



WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 2 - 3, 2023

1st Sunday of the Advent Season

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND

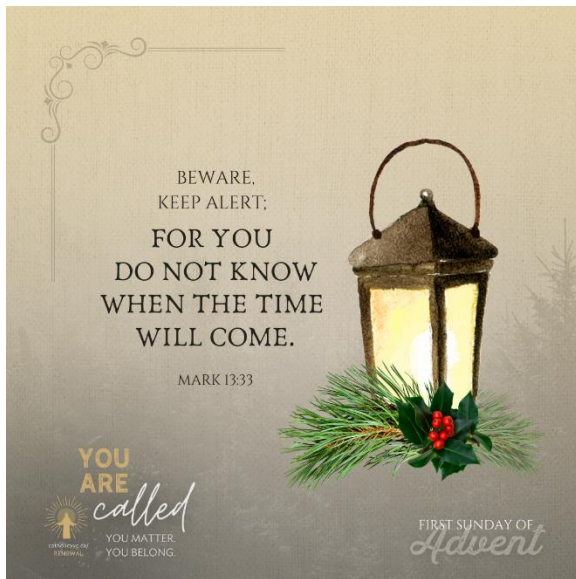
Saturday,	Dec. 2 nd	5:00pm	† Ed Buteau
Sunday,	Dec. 3 rd	9:00 am	† Phyllis Smit
			Jagdeep Singh & Herjoat Kaur
		11:00am	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	Joeven Nazarrea

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday,	Dec. 4 th		NO MASS + PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday,	Dec. 5 th	7:00pm	Kim & Reg Orich
Wednesday,	Dec. 6 th	7:00pm	† Ken Calvert
Thursday,	Dec. 7 th	9:00am	† Vicky Williams
Friday,	Dec. 8 th	9:00am	† Mike Orlita & Elaine Orlita

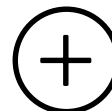
2nd Sunday of the Advent Season

Saturday,	Dec. 9 th	5:00pm	† Jet Bejemino
Sunday,	Dec. 10 th	9:00am	† Rebecca Musgrove
		11:00am	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	† Rebecca Musgrove



Keep awake. Be alert. These words in today's Gospel are clear and direct. But why are they shared with us at the beginning of the Advent Season? It is this question of readiness that is at the heart of the "reason for the season". We must be alert in order to answer the call to discipleship we have received, and be ready to account for our actions and decisions at the last judgment.

- John O'Brien, Oakville, 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 9 - 10, 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, Sylvia V
Sun. 9:00am Carina S, Parmjit K
Sun. 11:00am Luka S, Hayat L
Sun. 6:00pm Bev S, Liza B

GREETERS

Sat. 5:00pm Hilda F
Sun. 9:00am Liboiron Family
Sun. 11:00am Benjamin N
Sun. 6:00pm Analyn A

SACRISTANS

Sat. 5:00pm Denise B
Sun. 9:00am Lorraine S
Sun. 11:00am Arlene H
Sun. 6:00pm Joeven N

LECTORS

Sat. 5:00pm
Sun. 9:00am Colleen D, Terrie H
Sun. 11:00am Chris N, Kristina BH
Sun. 6:00pm Denise B, Imelda R

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 5:00pm Vanessa B, Wendy G, Jose P
Sun. 9:00am Lorraine S, Terrie H, Dawn M
Sun. 11:00am Arlene H, Ben G, Chris N
Sun. 6:00pm Joeven N, Mona P

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. 5:00pm Sam, Susanne B
Sun. 9:00am Renica, Rejiene
Sun. 11:00am Lordjynn Y, Ezra, Josephine
Sun. 6:00pm Carl, Virsey, JJ

MUSICIANS + CHOIR

Sat. 5:00pm Michelle G
Sun. 9:00am Daina R, Mark H
Sun. 11:00am Ashleigh D, Cindy G
Sun. 6:00pm Arvie D, MQP Choir

A/V + LIVESTREAM

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

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

Parish Priest + Administrator

Rev. Fr. Marino Infante (pastor@saintmarysbrooks.com)

Administrative Assistant + Bookkeeper

John Arvie Diaz (secretary@saintmarysbrooks.com)

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Juliana Ragot (stmbsacraments@gmail.com)

RCIA Coordinator

Quin Kleiboer (qkleiboer@redeemer.ab.ca)

Caretaker

Manolita Baluyut

Website

www.stmarysbrooks.com

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Danny Andres

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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.

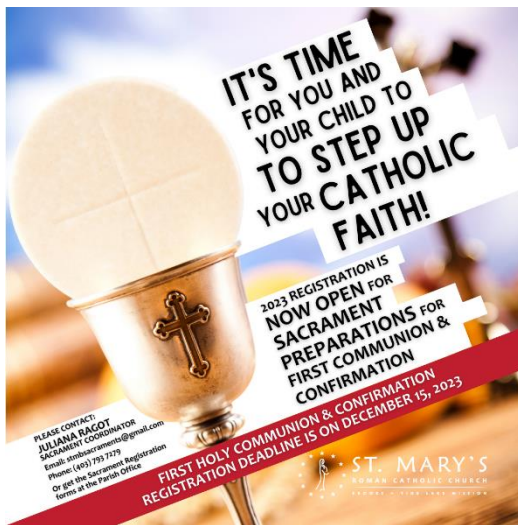
For Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, **all requirements, including classes/sessions must be completed to be eligible for Sacraments.**

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

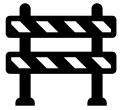
If you would like us to offer continuous prayers for someone you know, please contact the Parish Office with their name, your special intention and for how long you would like them in the prayer chain. Thank you!



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.

Thank you for generously supporting our parish!



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!



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.



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Our monthly Parish Financial Report for Parishioners will start this Winter 2023. Stay tuned for the upcoming report!



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.



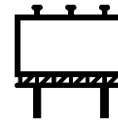
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CALGARY DIOCESE

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 \$14,365.00 as of October 4, 2023.

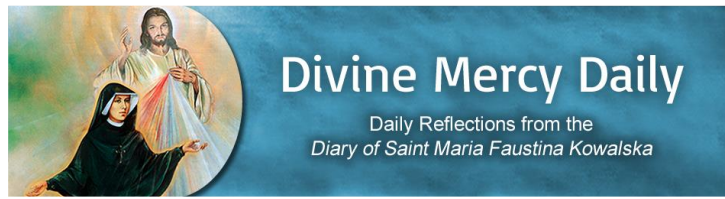
Use your Together In Action envelopes and let us meet our goal again for this year!

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



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.



Day of Mercy

Meditation:

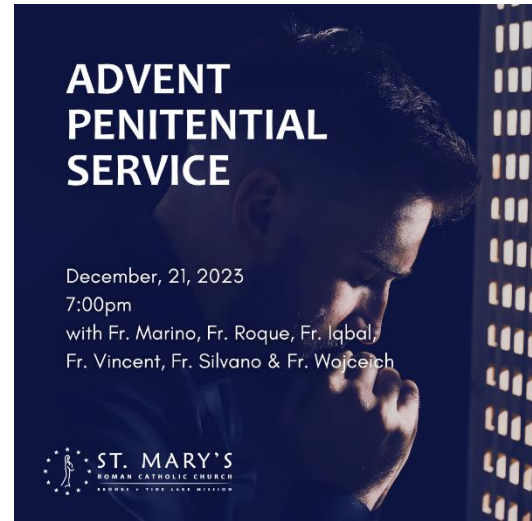
Today I heard the words: **In the Old Covenant I sent prophets wielding thunderbolts to My people. Today I am sending you with My mercy to the people of the whole world. I do not want to punish aching mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart. I use punishment when they themselves force Me to do so; My hand is reluctant to take hold of the sword of justice. Before the Day of Justice I am sending the Day of Mercy.** I replied, "O my Jesus, speak to souls Yourself, because my words are insignificant" (Diary, 1588).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for the "Day of Mercy" You announced to St. Faustina. As apostles of Divine Mercy, may we announce to the fearful people of the world Your mercy and Your desire to heal them and press them to Your Merciful 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 & SSVF
 - 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 & SSVF
 - Sunday Dec 24th NO COFFEE
 - Sunday Dec 31st NO COFFEE
- DONATIONS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED FOR SSVF EXCEPT FOR KNIGHTS BREAKFASTS**



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



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)

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



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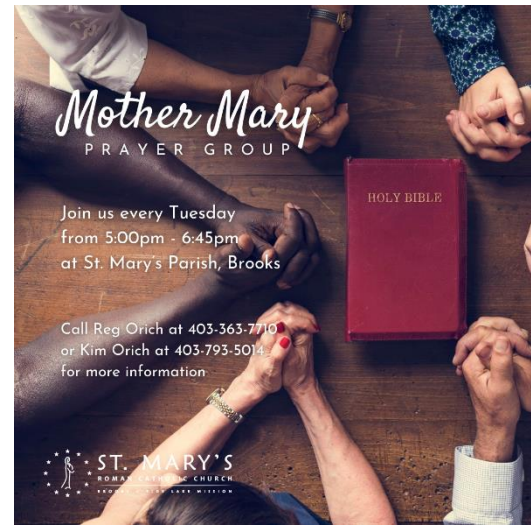


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Mother Mary PRAYER GROUP

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.



WELCOME HOME

HOW TO MAKE OUR PARISHES MORE INVITING



FR. TROY NGUYEN DR. LANCE DIXON DR. BONNIE ANNICCHIARICO

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 7
6:30 TO 8:30 PM**

Online - Zoom
Register at
catholicccyc.ca/renewal
or call 403-218-5521



You are the parish! There are not enough programs or resources in the world that will make your church more welcoming. No mission and vision statements can ever convey the actual experience of being cared for. It takes the whole parish to welcome others home.

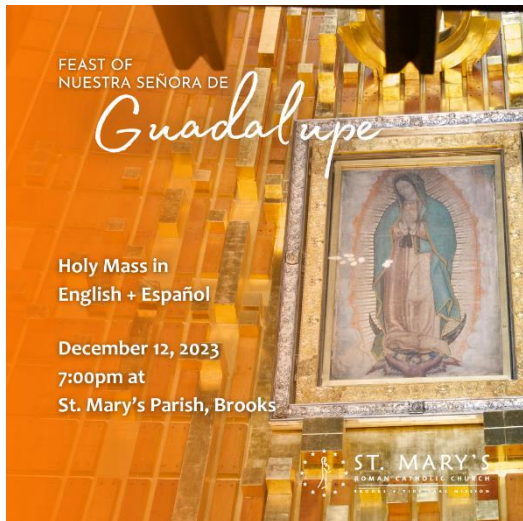
Join this exciting online session with Fr. Troy Nguyen, Dr. Lance Dixon, and Dr. Bonnie Annicchiarico as we explore ways to truly welcome others home this Christmas and throughout the year.

- When: Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Online Session via Zoom
- [Register here](#) or call Monica at 403-218-5521



**K of C: BREAKFAST SUNDAY
(Dec. 10, 2023)**

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday is back! Join us for pancakes and eggs this Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023 after the 9:00am Mass. There is no charge for this, but we are accepting a Goodwill offering to offset our costs.




**FEAST OF THE OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE (Dec. 12, 2023)**

Join us and celebrate the Feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe this Tuesday, December 12, 2023 starting with the 7:00pm Mass and fellowship meal after.


YOU ARE CALLED.
YOU MATTER.
YOU
belong

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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

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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)

Join us for our



Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 4th
Cocktails 5:00 - Order meal 5:30
at Montana's BBQ restaurant

119 - 15th Avenue Brooks, AB

Members will order their own drinks & meal off the menu.

Please RSVP to help us plan for seating.

RSVP by Saturday, December 2nd

Lorraine 403-409-3605 or reply on flocknote

ADVENT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sponsored by Catholic Women's League



"Having a Mary Heart During a Martha Season"



Guest Speakers: The Sisters of the Word

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

10:00AM – 4:00PM

\$15.00 – Lunch Included

Registration is open to all CWL members &
all women interested in growing in their faith

Call Louella at 403-502-6883 or Imberger@telus.net



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!!



ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA SOON? MAKE ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PART OF YOUR EXPERIENCE!

WHAT IS SJC?

St. Joseph's College is an affiliate Catholic college located at the heart of the University of Alberta, the province's premier research institution. Open to all UofA students, we support students in their development as whole people by offering university credit courses that explore the unity of faith and reason. Additionally, we provide a safe, inclusive community through our residences and campus ministry.



LIVE IN THE HEART OF CAMPUS

SJC has both a women's residence and a men's residence for any UofA student, located in the center of the University of Alberta.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St. Joseph's College is a rich mosaic of students, residents, parishioners, faculty, staff and board members who are all on a journey of transformation. Grounded in Catholic Christian faith, we are a sacred space open to all, where dialogue, learning and worship unify our community, including a daily lunchtime mass and a weekly student mass Sundays at 7pm.

EXPLORE OUR COURSES

St. Joseph's College offers in the Liberal Arts tradition over 70 courses in Applied Ethics, Philosophy, Religious Education and Theology that count towards your UofA undergraduate degree. We also teach specific courses in Religious Education for Faculty of Education students who intend to teach in Alberta Catholic Schools.

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CANADA, T6G 2J5



WHY SJC?

At St. Joseph's College, students are empowered to ask big questions, build lifelong relationships, and develop a faith that is authentic and personal. They go out into the world equipped with the tools and vision to contribute to the common good.

StJosephsCollege.ca

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

**TO SIGN UP, TEXT
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TO 514-900-0130**

OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT:
stmarysbrooks.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 514-900-0130 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at flocknote.com.

BROOKS GREENHOUSES
Craft Night
FUNDRAISER 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023
7:00pm - 9:00pm
at St. Mary's Parish Hall

Pre-register now at Brooks Greenhouses by November 28th.
Cost: \$50.00 Bring your own shears or knives, everything else are provided.

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

BROOKS GREENHOUSES' CRAFT NIGHT (Dec. 1, 2023)

Brooks Greenhouses will put on a fundraiser for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP). It will start at 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Participants can make either a fresh Christmas table centerpiece or a Grinch tree.

All profits will go to SSVP. The cost is \$50.00. You will need to pre-register at Brooks Greenhouses by Nov. 28th. Please bring a pair of shears or knives, all else is provided for. We will be serving snacks and refreshments.

Please call Brooks Greenhouses at 403-362-2738 for registration. Please come out and support this cause!



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

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

"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.

1st Sunday of Advent Dec. 3 - the first candle **HOPE** (Prophecy candle) takes us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of God's promises. We will watch a teaching from Father Chris Alar (Marian priest) on **"The Meaning of Advent"**

2nd Sunday of Advent Dec. 10 - the second candle **PEACE** (Bethlehem candle) recalls after all the division, destruction, and scattering of the kingdom in Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth - Jesus is coming!

Popcorn, a cool refreshment and a GREAT movie - "Father Stu - Reborn" Mark Walburg redid the show at the request of his Archbishop because of the "language". It will make you laugh, cry and be in awe of an amazing conversion. - a true story that can be watched over and over.

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.

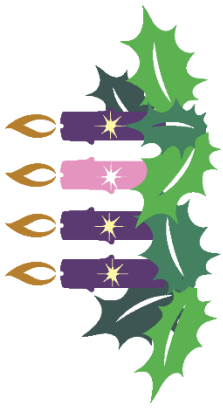
Today we will watch a teaching from Fr. Chris on the **Sacrament of Confession(Reconciliation)**, in preparation for our celebration of the Penitential Service on Thurs. Dec. 21.

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

ADVENT CALENDAR 2023

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 	St. John of Damascus 	5 	St. Nicholas 	St. Ambrose 	The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 	9 
2 nd Advent Sunday 	St. Dumasus 	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe 	St. Lucy 	St. John of the Cross 	15 	16 
3 rd Advent Sunday 	18 	19 	St. Peter Canisius 	21 	22 	St. John of Kany 23 
4 th Advent Sunday 	25 Nativity of the Lord 	MERRY CHRISTMAS!				

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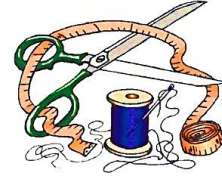


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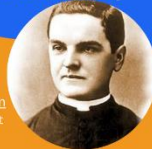
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