



WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 16 - 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of the Advent Season

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND

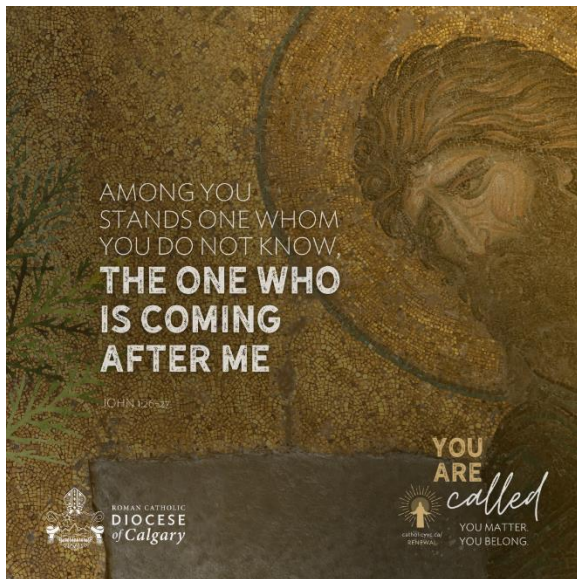
Saturday, Dec. 16 th	5:00pm	† Kathy Jungwirth
	*7:00pm	Paragas, Zenarosa, Nazarreia, Pillos, Gagarin, Dela Cruz, Javier, Caluya, Amerilla Family
Sunday, Dec. 17 th	9:00am	Staff & Students of CTK
	11:00am	All Parishioners
	6:00pm	Staff & Students of SJC
	*7:30pm	Kim Orich, Zenarosa Family

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday, Dec. 18 th	*6:00pm	Ken, Barrie, Richard & Danny Orich, Zenarosa Family
Tuesday, Dec. 19 th	9:00am	† John Francis
	*6:00pm	Alora Heinrichs & Tom Simon, Zenarosa Family
Wednesday, Dec. 20 th	9:00am	† Heidi Wetteskind
	*6:00pm	Kim & Reg Orich, Zenarosa Family
Thursday, Dec. 21 st	9:00am	Patrick & Elizabeth Brown
	*5:00pm	Amandeep Sidhu, Zenarosa Family
Friday, Dec. 22 nd	9:00am	Gay & Dennis Hemsing
	*6:00pm	Zenarosa Family, † Ron Favreau

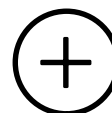
4th Sunday of the Advent Season + Christmas Weekend

Saturday, Dec. 23 rd	5:00pm	Greg Patterson
Sunday, Dec. 24 th	9:00am	Josef & Barbara Ginter
	11:00am	All Parishioners
Christmas Eve Mass	6:00pm	Denise Brown & Family
Monday, Dec. 25 th	9:00am	† Carol Schlachter
Christmas Day	11:00am	Kim & Reg Orich
	2:00pm	Christmas Day Mass at Tide Lake Mission
	6:00pm	Greg & Mona Patterson



In today's Gospel, the priests and Levites challenge John the Baptist, asking: "Who are you? What do you say about yourself?" John confesses he is not the Messiah, but that his life is a testimony to what God has done for us. We too would be wise to consider this all-important question - who are we? What do our lives say about ourselves?

- Harry McAvoy
Newmarket, ON



PASTORAL CARE + ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We are pleased to bring the Sacrament to all ill parishioners. Please notify the Parish Priest, if a family member is hospitalized. Please call and/or email the Parish Office.

Please provide the name of the person, location, room number and a contact number. We don't want to miss anyone. Thank you!

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 7:00pm
Thursdays & Fridays at 9:00am
Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm
Special Masses to be announced.

RECONCILIATIONS/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00pm - 4:30pm
Every 1st Friday of the month:
9:30am - 12:00pm
Or please call the Parish Office for appointments.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays to Fridays at 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed on Lunch breaks 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Closed on Mondays, Weekends and Special Holidays.
Ph: +1 (403) 362 4466



HOLY MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES (DECEMBER 23 - 25, 2023)

If you can't fulfill your schedule, please find a replacement and/or ask your respective ministry coordinator. We thank you for serving in the Holy Masses. May the blessings of the Lord be upon you!

USHERS

Sat. 5:00pm Earl W
 Sun. 9:00am Ken F, Del F
 Sun. 11:00am
 Sun. 6:00pm Earl W, Parmjit K, Carina S, Bev S
 Mon. 9:00am Parmjit T, Carina S
 Mon. 11:00am Pauline M
 Mon. 6:00pm

GREETERS

Sat. 5:00pm Bev S
 Sun. 9:00am Glen H, Merlyn H
 Sun. 11:00am
 Sun. 6:00pm Liboiron Family
 Mon. 9:00am Glen H, Merlyn H
 Mon. 11:00am
 Mon. 6:00pm

SACRISTANS

Sat. 5:00pm Juliana R
 Sun. 9:00am Lorraine S
 Sun. 11:00am Arlene H
 Sun. 6:00pm Denise
 Mon. 9:00am
 Mon. 11:00am Mary Ann N
 Mon. 6:00pm Juliana R

LECTORS

Sat. 5:00pm Bev S, Mona P
 Sun. 9:00am Colleen D, Terrie H
 Sun. 11:00am Chris N, Stefanie C
 Sun. 6:00pm Leah P, Chrisel A
 Mon. 9:00am Linda D, Austin L
 Mon. 11:00am Bev S, Chris N
 Mon. 6:00pm Mona P, Janet Z

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 5:00pm
 Sun. 9:00am
 Sun. 11:00am
 Sun. 6:00pm
 Mon. 9:00am
 Mon. 11:00am
 Mon. 6:00pm

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. 5:00pm Susanne B
 Sun. 9:00am
 Sun. 11:00am Sam
 Sun. 6:00pm William, Emmett, Jarene N, Rob H
 Mon. 9:00am Susanne B, Jacklyn, Arlene H
 Mon. 11:00am Sam, Ruby, Ave, Juliana R
 Mon. 6:00pm Juliana R

MUSICIANS + CHOIR

Sat. 5:00pm
 Sun. 9:00am
 Sun. 11:00am Ashleigh D
 Sun. 6:00pm Arvie D, MQP Choir
 Mon. 9:00am
 Mon. 11:00am
 Mon. 6:00pm

A/V + LIVESTREAM

Sat. 5:00pm
 Sun. 9:00am
 Sun. 11:00am
 Sun. 6:00pm MQP Choir
 Mon. 9:00am
 Mon. 11:00am
 Mon. 6:00pm

BE PART OF THE HOLY MASS, VOLUNTEER NOW! CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (403) 362 4466.



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: BROOKS + TIDE LAKE MISSION

PO Box 578 Station Main, 511 - 4 St W, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1B5
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 Phone: +1 (403) 362 4466 | Fax: +1 (403) 793 2571

PARISH STAFF

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Juliana Ragot (stmbsacraments@gmail.com)

RCIA Coordinator

Quin Kleiboer (qkleiboer@redeemer.ab.ca)

Caretaker

Manolita Baluyut

Website

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Academy	112 - 4 Ave, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0Z1	+1 (403) 362 8001
Christ The King Academy	440 - 1 St W, Brooks, Alberta T1R 1L7	+1 (403) 362 4767
St. Joseph's Collegiate	408 - 1 St W, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0V8	+1 (403) 362 5989
St. Luke's Outreach Centre	Bay 9, 1308 - 2A St, Brooks, Alberta T1R 0V5	+1 (403) 362 5030

REGISTER NOW!

To become a parishioner and to sign up for donations, please contact us at: (403) 362 4466.

HOLY SACRAMENTS

(Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage/Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders & Anointing of the Sick)

People who wish to receive any of the Holy Sacraments **must be a registered parishioner of St. Mary's Parish: Brooks + Tide Lake Mission.**

For Baptisms, **all requirements must be completed before booking a Baptism date. At least two months notice must be given** in order to complete all the requirements.

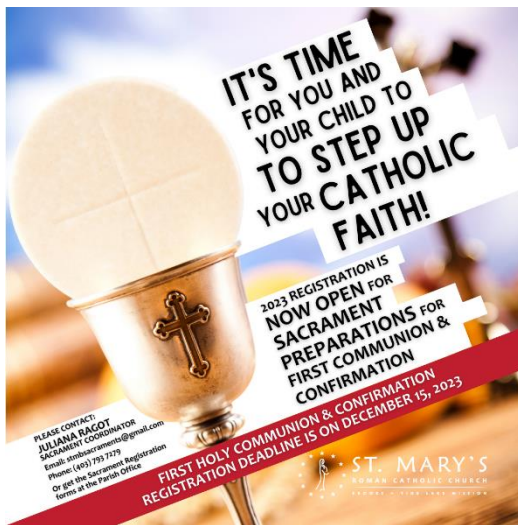
For Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, **all requirements, including classes/sessions must be completed to be eligible for Sacraments.**

For Marriages, **all requirements must be completed before booking a Marriage date. At least six months notice must be given** in order to ensure the proper paperwork can be finalized and guaranteed. There will be no exceptions.

For more information, including Sacrament Preparation classes and sessions (Baptisms, Reconciliations, First Communions and Confirmations), please contact;

Sacrament Coordinator - Juliana Ragot at (403) 793 7279, or email at stombsacraments@gmail.com

For those who wish to become a deacon, enter into priesthood, and for receiving the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the **Parish Office at (403) 362 4466, or email at pastor@saintmarysbrooks.com**



SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2023

The registrations for Holy Eucharist are being accepted at the church office. If your child has not yet started Reconciliation and they need it before they start Eucharist classes, you will have to wait until next year.

If you are already doing the Reconciliation classes, you will be already registered, unless you tell me otherwise. Classes will start in mid-February. **Deadline will be Dec. 15th. 2023.**

Confirmation classes will start mid-January. If they have received both Reconciliation and Eucharist, they just need to register for Confirmation and provide the dates of the previous Sacraments and certificates, if available.

If they are also receiving Eucharist in the spring, they will be in two classes, but different times. If you need the sponsor's certificate, please register and make a note of the need of the sponsor's certificate.

First Communion Registration Deadline is Dec. 15, 2023

How would you like to help young people grow in their faith?

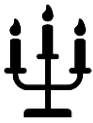
We are looking for Catechists to help with Eucharist and Confirmation sessions.

For Holy Eucharist, we have need of a Catechist for Wednesdays at 515-615pm. We also need a Catechist for Friday from 1230-130pm. The Holy Eucharist book is complete and comes with a manual to guide to lessons.

For Confirmation - our days are not set, but aiming for Thursday, finishing before 630pm. Other options might be available, depending on responses of kids, catechists, and space available.

Volunteer paperwork is required including parish registration. A good understanding of the Catholic faith and regular participation at Mass is a valuable asset.

Please contact Juliana at stombsacraments@gmail.com



ST. MARY'S PARISH: PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like us to offer continuous prayers for someone you know, please contact the Parish Office with their name, your special intention and for how long you would like them in the prayer chain. Thank you!



2024 DONATION ENVELOPES

It's almost end of the year, if you want to sign up to receive the 2024 Sunday Donation Envelopes, please fill out the Donation Registration Form and drop it off at the Parish Office.

If you have a 2023 donation envelope box and/or signed up on a monthly preauthorized donation, please let the Parish Office know if you want to continue donating in 2024.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish!



HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

May to December 2024 Mass Intentions are open! The Diocese of Calgary does not allow multiple intentions on a single Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office to get a Mass Intention schedule.



LIVING WITH CHRIST MISSALS + MISSALETTES

The 2024 Sunday Missals are now available for \$7.00/each at the Parish Office. The December 2023 missalettes are also available now for \$3.50/each and it comes with a Christmas 2023 missalette for free.



PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE

If you would like to get a prayer shawl, please call Christine at (403) 362 4796 or Sylvia at (403) 362 3849.



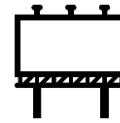
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CALGARY DIOCESE

There are a number of employment opportunities that are currently available in the Diocese of Calgary:

Calgary Diocese Parishes & Beyond:

- Assistant Coordinator (Casual)
- Feed the Hungry
- Ecclesiastical Tribunal Caseworker (Full time)

Visit www.catholicyc.ca/careers for more information and details.



WEEKLY BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT

Do you have a business and/or an organization that you wanted to advertise? Slots are open in our printed and digital Weekly Bulletin for only \$100.

Please contact the Parish Office and/or email us at accounting@saintmarysbrooks.com to get started.

Please note that this is only available to the current registered parishioners of St. Mary's Parish: Brooks + Tide Lake Mission.



USED STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Do you have used stamps laying around? Don't throw it out. A parishioner collects them to be sent to Calgary for Missions. Please bring your used stamps in the parish foyer. Thank you!



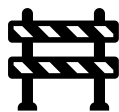
TOGETHER IN ACTION 2023 UPDATE

Our TIA Parish Goal for 2023 is **\$28,296.00.**

We've raised \$16,965.00 as of December 6, 2023.

Use your Together In Action envelopes and let us meet our goal again for this year!

We thank you for your continuous generosity to support the programs of the Calgary Diocese.



PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE

The Parish Foyer and the Parish Office areas have started the renovations. Please be careful when going close to these areas. Thank you!



Part One: With a Sinful Soul

Meditation:

The Goodness of God.

The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: **Come to Me, all of you.**

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.

Jesus: **Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to Me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish His graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.** (Diary, 1485)

Soul: Your response

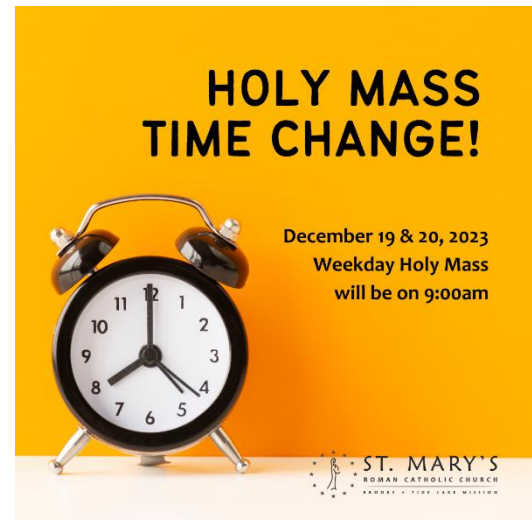
My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, reach out to us sinful souls. Take the first steps toward us. In our need and shame, we are afraid to approach You. So, please draw us with compassionate mercy to Your loving Heart.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*



Saturday Nov 4th 5 PM hosts God the Almighty
 Sunday Nov 5th 9 AM hosts Sunday Morning Crew
 Sunday Nov 12th 9 AM hosts The Knights
 Sunday Nov 19th 9AM hosts St Rose of Lima Group
 Sunday Nov 19th 11 AM hosts Parish Council & SSVP
 Sunday Nov 26th 9AM hosts Sunday Morning Crew
 Sunday Nov 26th 6 PM hosts Filipino Community
 Saturday Dec 2nd 5 PM hosts God the Almighty
 Sunday Dec 3rd 9 AM hosts Sunday Morning Crew
 Sunday Dec 10 9 AM hosts The Knights
 Sunday Dec 17th 9 AM hosts St Rose of Lima Group
 Sunday Dec 17th 11AM hosts Parish Council & SSVP
 Sunday Dec 24th NO COFFEE
 Sunday Dec 31st NO COFFEE
 DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED FOR
 ST. VINCENT de PAUL



HOLY MASS TIME CHANGE (Dec. 19 & 20, 2023)

Due to the Simbang Gabi: Christmas Novena Mass at 6:00pm, the Weekday Holy Mass on Dec. 19 (Tuesday) and Dec. 20 (Wednesday) is moved to 9:00am. Thank you!



Adoration + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays to Thursdays
2:00pm - 5:00pm
at the Adoration Chapel

Every 1st Friday of the month
9:30am - 2:00pm

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month
1:00pm - 6:45pm
at St. Mary's Parish, Brooks

ADORATION + EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come and spend time with the Most Blessed Holy Sacrament!

Every 1st Friday of the month:
9:30am - 2:00pm (Main Sanctuary)

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month:
1:00pm - 6:45pm (Main Sanctuary)

Tuesdays - Thursdays:
2:00pm - 5:00pm (Adoration Chapel)



Living with Christ

2023-2024 Sunday Missals are available now for \$7.00 each

December 2023 Missalettes are also available for \$3.50 each. A free copy of Christmas 2023 missalette is included.

Get your copy now at the Parish Office, while supplies last.

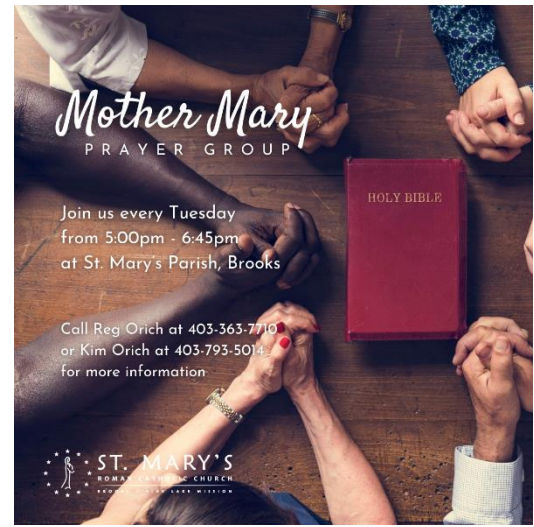


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Mother Mary PRAYER GROUP

Join us every Tuesday
from 5:00pm - 6:45pm
at St. Mary's Parish, Brooks

Call Reg Orich at 403-363-7710
or Kim Orich at 403-793-5014
for more information



MOTHER MARY PRAYER GROUP (Every Tuesday at 5:00pm)

Do you want to feel God's presence?

Do you want to experience God in different ways and know that He is there for you?

Come to all parts or some parts of the Mother Mary Prayer Group on Tuesdays. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 2-5 pm in the small chapel *you can come for 15 minutes, an hour or the whole time. Whatever you can do. Drop in! :) Praise and Worship: 5 pm

Mother Mary's Messages and Personal Prayer intentions for our families, our parish, our country and the world 5:30 PM

Gospel Study for Upcoming Sunday Mass: 6:10 PM

Praying the Rosary: 6:30 PM

Holy Mass: 7:00 PM

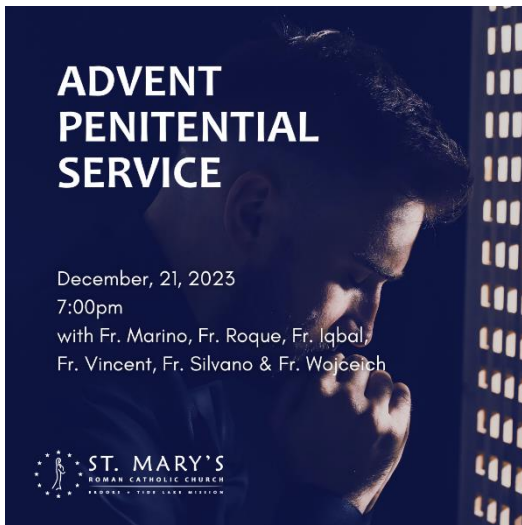
* Once a month we have a social/house gathering after Holy Mass

THINK ABOUT IT:

Our Faith is a gift which needs to be unwrapped, appreciated and used. Unwrap the gift of YOUR Faith and come to all or part of the Mother Mary Prayer Group. You are always welcome!

If you have any questions: call Reg Orich at 403- 363-7710 or Kim Orich at 403-793-5014

Do you need some personal prayer in any area of your life? Come and let us pray for you.



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

December, 21, 2023
7:00pm
with Fr. Marino, Fr. Roque, Fr. Iqbal,
Fr. Vincent, Fr. Silvano & Fr. Wojciech



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE (Dec. 21, 2023)

Let us start preparing for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ by confessing our sins and by asking God's forgiveness and mercy.

Join us in the Advent Penitential Service on December 21, 2023 at 7:00pm with Fr. Marino, Fr. Roque, Fr. Iqbal, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Silvano and Fr. Wojciech

COFFEE TIMES 2024

YOU ARE CALLED.
YOU MATTER.



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CATHOLICS

IN THE DIOCESE OF CALGARY
ARE CALLED TO



1

**FORM
MISSIONARY
DISCIPLES
IN CHRIST**

- INVITE OTHERS TO KNOW CHRIST
- TEACH THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS AND HIS CHURCH
- PRACTICE THE FAITH

2

**BE A CHURCH
OF ENCOUNTER
AND WITNESS**

- LISTEN TO OTHERS' LIVED EXPERIENCE
- WITNESS TO CHRIST IN WORD AND DEED
- LEAD WITH CHRISTIAN MERCY AND PASSION

3

**STRENGTHEN
FAMILY
LIFE**

- WELCOME FAMILIES TO A SACRAMENTAL LIFE
- ENGAGE FAMILIES AND YOUTH MEANINGFULLY
- ACCOMPANY PEOPLE AT ALL STAGES OF LIFE



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
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Jan 6	after 5 pm Mass	GTA
Jan 7	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
Jan 14	after 9 am Mass	Knights
Jan 21	after 9 am Mass	St Rose of Lima Group
Jan 21	after 11 am Mass	SSVP and Parish Council
Jan 28	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
Jan 28	after 6 pm Mass	Filipino Group
Feb 3	after 5 pm Mass	GTA
Feb 4	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
Feb 11	after 9 am Mass	Knights
Feb 18	after 9 am Mass	St Rose of Lima Group
Feb 18	after 11 am Mass	SSVP and Parish Council
Feb 25	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
Feb 25	after 6 pm Mass	Filipino Group
Mar 2	after 5 pm Mass	GTA
Mar 3	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
Mar 10	after 9 am Mass	Knights
Mar 17	after 9 am Mass	St Rose of Lima Group
Mar 17	after 11 am Mass	SSVP And Parish Council
Mar 24	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
Mar 24	after 6 pm Mass	Filipino Group
Mar 31	after 9 am Mass	CWL

ALL DONATIONS GRATEFULLY
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ST VINCENT de PAUL

Christmas + New Year

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023 at 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2023 at
9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY AT TIDE LAKE MISSION

December 25, 2023 at 2:00pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2023 at 6:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1, 2024 at
9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY AT TIDE LAKE MISSION

January 1, 2024 at 2:00pm

5th SIMBANG GABI

ST. MARY'S PARISH - BROOKS
CHRISTMAS NOVENA NIGHT MASSES

December 14 & 15, 2023 at 5:00pm

December 16, 2023 at 7:00pm

December 17, 2023 at 7:30pm

December 18, 19, & 20 at 6:00pm

December 21, 2023 at 5:00pm

December 22, 2023 at 6:00pm

All donated mass offerings for the benefit of
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

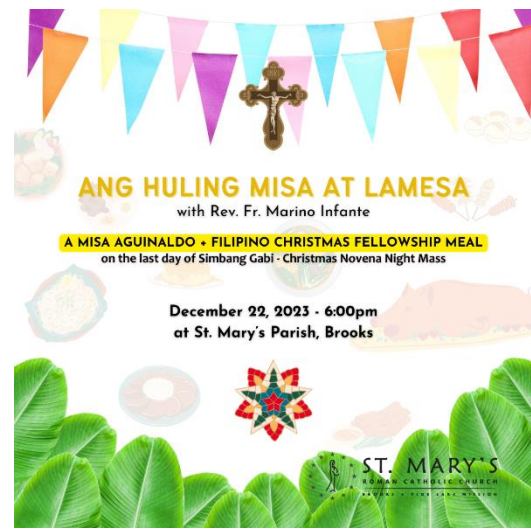
Holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates, & more delivered to your phone.

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TO 514-900-0130**

**OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT:
stmarysbrooks.flocknote.com**

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**ANG HULING MISA AT LAMESA
(Dec. 22, 2023)**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus in a festive Filipino way! Come and join us for the Misa Aguinaldo (last day of the Simbang Gabi - Christmas Novena Night Mass) followed by the Christmas Fellowship Meal on December 22, 2023 at 6:00pm.



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ADVENT PROJECT 2023

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

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S ADVENT PROJECT. MAY YOUR HEARTS *BUBBLE OVER* WITH JOY AS YOU EXPERIENCE THE GIFT OF GIVING DURING THIS SEASON OF ADVENT!

BOTTLES OF HAND SOAP AND DISH SOAP WILL BE COLLECTED IN THE CHURCH FOYER, BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND - NOVEMBER 25 & 26TH. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS (CASH OR CHEQUES –Payable to St. Mary's Catholic Women's League) MAY BE PLACED IN THE COLLECTION BASKETS, DURING WEEKEND MASSES. PLEASE CLEARLY MARK YOUR ENVELOPES: "CWL ADVENT PROJECT".

THE ADVENT COLLECTION BOX WILL REMAIN IN THE FOYER UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH.

THE DONATIONS OF SOAPS, WILL BE ADDED TO EACH OF THE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, WHICH THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, WILL DISTRIBUTE, ON DECEMBER 20TH, TO HELP BRIGHTEN CHRISTMAS FOR MANY OF THEIR CLIENTS. ANY MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ASSISTING THE CLIENTS OF THE 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 2023!!



**FOCUS
on CHRIST**

This Advent, Bishop McGrattan alerts us to be intentional, not to become indifferent and unaware of the very presence of God in our lives. Begin by reflecting on the Bishop's five questions in the article and step into the Advent season differently this year.

[READ NOW](#)

Faithfully
FAITH. LIVED. FULLY.

BISHOP MCGRATTAN'S ADVENT MESSAGE

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- Read the Bishop's Message

now:
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/focus-on-christ>



"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." Pope Francis

As we journey towards Bethlehem this year, **SSVP**(and friends) would like to share their gratefulness for your support, monetary donations and prayers. Join us the first 3 Sunday's of Advent for a time of learning, and sharing. Each Sunday's activity will begin at **3pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall** - light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

3rd. Sunday of Advent Dec. 17 - "Gaudete Sunday" the candle of **JOY**(Shepherd's candle) - takes us back to joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus. Today we will watch a teaching from Fr. Chris on the **Sacrament of Confession(Reconciliation)**, in preparation for our celebration of the Penitential Service on Thurs. Dec. 21.

4th Sunday of Advent Dec. 24 - **LOVE**(Angel's candle) we eagerly await the new kingdom of God on earth.

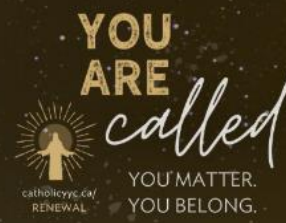
Lord Jesus, Master of both light and darkness, send you Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy see the joy of Your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To You, we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Fr. Henri Nouwen

**PREPARE OUR HEARTS
(Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 2023)**

Join us in this Advent Preparation!
Details are right here →

ADVENT MISSION

CALLED TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES
WITH SPEAKER PETER THOMPSON



**MON,
DEC 18
AT 7 PM**

God's love affair with humanity

**TUE,
DEC 19
AT 6 PM**

MASS + MISSION
Who do you say that I AM
~Mat. 16:15

**WED,
DEC 20
AT 7 PM**

His mercies never come to an end.
~Lamentations 3:22

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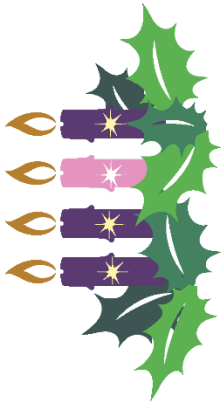
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BRING YOUR FAMILY CLOSER IN WELCOMING JESUS!



- SHOW AFFECTION**
Express what it is you love or admire in one another
- WORK AS A TEAM**
Grow closer through team work and by sharing household chores
- HAVE FUN**
Have fun as a family, be a source of joy for one another
- LISTEN**
Listen more, and learn how to take better care of one another
- CELEBRATE**
Celebrate Mass as a family; read, draw together, or talk with one another about stories in the Bible
- GIVE THANKS**
Thank Jesus for daily blessings; bless one another before each new activity with the sign of the cross on the forehead
- BE OF SERVICE**
Do something good for others as a family; help care of the poor, lonely and isolated

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 st Advent Sunday 3 	St. John of Damascus 4 	5 	St. Nicholas 6 	St. Ambrose 7 	The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 8 	9
2 nd Advent Sunday 10 	St. Dumasus 11 	Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 	St. Lucy 13 	St. John of the Cross 14 	15 	16
3 rd Advent Sunday 17 	18 	19 	St. Peter Canisius 21 	22 	23 St. John of Kany 	
4 th Advent Sunday 24 	25 Nativity of the Lord 		20 			

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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YOU MATTER.
YOU belong

COME, LORD
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US YOUR
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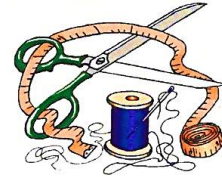


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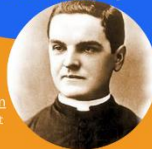
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