



St. Mary's Parish

Dec. 11th and 12th, 2021

3rd. Sunday of Advent

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Office Hours:
Tues 8:00 – 4:30
Wed. 9:00 – 5:30
Thur 8:00 – 4:30
Fri 8:00 – 4:30
Closed Daily 1:00 – 2:00

Masses:
Tue-Wed 7:00p.m.
Thur-Fri 9:00a.m.
Sat - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:
Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30
1st Friday of the month 9:30 – 12:00

Mass Intentions for this Weekend

SAT. Dec.11	5:00 p.m.	Cindy Romans Father Marino Ray Romans
SUN. Dec. 12	9:00 a.m.	John Brummelhuis Sr. †
	11:00a.m.	All Parishioners
	6:00 p.m.	Vivian Valenzona & Ryan Sanchez

Up And Coming This Week

Mon. Dec. 13	No Mass
Tues. Dec. 14	7:00 p.m. Olga Gamracy AND Kathy Jungwirth †
Wed. Dec. 15	7:45 a.m. SJC-St. Jude's Chapel 7:00 p.m. Felix & Leah Paragas
Thur. Dec. 16	9:00 a.m. Beth Brown 7:00 p.m. Penetential Service
Fri. Dec. 17	9 :00 a.m. Larry & Renee Seitz
Sat. Dec. 18	5:00p.m. Hernani Bejemino
Sun. Dec. 19	9:00 a.m Sam & Marcy Perren 11:00 a.m. All Parishioners 6:00 p.m. Michelle Beujot and Adam Patterson

Pastoral Care of the Sick

We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all ill parishioners. Please notify the parish office if a family member is hospitalized. For Anointing of the Sick, please notify the priest of the parish. The hospital no longer asks what religion you are and therefore there will be no record when the ministers check. We do not want to miss anyone. Thank You.

Parish Staff

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saintmarysbrooks.com

****We ask that all information for the bulletin and anything that needs to be verbally announced during mass, be submitted in writing by no later than noon on Wednesday. Thank you.**

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
Dec. 18th & 19th 2021**

Greeters:

5pm – Cindy
9am - Carina
11am - Herve
6pm – Anna

Ushers:

5pm – Yzabel/Randy
9am – Earl/Carina
11am – Greg/Kim
6pm – Lynn/Fred

Sacristan

5pm – Mary Ann
9am – Denise
11am – Joeven
6pm – Janet

Audio/Video:

5pm –
9am –
11am –
6pm –

Lectors:

5pm – Karen/Christian
9am – Linda D/Pat B
11am – Pat W/Chris
6pm – Mona/Imelda

Eucharistic Ministers:

5pm – Juliana/Reg/Vanessa
9am – Cathy F/Ron
11am – Mary Ellen/Linda
6pm – Janet/Ruel

ALTAR SERVERS:

5pm – Spencer, Harper, Juliana
9am –
11am –
6pm –

Music:

5pm - Michelle
9am - Daina
11am -
6pm -

**Please find a replacement if
you are unable to fulfill your
scheduled duties.**

Welcome to our Parish Family

New parishioners are warmly welcomed to our faith community.
Please visit us at the parish office and register as a new member of our parish.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made **at least six months** in advance by calling for an appointment with the Parish Priest. The six months' notice is required to insure the proper paperwork can be finalized and guaranteed. There will be no exceptions. A marriage preparation course is **mandatory** in our Diocese.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered with the Parish prior to registering for Baptism. Baptism preparation class is mandatory and must be completed prior to booking a date for baptism. To book a date for baptism, **you must give two months notice.**

Catholic Schools

Holy Family Academy
403-362-8001

Christ the King
403-362-4767

St. Joseph's Collegiate
403-362-5989

St. Luke's Outreach
403-362-5030

**Prayer
Shawls**

Please call
Christine at
403-362-4796 or
Sylvia at
403-362-3849,
for prayer shawl
requests.

**Pre-Authorized
Giving**

If you wish to sign up for the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan, please fill out a form and submit it at the parish office. Forms are available by the office counter.

**St. Mary's
Prayer Chain**

If you would like to have someone added to the prayer chain for intentions or special requests, please call the parish office with the first name, intention, and how long you would like them on the prayer chain.

MAGAZINES

The magazines, in the magazine rack, in the front foyer are for sale. Please check the price list above the rack and pay for anything you would like at the office.

**We still need volunteers. If
you wish to sign up for a
ministry please call the
office 403 362-4466**

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation - "If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven." John 20:23

Eucharist - "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me." Luke 22:19

Confirmation - Then he breathed upon them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22



The Sacraments: Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation programs will be starting soon. If you have not registered your child please do so. To access the forms go to the web page saintmarysbrooks.com and click on “Sacraments”. Ages for Reconciliation and First Eucharist is Grade 2 and for Confirmation is 12 yrs, + (Grade 6). Please contact Juliana stombsacraments@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation 2021 – 2022 For Adults

If you are an adult looking to receive Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, or First Communion; or looking to learn more about your faith; RCIA is for you. RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for adults, is for adults who want to become a full members of the Catholic Church or learn more about becoming Catholic. Usually RCIA starts each fall. For more information, please contact Quin. QKleiboer@redeemer.ab.ca



Divine Mercy Daily

Meditation:

Jesus: **My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace** (*Diary*, 1485).

Soul: Your response.

Prayer Response: Dear Lord, help me to sit quietly with you during these busy, chaotic times and hand you everything in my life, the joys, the sorrows, and the loneliness. Please make my heart contrite. Amen

Sanctity of Life Corner

Prayer to end Legalized Abortion

Lord God,
I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know that there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
yet I rejoice that You have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to the pro-life movement,
And never stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protested,
And our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice,
Not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen! (taken from Association of Marian Helpers)

Please pray for an end to abortion and the court battle that is beginning in the U.S. to attempt to overturn Roe vs Wade (legalized abortion) and protect their most vulnerable. We have no protection for the unborn in Canada at any stage of pregnancy, but perhaps this battle will open minds and hearts in our government to remember to reconsider their grave decisions. You formed my inmost being, you knit me in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Thursday, December 16th, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Please join Fr. Marino and other priests to hear your confession.



CWL will be selling the 100th Anniversary CWL pins. They will be available at the office.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ADVENT PROJECT REMINDER



HOPE + PEACE + JESUS, OTHERS, YOU. + LOVE

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS YOUR INVITATION -TO HELP BRING SOME JOY TO OTHERS- BY PARTICIPATING IN THE CWL ADVENT PROJECT:

HAND CROCHETED OR KNITTED DISHCLOTHS AND KITCHEN TEA TOWELS, WILL BE COLLECTED IN THE CHURCH FOYER ON THE THIRD WEEKEND OF ADVENT,

DECEMBER 11TH AND 12TH.

AS REQUESTED BY SOME PARISHIONERS, WE ARE ALSO GRATEFULLY ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATIONS, IN LIEU OF DISHCLOTH AND TOWEL CONTRIBUTIONS.

ANY MONETARY DONATIONS (CASH OR CHEQUES) MAY BE PLACED IN THE DESIGNATED COLLECTION BOX, BEFORE EACH MASS, ON THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 11TH AND 12TH, THE SAME WEEKEND, AS THE DISHCLOTHS & TOWELS ARE COLLECTED.

THE DONATIONS OF DISHCLOTHS AND TOWELS, WILL BE ADDED TO EACH OF THE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, WHICH THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THEIR CLIENTS IN NEED, ON DECEMBER 21ST. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE DIRECTED FOR THE CLIENTS OF OUR LOCAL SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, PRAYERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ADVENT PROJECT.

Coffee with Father Chris! Explaining the Faith Series - Adult Catechism

Join us!! Bring your hot drink and let's learn together!

Sat. Dec. 11 Sacrament of Confession God's Gift of Mercy - (Part 1) 2:30pm
Sun. Dec. 12 - Confession What you Don't Know (Part 2) 3:00pm

Preparation for our Penitential Service on Thursday Dec. 16 at 7:00pm.

More info call or text Mona 403-793-5616 or Denise 403-376-0181

Here's what we've covered and where to find it if you would like to watch and learn at home:

1. **"The Mass Explained"** - Fr. Chris guides the listener in each step of the Mass, what every motion, every word leads to, the overwhelming gift God has given us in His Son Jesus Christ to **Calvary - The Eucharist**. *"At the moment of consecration, all the assembly is taken to the foot of Calvary, at the instant of the crucifixion of Jesus."* (taken from Catalina - *The Great Crusade of Love and Mercy*)
2. **"Meaning of Advent "** *points to ponder from Fr. Chris - the 3 comings - 1. in the flesh Jesus, 2. the present - the Eucharist 3. His coming again in glory; "See I make all things new" Rev. 21:5; Book of Revelation is "The Mass" -heaven is unveiled.*
3. **Return of Enoch** Sirach 44:16 **and Elijah** Malachi 4:5-6; Sirach 48:9; (Precursors of the 2nd Coming of Christ)



Christmas Mass Times

Dec. 24th 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 25th 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 31st 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 1st 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Dec. 24th 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Dec. 27th CLOSED

Dec. 28th CLOSED

Dec. 29th 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 30th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 31st 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jan. 1st CLOSED

Jan. 2nd CLOSED

Jan. 3rd CLOSED

Volunteers Needed:

Greeters

We are looking for volunteers to greet the visitors, and answer any questions they may have.

All that's needed is to be at the church about 30 – 45 minutes before Mass starts, stand in the foyer smile and say “Welcome to St. Marys”. Once Mass starts, your job is done.

Ushers

We are currently looking for ushers, particularly for the Sunday Masses. Ushers help parishioners find a seat, take the collection baskets around and up to the altar. Make sure the communion line moves along and hand out the church bulletin when Mass is ended.

Altar Servers;

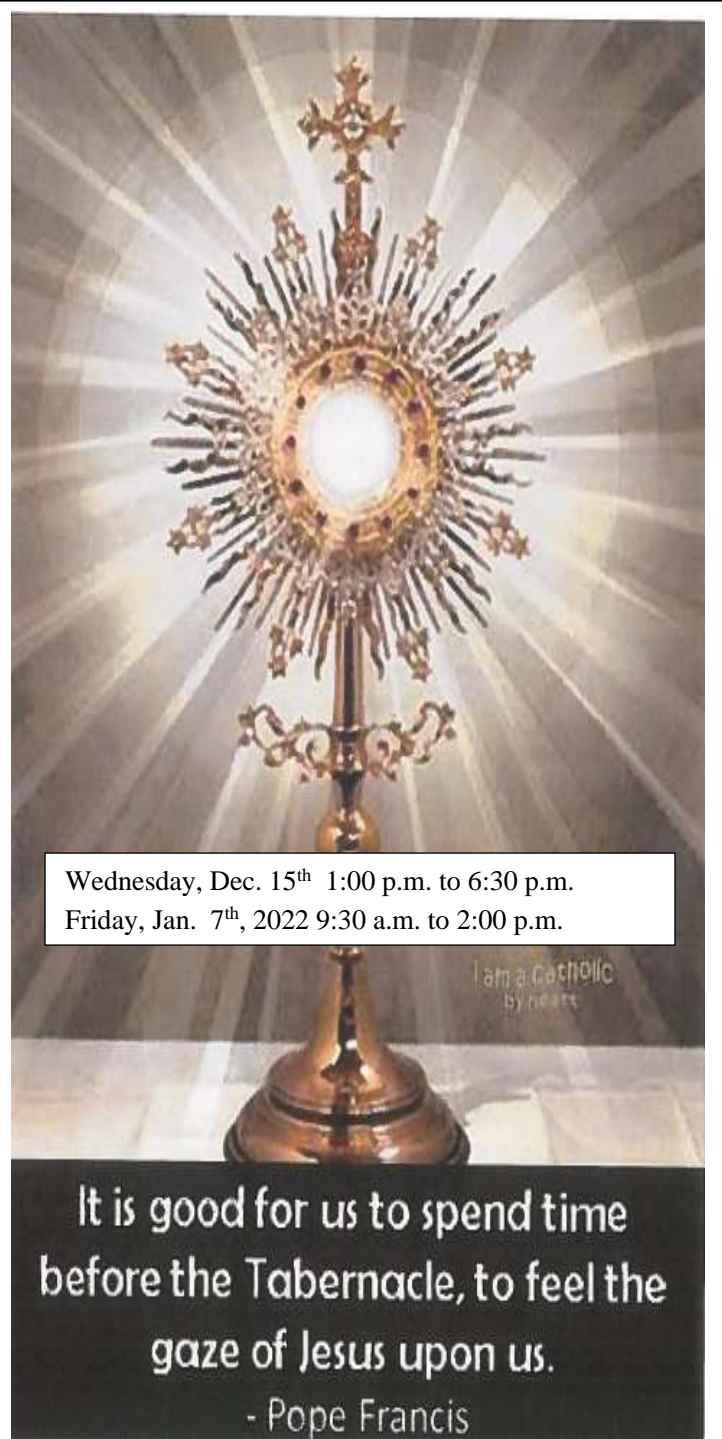
We are currently looking for altar servers. We will train.

Live Stream

We are looking for a few people to learn to live stream the Masses. If you are interested, please contact the office.

If you're interested in any of these Ministries, please call the office 403 362-4466.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



**First Friday and every third Wednesday of the month
Friday 9:30 to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday 1:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

2021-2023 Synod on Synodality Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth

and do what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Come Holy Spirit Come, enkindle within us the fire of your love, pour forth Your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.



#ListeningChurch

How have you experienced **WALKING TOGETHER** AS THE CHURCH?



People of God throughout the world are invited by the Holy Father and the Bishops to examine the way the Church has carried forward her work and mission in the world.

In the Diocese of Calgary, you will be able to participate in the Synod through your involvement in parish committees or groups, lay associations, Catholic schools, or online.

GET INVOLVED IN THE SYNODAL PROCESS

We are in the early stages of the local Synodal process. For more information and to sign up for updates on the Synod on Synodality in our Diocese

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SYNOD

What is a Synod?

"Synod" is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church which indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel.



PASTORAL DISCERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee has been established by the Bishop to facilitate and sustain the pathways for consulting the People of God during the Diocesan Phase of the Synod and for the continuing renewal of the Diocese

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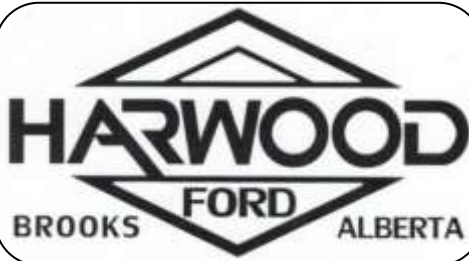
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