

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



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**"We are called to nurture Life and Spirit"**

*Love*

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

**MASS TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH:  
Sunday 11AM and 6PM**

**St. Mary's – Beaverlodge**

**Weekday Mass:** Monday –Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Friday immediately after Mass

**Sunday Mass:** 11:00 AM and 6:00 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

**Youth Mass**

October 1, November 5, December 10, 2023. January 14, February 4, March 3, May 5, 2024.

**School Mass**

As announced.

**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 4:30 PM

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:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month – 5 PM

**Parish Finance Council:** As announced.

**Catholic Women's League Beaverlodge:** First Saturday of each month at 10 AM, Church meeting room

**Knights of Columbus:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 2:00 PM

## This Week

### Christmas Octave

Monday ~ **NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Tuesday ~ St. Stephen, Boxing Day

Wednesday ~ St. John

Thursday ~ **HOLY INNOCENTS**

Friday ~ St. Thomas Becket

Saturday ~ Sixth day of Octave

## Father's footsteps Dec 25 - 31, 2023

### Monday Dec 25: Christmas Day

Christmas Dawn Mass at St. Mary's Church, Beaverlodge

- 11:00AM Christmas afternoon Mass at St. Edmund's

Church, Hythe - 3:00PM

Communion to the Sick & House bound.

**Tuesday Dec 26:** Requiem Mass at 9am, Ministry outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital & neighboring communities. Divine Renovation Session

**Wednesday Dec 27:** Mass at 9:00AM followed by Novena. Ministry outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital & neighboring communities

Ministry Outreach Hythe Continuing Care at 10:00AM.

Hythe Pioneer's Home at 12:20Noon

Visits to Housebound and sick - Horse Lake, Kelly Lake First Nation

**Thursday Dec 28:** Mass at 9:00 AM

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities. Sacramental Preparation Meeting

**Friday Dec 29:** Mass at 9:00AM followed by Eucharistic adoration.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00AM - 8:40PM

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge, Hythe and neighboring communities. Communion to the sick and housebound RCIA Session

**Saturday Dec 30:** Mass at 9:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:00AM - 8:40AM

Ministry Outreach, Beaverlodge Hospital and neighboring communities. Sacramental Preparation Sunday Mass celebrated on Saturday evening at St. Patrick's Church, Rio Grande at 7:30PM.

**Sunday Dec 31:** Mass at St. Edmund's Hythe 9:00AM (Regular Sunday Service)

Mass at St. Mary's Beaverlodge 11:00AM (Regular Sunday Service)

New Year's Eve Mass (Thanksgiving) at St. Patrick's Rio Grande 5:30PM. St. Mary's Beaverlodge - Thanksgiving adoration 7:00PM - 7:30PM followed by Thanksgiving Mass 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 Sundays after Mass. Holy Communion to the sick and house bond, Blessings: Available anytime upon request.

**BAPTISM:** Sacraments: Parents are required to complete a Baptism course for each of their children. Contact the parish priest/parish office minimum before 2 months for preparation and arrangements.

**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 2023 Collections

Ordinary Collection: \$6829.60

Other Donations: \$640.00

Interest Revenue: \$3201.49

Total Revenue: \$10,671.09

Total Expense: \$8,735.06

Net Income: \$1,936.03

YTD Ordinary Collection: \$78,939.75

YTD Total Other Revenue: \$7,527.93

YTD Total Revenue: \$87,657.88

YTD Total Expenses: \$99,302.83

YTD Net Income: -\$11,644.95


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Thank you for your generosity and commitment to your Parish family!

The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan is continuing their monthly magazine **Northern Light** for a third year. The magazine includes in-depth stories, photo spreads and features from Catholic communities across our region. It is a unique resource that is cherished by its readers - don't miss out!

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## BOILER Fundraiser

17,300.00 Raised

A **HUGE** thank you to all who have generously donated funds to help pay for the new heating system for our church! So far, we have collected **\$17,300.00!** The goal is **\$20,000.00.**

## We are almost there!!

## Passing Away of Rev. Sister Louise Blum (Holy Cross Sister)



1.27.1936 – 12.12.15.2023

Sister Louise, who also went by Sister Bernardino, has gone for her eternal reward on December 15, 2023. (in Montreal)

She taught school at St. Joseph in Grande Prairie, St. Mary's in Beaverlodge and at Hythe Elementary in the late 50s and 60s. She also worked with the people of Horse Lakes for several years and was well-liked for her kindness and compassion there. May her beautiful soul rest in peace.

In honour of her a requiem Mass will be offered here at St. Mary's Parish, Beaverlodge on Tuesday Dec 26, at 9:00AM. All are invited to join us in prayer. Our sincere condolences and prayers to Sr. Louise Blum's family especially her brother Sir Knight Jacob Blum.

Go here to see her obituary:

<https://www.magnuspoirier.com/en/obituaries/122733/sr-louise-blum>

## Celebrate the New Year with His Grace Archbishop Pettipas!

The Archbishop's Levee is coming up on January 1st, hosted from the chancery office in Grande Prairie. This event offers all people the chance to meet and converse with Archbishop Pettipas as we look ahead to 2024.

The office (10301 102 st, Grande Prairie) will be open to the public from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, with cake and refreshments provided. You may also join us before hand at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Grande Prairie, where Archbishop Pettipas will celebrate the 10:00 am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

## MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO BE HIS PRIEST?

*Are you or someone you know considering the priesthood? St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton is hosting a Come and See weekend from January 26th-28th. The Come and See is for all men (in Grade 12 or older) open to religious life. Learn more and see the registration form at [www.archgm.ca/comeandsee](http://www.archgm.ca/comeandsee)*

## Church Fully Alive: 'What return can I make to the Lord?'

With rising costs in insurance, utilities, and all other areas of life, our parishes are in need of more support than ever before.

The Archdiocese has prepared a new video with important messages from Archbishop Pettipas and parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan, addressing the financial health of our church communities.

See the video on YouTube or Facebook through the QR codes below, or visit [archgm.ca/churchfullyalive](http://archgm.ca/churchfullyalive)



## CWL Membership

Dues are Due!

\$39.50

Please pay Jeannine Wood

## Next CWL Meeting

January 6, 2024

10am

St. Mary's Church meeting room

## Donation Envelopes and PAD

Please pick-up a box of 2024 donation envelopes or a PAD application form for next year's Charitable donations.

Both are available in the church foyer.

*The annual livestreamed*

## Archbishop's Dinner

*will be held online on Friday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

*It will be livestreamed with special guests, a delicious meal and much more!*

*We will also host an online auction that will happen alongside the dinner. If parish councils, groups, businesses or individuals are interested in donating items for the auction, please contact your pastor or email [comdirector.agm@outlook.com](mailto:comdirector.agm@outlook.com).*

*Please stay tuned for further details on our upcoming Archbishop's Dinner!*



# St. Mary's Parish Christmas Schedule 2023 - 2024

December 24, Christmas Vigil Mass Places and Times  
St. Patrick's Church, Rio Grande at 5pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaverlodge at  
7:30pm, St. Edmund's Church, Hythe at 11pm

## December 25 Christmas Dawn Mass Places and Times

St. Mary's Church, Beaverlodge at 11am and St. Edmund's at 3pm

Oh come  
let us adore  
Him



Eve of the Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God  
New Year's Eve Mass

December 31, 2023

St. Patrick's, Rio Grande at 5:30pm

St. Mary's, Beaverlodge beginning with Adoration at 7pm followed by the Holy Mass at  
7:30pm

Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God  
New Year's Day Mass

January 1, 2024

St. Edmund's, Hythe at 9am

St. Mary's, Beaverlodge at 11am