichaeldias2006@gmail.com





#### **Prayer to the Holy Trinity**

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF GROUARD-MCLENNAN New Mass Restrictions

#### The following restrictions will be in place for all parishes in the Archdiocese, <u>as of May 5</u>:

- 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

Roman Catholic Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith Spring Floodwaters

The spring breakup on the Mackenzie and Liard rivers has caused historic and devastating levels of flooding in several of our communities. Particularly hard hit has been Fort Simpson, where over 700 people have been evacuated, and Jean Marie River which was completely inundated by the river waters.

While we can be grateful that there has been no loss of life, the property loss and the trauma caused by dislocation and anxiety is incalculable. It is difficult to know how to help at this early stage, but I would ask that you please pray for all those who have been affected by the flooding or are waiting downstream and preparing for the flood waters to arrive.

A collection to help aid in flood relief in the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith can be sent to:

**Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith** 

5117-52nd Street Yellowknife, NT X1A 1T7

OR

Give to St. Mary's Parish and we will forward the proceeds

**OR** Give online at

https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/6296/donatio n.

The proceeds from this collection will be received by the Diocesan Centre from where it will be distributed to the affected regions

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.

#### 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



# 'It's apocalyptic right now'

May 14, 2021Faithcaritas, catholic, charity, church, covid-19, crisis, development and peace, donation, faith, health care, hospital, India, pandemic, priest 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 Caritias 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) 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.