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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 6, 2022

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S Church: Saturday 3PM, Sunday 11AM and 6:30PM

St. Mary's – Beaverlodge

Weekday Mass: Monday -Saturday: 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday immediately after Mass

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

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

School Mass

To be announced monthly.

St. Edmund's – Hythe

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

2nd and 4th Sunday Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 4:30 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: January, March, May, September, November on the 2nd Tuesday of these months –

5 PM

Parish Finance Council: As announced

Catholic Women's League: Beaverlodge: 1^{st} Wednesday – 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus: 3^{rd} Sunday – 10:00 AM

This Week

Monday ~ St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

Tuesday ~ St. John of God

Wednesday ~ St. Francis of Rome

Thursday ~

Friday ~ Friday of the First Week of Lent <><

Saturday ~ Saturday of the First Week of Lent

Father's Footsteps:

March 7 - 12, 2022

Monday March 7: Mass at 9:00 AM

Ministry outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities

Listening Session at St. Mary's School, Beaverloge at 9:45AM

Tuesday March 8: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM. Followed by CWL rosary for peace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for School children at 10:15 AM – 1:00PM

Ministry outreach

RCIA - Sacramental preparation First Nations 5:00 pm PPC Listening Gathering

Wednesday March 9: Mass at 9:00 AM.

Ministry Outreach Hythe Continuing Care at 10:00AM Ministry Outreach Hythe Piooner's Home at 11:20AM Visits to Sick and Housebound Horse Lake First Nation at 12:15Noon

CWL Meeting & Listening Gathering at 4:30PM

Thursday March 10: Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM

Ministry outreach – Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities

RCIA - Sacramental preparation 5:00PM First Nations **Friday March 11:** Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM followed by Eucharistic adoration.

Holy Communion & Visit to sick and housebound.

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Holy Eucharist at 6:15PM followed by Stations of the Cross.

Saturday March 12: Holy Rosary at 8:30 AM. Mass at 9:00 AM

Meeting

Sunday Mass celebrated on Saturday at 3:00PM Sunday Mass celebrated on Saturday in St. Edmund's Church, Hythe at 4:30PM

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.

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

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The Archdiocese GM Monthly Magazine

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"Northern Light"

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Feast Day of St. Joseph

There will be a Solemn Mass celebrated by Archbishop Pettipas to mark the



Closing of the Year of St. Joseph

Date:

March 19, 2022

Place:

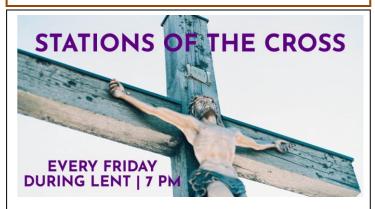
St. Joseph's Church Spirit River, AB

Time:

11 am

Job at the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is seeking a Youth Minister to direct and coordinate a strong, faith-filled youth ministry aimed at helping youth grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The position is based in Grande Prairie and requires travel across the archdiocese. See all the details on the website: https://archgm.ca/job-opportunities/.



Celebration of the Mass at 6:15pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross Host Schedule:

March 4, 7:00 pm.....K of C

March 11, 7:00 pm.....CWL

March 18, 7:00 pm.....St. Mary's School

March 25, 7:00 pm.....PPC

April 1, 7:00 pm.....PFC

April 8, 7:00 pm...... Development and Peace

Ukraine Emergency Response

If any of you wish to offer financial assistance to the Ukrainian people who are now facing difficult decisions and finding themselves in great need, the following aid agencies have partners on the ground who can get supplies to the needy:

- CNEWA (The Catholic Near East Welfare Association)
- Development & Peace (https://www.devp.org/en/)

Let us pray for peace in Ukraine ~Archbishop Gerard Pettipas

Ash Wednesday Collection 2022

This year the collection will go to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, for reconciliation programs for Indigenous communities within our archdiocese, especially for healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; and dialogue promoting Indigenous spirituality.

See the Archbishop's letter on this CCCB initiative at https://archgm.ca.

Development and Peace:

a movement of solidarity



Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, People and Planet First, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse. To learn more about and to join our movement, visit devp.org.

Retrouvaille - Help for Struggling Marriages

Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages! Is your marriage in crisis? Communication problems?

You are not alone <u>helpourmarriage.com</u> 587-598-4357, info@helpourmarriage.ca

Next Edmonton Retrouvaille Program

starts: March 18-20, 2022

March 6, 2022 – First Sunday of Lent Readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Psalms 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Romans 10:8-13 Matthew 4:4B Luke 4:1-13

"[W]e cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression."—

Deuteronomy 26:7

Metanoia: a journey to change our hearts and ways

The season of Lent is a time for us to change our hearts, our ways and our minds and to focus them on Christ. During this first week of Lent, the scriptures speak to us of the temptations and desires of this world, our human frailty, and our need for Jesus in our lives to help us fight the obstacles presented by Satan.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of the greatness and goodness of God manifest in His Creation and through "signs and wonders" (Deuteronomy 26:8). Moses also calls them to remain steadfast to God's plans and reminds them that the "Lord heard our voices and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression" (Deuteronomy 26:7). If God can see all this pain, suffering, and oppression, should we not also see those of our sisters and brothers in the Global South?

Pope Francis reminds us that we must be aware of the "signs of the times." This includes being attentive and proactive in responding to the cries for change of all Creation. In the ongoing People and Planet First campaign, we continue to respond to the needs of those in the Global South, notably in Cambodia, Madagascar and Honduras.

Many Indigenous communities, lacking proper land titles, find their territories encroached on by business. In the same way that the Israelites were oppressed by the powerful, many Indigenous communities in the Global South are oppressed by corrupt or unsympathetic governments and enterprises that unscrupulously exploit the land and the people. In the spirit of ecological conversion, let us ask God to enter our hearts, so that we may see the afflictions and oppression of those who suffer and act to alleviate them. As a psalm arranged by Marty Haugen beautifully beseeches, "Be with us Lord, when we are in trouble."

Akin to the spirit of ecological conversion is the metanoia that this Sunday's Gospel invites us to experience. "Metanoia" is a Greek term that describes a spiritual conversion resulting from changing one's way of life toward Christ. In the Gospel, we are reminded of metanoia as Jesus denounces worldly temptations. In the first temptation, Satan askes Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. Jesus's reply, "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4), reminds us that we need more than material things on this Earth. In Canada, many of us rarely ask where our material products come from; and many in the Global South become victims of unconscious consumption. Because it does not sustainably and equitably value the labour of people in the Global South, our hyper-capitalist consumption degrades the dignity of the human person. At what cost do our material products come? And have they become more important than the love for our neighbour?

With a spirit of stewardship, let us build within us an ecological conversion. Let us turn our minds and hearts to reducing and reversing the harms caused by our capitalist consumption with a view to putting People and Planet First.

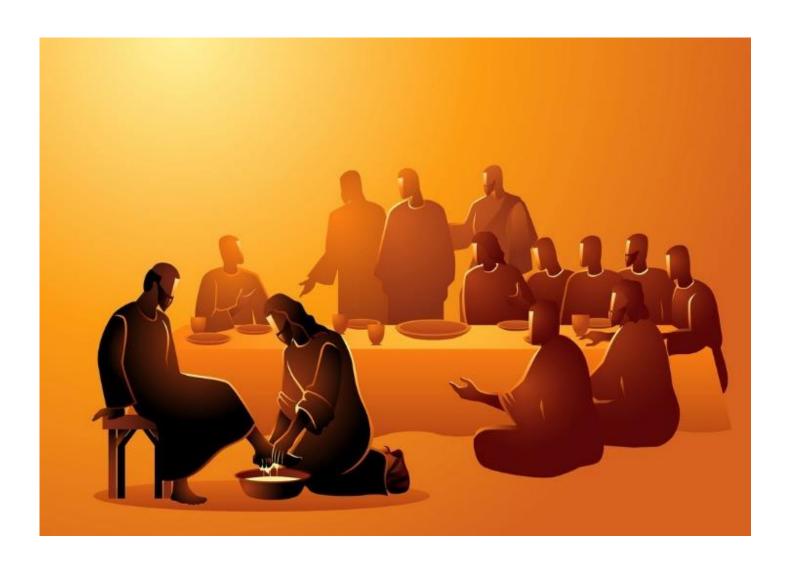
Sisters and brothers in Christ, may we be guided by the Holy Spirit in the desert of our lives to better discern our actions, and to resist the temptations of structural sin. For the love of God, may we make righteous decisions; denounce temporary worldly passions; pursue what is just; and value and uplift the dignity of our neighbours. *Author: Jason Cegayle, Animator for Manitoba and Thunder Bay, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada*

From Parishioner to DISCIPLE

Lenten Workshop with Fr. Ed Eherer

Jesus began his mission to the world by first calling ordinary men and women to become disciples. What began on the shores of Galilee two thousand years ago continues today. Our Lord is calling each of you to embrace your vocation as a disciple in today's world. How do you make the transition from "mere parishioner" to "committed disciple?"

LENTEN WORKSHOP SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2022 10AM – 12 NOON ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BEAVERLODGE





You Are Invited

Pope Francis wants to better understand the experiences of people from all walks of life and faith backgrounds including people who are outside what we think of as mainstream Catholicism. He is asking us to share our personal experiences with the Church through a process of listening gatherings.

Your involvement with the listening gatherings would be very much appreciated and is essential to understanding how God is calling us to live our faith now.

Please take the time to join us at one of the following gatherings so that your voice can be heard.

Our Parish is hosting the following listening gatherings either in person or via ZOOM: February 21:

Monday at 7:00PM - St. Edmund's Church, Hythe

February 28th, 2022 @7:00pm ZOOM meeting (see link)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82704198114?pwd=WUw5VWpVSHhiYVp1TIY4bHVJRGVlZz09

March 3rd, 2022 @ 7:00 pm ZOOM meeting (see link)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957553368?pwd=UnF0UDJIOCt2R0xGRjNSemZFMmpEdz09

March 9th, 2022 @4:30pm CWL meeting but all are welcome to come

To confirm your attendance at the Zoom meetings please contact Brenda Yamkowy @ yamkowy@gmail.com or 780-518-6274

If these times do not work for you please contact Brenda Yamkowy- 7805186274 to find a time that works for you.

Fundamental Question

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together": How is this "journeying together" happening today in your particular Church?

This question is a starting point for you to think about and share your own experiences in and with the Church. Some things to think about in answering this question are:

- How do you think you have journeyed with others?
- What are specific events or interactions that capture your feelings about the faith and the Church?
- Who has inspired you to start or continue your faith journey?
- What have been your highest and lowest points on your faith journey, and how has the Church been a part of that?