

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



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"We are called to nurture Life and Spirit"



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, January 15, 2023

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH:

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 after 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 4:30 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: 1st Wednesday – 7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus: 3rd Saturday – 2:00 PM

THIS WEEK

Monday: St. Berard & companions

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: St. Prisca

Thursday: St. Canute

Friday: St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Saturday: St. Agnes

Father's Footsteps:

Father's footsteps: Jan. 16 – Jan. 21, 2023

Daily Rosary at 8:30 am. Mass at 9:00AM.

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Monday Jan. 16: Mass at 9:00AM

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities

Altar Server's training at 2:00PM – 3:00PM

Tuesday Jan. 17: Mass at 9:00 AM

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities

Theology of the Body at 5:00PM

Wednesday Jan. 18: Mass at 9:00AM

Ministry Outreach Hythe Continuing Care at 10:00AM.

Hythe Pioneer's Home at 12:20Noon

Visits to Housebound and sick – Horselake First Nation

Ministry Outreach - Pearson Home, Hythe

Thursday Jan. 19: Mass at 9:00AM

Ministry Outreach Rio-Grande

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities

RCIA Sacramental preparation First Nations

Theology of the Body at 5PM

Friday Jan. 20: Mass at 9:00AM followed by Eucharistic adoration

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities

Sacramental preparation

RCIA Sacramental preparation

Saturday Jan. 21: Mass at 9:00AM

Retreat for grieving families

Sunday Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Rio Grande at 7:30PM.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Father will be available for confessions on weekdays half an hour before Mass and upon request. If there is a requirement Sunday's after Mass.

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

November 2022 Collections

Ordinary Collection: \$3867.27

PAD: \$2301

Total Revenue: \$6168.27

Total Expense: \$13141.27

Net Income: -\$6973.07

YTD Ordinary Collection: \$66514.30

YTD Total Other Revenue: \$29712.71

YTD Total Revenue: \$96227.01

YTD Net Income: -\$30652.22

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to your church

Looking for Volunteers and Donations

We need volunteers to assist in organizing activities for children every month. The monthly activity will take place after Youth Mass and will coincide with our monthly Potluck

We are also looking for donations of chocolate bars, candies, and/or any other articles to donate for children's activities.

If you are interested, please contact parish office/Fr. Michael.

St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton

Come and See weekend

January 27-29, 2023

Men who are open to discerning religious life and the priesthood are encouraged to join for this weekend.

On Jan. 30, the vocation directors and formation team at St. Joseph's will also be hosting a conference.

If you would like to learn more or register, please contact the archdiocese's vocations director Fr. Michael Uso-Ereyi at archgm vocations@gmail.com."

CWL Membership Renewal

2023 membership fees are now due in the amount of \$39.50 (First increase in over 10 years)

Please see Jeannine to pay your dues. 😊

Altar Server Training

January 16, 2023

2PM-3PM

St. Mary's Church



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) is an annual ecumenical celebration which traditionally takes place between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul) in the northern hemisphere. In celebrating the WPCU, Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians.

Those who wish to pray privately may find the material in the "Eight Days of Prayer" resource helpful for focusing their prayer intentions. They can be mindful that they are in communion with others praying around the world.



Retreat

Too Deep for Words



A day of reflection for men and women who are experiencing loss and grief

Saturday, January 21, 2023
10AM-4PM

St. Mary's Church Hall, Beaverlodge

Maximum Capacity of 15

Lunch and refreshments will be provided

Call Parish office to register 780.354.2415

Please pick-up a brochure

Opportunity to Donate!

Looking for household items for a Christian Pakistan refugee family who will be arriving in Grande Prairie.

If you can help, or need more info please contact Mia at 780.933.5478 or call the parish office at 780.354.2415

January 2023

Dear Parishioners, Clergy, Friends and Anyone who's interested,



I used to write a monthly letter to the Archdiocese. At the time I became the bishop of this diocese, there was little other communication coming from the bishop. There was a periodic newsletter that one of the Sisters would distribute -- thanks be to God at least for that. But nothing from the bishop. I decided to change all that, and so for many years, I penned two pages almost every month of the year. We engaged Maureen Fisher and then Allan Forsberg part time to watch over the web page and try to elicit news and events from around the archdiocese, so that we might all know what's happening. It's when we hired Kyle Greenham, with a recognized background in communications, that things started happening in a big way. In time, I saw little need for my monthly letters. Communication was happening in new and improved ways.

Well, now I'm being told to start writing a regular letter again. So I will. I don't want to duplicate what you're getting through other channels. What I intend now is to write four times a year, roughly every three months. This will be news and comments from my point of view. Beginning today. Here goes ...

Camp St. Martin.

Youth ministry around our vast archdiocese has been a challenge. One success story, however, has been Camp St. Martin. When Denis Blanchette returned home from the Legionnaires of Christ in Ireland, we just happened to be looking for a youth minister. Denis had been doing youth ministry with the Legionnaires, and the model of youth ministry that he was used to was summer camp. As Denis began to shape his ministry, its focus was a summer youth camp. He located Camp Artaban, on the shores of Lac Cardinal just north of Grimshaw, and began to develop

what has become a popular experience named after the principal patron of our archdiocese, St. Martin of Tours. The program was further developed by our next archdiocesan youth minister, Jocelyne Garant. Several others helped Jocelyne develop what has now become Camp St. Martin. This is a living program, so it grows and develops and changes somewhat each year, but the philosophy is the same: provide young people with a strong experience of faith, fellowship and fun out in the woods near a lake. What could be better?

Plans are moving ahead for Camp St. Martin this summer. The leadership team that we have put together is made up of Father Eucharius, Father Emmanuel, April Fogle and RJ Mallannao. They're the leadership team – there will have to be plenty of others engaged in this endeavour. I leave it to the leadership team to propose the senior and junior counsellors and other workers for camp. Keep your eyes and ears open for other details as these become available.

Church Fully Alive!

Another project that engages me and several others right now is what I call Church Fully Alive! We're facing some real challenges right now in our faith community. Due to several factors, our parishes and the archdiocese as a whole is struggling with diminishment. Some of this is due to COVID19 and the lasting effects of the pandemic. But it's more than that. We have fewer parishioners in the pews on Sunday, smaller collection results, fewer people who are fully engaged in the life of the Church. I want us to reflect on and try to address in ways that are proper to our time and place our need for what I call three "currencies": time, talent and treasure. The end game is for more of us to be more fully engaged in the Body of Christ, the Church. He calls us to be intentional disciples.

A first exercise in this process is "synodal sharing sessions" that I and Kevin Walker (my partner in this endeavour) are having, one session per deanery. During this month of January and into the very beginning of February, we're meeting with priests and people by deanery. (Let me just remind you that we have five deaneries in our archdiocese. These are five geographical clusters of parishes around our archdiocese.) We call on every priest to bring with him two lay faithful from the communities that he serves, to take part in a sharing session. We follow the synodal practice that Pope Francis is promoting in the universal Catholic Church, as a means of spiritual discernment. We've already had a few of these deanery sessions; more are planned in the coming weeks.

First Annual Archdiocesan Report

A few months ago, we published and distributed our first annual report on the archdiocese. This was chock full of statistics, photos, stories, financial graphs and reflections by me and others about our diocese. It's meant to be a snapshot of where we're at in our "local Church" (this is how the Vatican describes a diocese). All the material is taken from 2021, which is the latest year for which we have numbers of the faithful, Catholic schools, sacraments received and financial income and expenditures. This first report got rave reviews! Several people told us, "This is wonderful! We've always wondered about these things – you've given us all we wanted to know, under one cover! Thank you so much!"

We intend to do this every year, so this coming fall watch for our next annual report, this time for 2022. Let us rejoice in all that almighty God gives us.

Pope Benedict XVI

The faces of the Bishops of Rome (this is another term for the Pope) have been in our media and our thoughts and prayers a great deal this year. The visit (pilgrimage of penance) of Pope Francis brought him in July to Canada, but more precisely to our Province of Alberta. The visit itself and his words of apology to Indigenous Peoples of Canada were truly historic. Many of us "were there". Even though other Catholic leaders have expressed apologies over the past decades, there was an urgency to hear this from the Pope ... truly an expression of the honour and respect with which he is esteemed. The theme of his visit, "walking together", has been taken up by the Canadian Bishops' Conference as the spirit of future relationship building in Canada. Our beloved Pope Benedict XVI passed away on New Year's Eve, December 31st. A man of deep faith and confidence in the love of God for every person, Pope Benedict guided the Church through some stormy waters in his term as supreme pontiff (the word "pontiff" means "bridge builder"). He contributed greatly to the discussions and drafting of conciliar documents at Vatican II. As prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and later as Pope, he worked tirelessly to present an honest "hermeneutic of continuity" between the honoured traditions of the Church and the mission of the Church to evangelize the current society. Thank you, Lord, for giving us such noble and courageous leaders!

Most Rev. Gerard Pettipas, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan