

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



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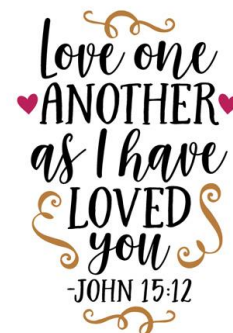
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"We are called to nurture Life and Spirit"



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 9, 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

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 ~ St. Damien of Moloka'i

Tuesday ~ St. Fabius

Wednesday ~ St. Mercurius and St. Acilleus, St. Pancras

Thursday ~ **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Friday ~ St. Matthias, Apostle <><

Saturday ~ St. Isidore the Farmer,

VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Father's Footsteps:

6th Week of Easter
May 10– May 15, 2021

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

Monday: May 10: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM.
Visits to sick, Beaverlodge Hospital
Webinar Session

Tuesday: May 11 Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. CWL
Rosary for Peace at 9:30am.
RCIA Session

Wednesday: May 12: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM followed
by Novena
10:30AM - Holy Eucharist for inmates of Hythe
Continuing Care
Visit to hospital

Thursday May 13: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
RCIA Session at St. Mary's school
Webinar Session

Friday May 14: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
Sacramental preparation
Communion to the Sick and house bound.

Saturday May 15 Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM
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 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!**



MAY 13:
OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**"Say the Rosary
every day to obtain
peace for the world.
And after each decade say
the following prayer:
'O my Jesus,
forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of
Hell, and lead all souls
to Heaven, especially
those who have most
need of Thy mercy.'"**

**- Our Lady to the
3 children of Fatima**

- Catholics striving for Holiness -



**Pray the Rosary
to End Abortion**

St. Mary's Parish Annual Walk for Life



Sunday May 16, 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 each site. 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

“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

Easter House Blessing

Please contact Fr. Michael to schedule your house blessing at:
780-814-3471 or by e-mail:
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The week of May 9-16th has been declared National Week for Life and the Family.

“Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life”

Families today face many challenges. Life is not always easy but with God all things are possible. The Church, as God's family, is a privileged place of encounter between God and humanity.

The family is a little church—a domestic church. It too is special place where God meets his people.

As the domestic church, the family is by its very nature evangelistic. Through the grace of baptism, members of the family become missionary disciples. The family as a domestic church bears God's presence in the world and is a sign of hope and life.

“Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life” – Every Christian family is called to be a “little church”. As a domestic church, the life of a family is centered on God's saving love.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christian families witness to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Vivified by the Saviour's

presence, the Christian family becomes a sign of hope and life to

those who most need it. In this way, the family, living as a domestic church, is a manifestation of our loving Father's providential care for humanity. Please visit: ccc.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/





*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.

Catholic Education Week May 9-16 ~ World Catholic Education Day Thursday, May 13

A PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Father, Thank you for all those men and women who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. We give thanks for the invaluable work of all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; support staff, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, governors and chaplains. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and we pray that they may continue to work in support of our schools. Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our Catholic schools. Help us to pray without ceasing, to work without wavering and to give without grudging in order to ensure the future of Catholic education for all of our children We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord, Amen.

Pastor's Appeal

Dear Parish Family,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health. We wish you all happy Easter. We pray continually that through this time of physical separation, your faith may be strengthened beyond measure and that your hearts may be filled with peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

It has been more than a year now since the world changed its face dramatically, due to the devastating effects of the pandemic. Despite this, as believers, we are deeply convinced of the grace and power of a loving God, and that God will act on our behalf, to end this period of constraints and lead us back to joy and happiness.

Your generosity is a tangible expression of unity in the Holy Spirit with our brothers and sisters in our parish community. We are very grateful for your support and your prayers as we face this together. Your supportis more than just generosity, it is a witness of the faith, the Christian faith of the Catholic Church. We do not expect anyone to give more than they feel they can, given these unusual circumstances. however, to the extent that you possibly can, we encourage you to support our parish communities.

The majority of donations to our parish come through the collection basket passed during Sunday Mass. These have virtually disappeared since public celebrations of the Mass were suspended on March 16, 2020

As your priest and fellow-believer, out of deep concern for the welfare of our church, I'm inviting you prayerfully to consider how you can continue to support your parish's mission. We're not a parish that can support big things, but we survive because of your generosity and good will. I know that these are financially challenging times. You may have lost your job, or your business viability may be threatened. Your savings may have been diminished by market conditions. And I understand that your primary financial responsibility is, of course, to your own home and family. I hope you'll understand that I still need to ask that you also remember your spiritual home, which is your parish.

There are several ways you can give to our parishes:

Use the Donate button on the archdiocesan /parish website to make your donation.

Use Pre-Authorized debit or Credit Card.

Use the 2021 envelopes for the coming year, which are now available for pick up in the entrance of the church.

Donations can also be mailed to parish offices or dropped off at the parish office's mail slot.

Peace and love. Blessings on you!

Fr. Michael Dias & PPC, PFC .St. Mary's Parish family, Beaverlodge

Below is a short summary of our parish finance situation.

St Mary's Parish Financial Update

April 22, 2021

Sunday Donations

Monthly Avg

Pre COVID 2019 \$8,100

COVID 2020 \$7,100

Year to Date 2021 \$5,200

Donations are significantly reduced due to COVID. We experienced a reduction of \$1000 per month in 2020 and a further \$2000 per month year to date in 2021 (total donation drop of \$3000/month since 2019).

We have reduced our costs by maximizing access to government programs, minimizing discretionary spending, completing repairs and maintenance through volunteer support and reducing salary through a temporary layoff. Most of the accounting and book keeping support in 2020 was completed through volunteer efforts. The diocese is helping us manage cashflow by deferring cathedraticum, clergy salary and priest retirement payments. In spite of these efforts, our expenses are exceeding donations by approximately \$2300 per month. At the end of March we are reflecting a shortfall of approximately \$6000. This will need to be offset with additional donations, fund raising and/or withdrawal from our reserves.

COVID has been extremely difficult for everyone and we are grateful for the generosity of those continuing to support the parish financially. In spite of COVID and reduced numbers at mass however, we still have significant expenses that must be paid each month. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions please contact any member of the Parish Finance Council.

St Mary's Parish Finance Council

Father Michael

Roger Loberg

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