



WEEKLY BULLETIN

December 23, 2023 – January 1, 2024
4th Sunday of the Advent Season

Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND

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

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 26 th	7:00pm	Parmjit Kaur
Wednesday, Dec. 27 th	7:00pm	Leena Laku
Thursday, Dec. 28 th	9:00am	Lynne & John Stevens
Friday, Dec. 29 th	9:00am	Trena Ramsay

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph + Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, Dec. 30 th	5:00pm	† Hernani Bejemino
Sunday, Dec. 31 st	9:00am	† Marilyn Narcisco
	11:00am	All Parishioners
<i>New Year's Eve Mass</i>	6:00pm	Staff & Students of HFA
Monday, Jan. 1 st	9:00am	Abby Hickey, Trena & Larry Ramsay
<i>New Year's Day</i>	11:00am	Gay & Dennis Hemsing
	2:00pm	New Year's Day Mass at Tide Lake Mission
	6:00pm	† Clara Ramsay
Tuesday, Jan 2 nd	7:00pm	Yvette Chester
Wednesday, Jan 3 rd	7:00pm	Matthew Pyle
Thursday, Jan. 4 th	9:00am	Jayna Sturch
Friday, Jan. 5 th	9:00am	† Mike Orlita, Elane Orlita

****PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 25TH TO JANUARY 1ST FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK. THERE WILL NO WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NEXT WEEK.****

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



May you all have a joyful, loving, Christ-filled celebration of Christmas and an abundant, blessed New Year!

From Fr. Marino, the Parish Staff, the Parish Council, the organizational and ministry heads of St. Mary's, Brooks



HOLY MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES (DECEMBER 30, 2023 – JANUARY 1, 2024)

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
Sun. 9:00am
Sun. 11:00am
Sun. 6:00pm Earl W
Mon. 9:00am
Mon. 11:00am Pauline M
Mon. 6:00pm

GREETERS

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

SACRISTANS

Sat. 5:00pm Mary Ann N
Sun. 9:00am Juliana R
Sun. 11:00am Florence J
Sun. 6:00pm Florence J
Mon. 9:00am Denise A
Mon. 11:00am Mary Ann N
Mon. 6:00pm Janet Z

LECTORS

Sat. 5:00pm Bev S, Mona P
Sun. 9:00am John dJ, Austin L
Sun. 11:00am Chris N
Sun. 6:00pm Denise B, Rowena B
Mon. 9:00am John dJ, Patrick B
Mon. 11:00am Bev S, Chris N
Mon. 6:00pm Mona P, Janet Z

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 5:00pm Mary Ann N, Linda B
Sun. 9:00am Mona P
Sun. 11:00am Mary Ellen G, Ben G, Arlene H
Sun. 6:00pm
Mon. 9:00am
Mon. 11:00am
Mon. 6:00pm

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. 5:00pm
Sun. 9:00am
Sun. 11:00am
Sun. 6:00pm Jarene N, Jessica, Alfonso T, Lorraine S
Mon. 9:00am William, Ruby, Ave, Rob 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
Tide Lake Mission: 19115 Range Rd 100, Iddesleigh, Alberta, Canada T0J 1T0
Phone: +1 (403) 362 4466 | Fax: +1 (403) 793 2571

PARISH STAFF

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Caretaker

Manolita Baluyut

Website

www.stmarysbrooks.com

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Danny Andres

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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.

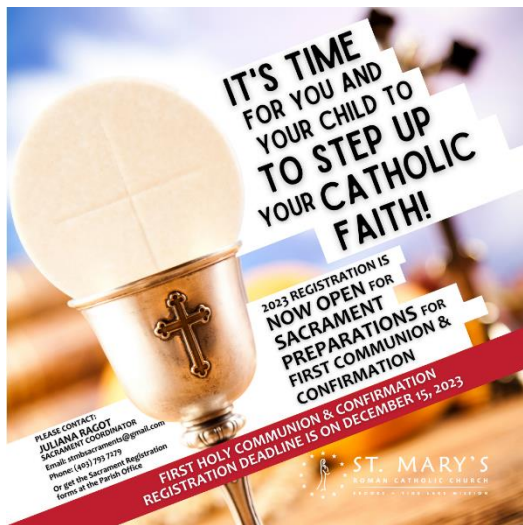
For Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, **all requirements, including classes/sessions must be completed to be eligible for Sacraments.**

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**



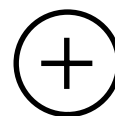
Confirmation classes will start mid-January. If they have received both Reconciliation and Eucharist, they just need to register for Confirmation and provide the dates of the previous Sacraments and certificates, if available.

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.

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.**

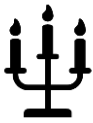
If you are already doing the Reconciliation classes, you will be already registered, unless you tell me otherwise. Classes will start in mid-February.



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!



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

Its all ready! Please pickup your 2024 Donation Envelope Boxes in the Parish Foyer.

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!



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.



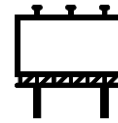
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CALGARY DIOCESE

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!



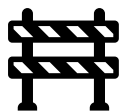
TOGETHER IN ACTION 2023 UPDATE

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

We've raised \$23,140.00 as of December 20, 2023. We are almost there! \$5,156.00 more to go!

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.

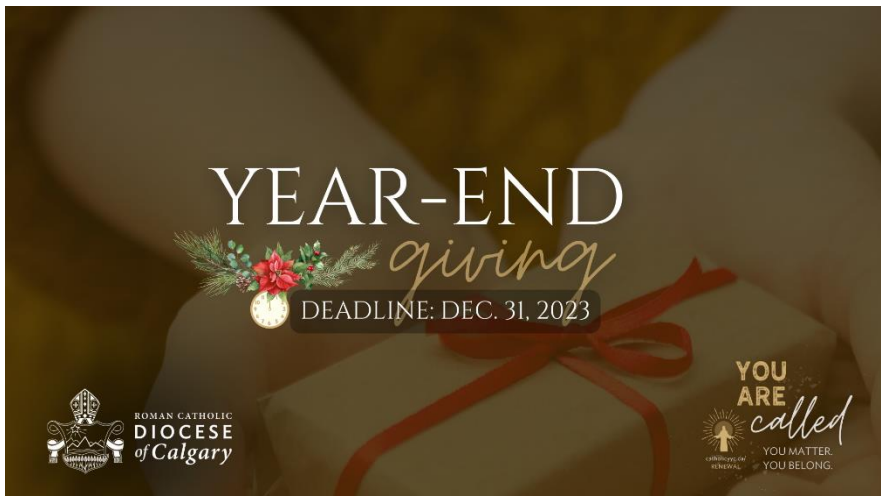
Jesus: **Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to Me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish His graces 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*



YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINE (Dec. 31, 2023)

Reminder: In order to receive a tax receipt for the 2023 calendar year:

- Online donation to parishes or diocesan ministries must be received by Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023. To give online, visit catholicyc.ca/give
- For gift of securities or cheque/mail - click here | For more information, visit catholicyc.ca/yearendgiving

We are truly grateful for your support!



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

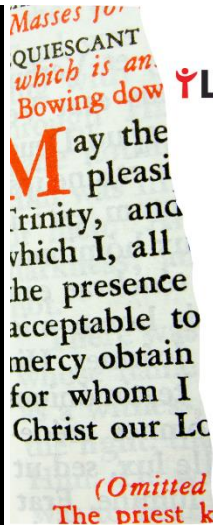
ADORATION + EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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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

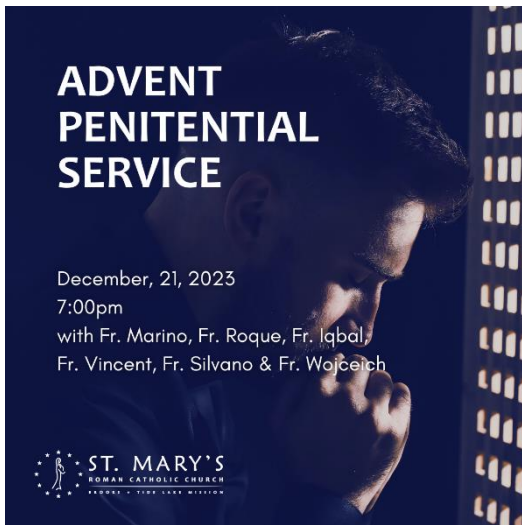
* Once a month we have a social/house gathering after Holy Mass

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

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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COFFEE TIMES 2024

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 ACCEPTED FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL

K of C: BREAKFAST SUNDAY (Jan. 14, 2023)

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday is back! Join us for pancakes and eggs this Sunday, Jan. 14, 2023 after the 9:00am Mass. There is no charge for this, but we are accepting a Goodwill offering to offset our costs.

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.

**TO SIGN UP, TEXT
SMRCCBROOKS
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/text.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ADVENT PROJECT INITIATED BY THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

WITH YOUR HELP WE WERE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE 82 BOTTLES OF DISH SOAP, 79 BOTTLES OF HAND SOAP, AND NUMEROUS

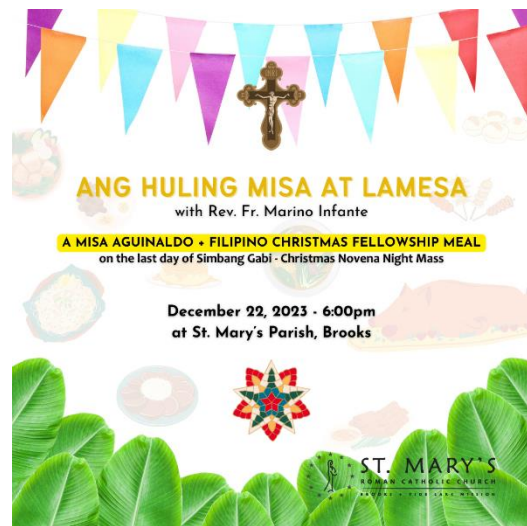
BAR OF SOAP TO HELP FILL OVER 60 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS WHICH THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL DISTRIBUTED ON DECEMBER 20TH.

THANKS ALSO FOR THE MONETARY DONATIONS AND THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOWELS, SOCKS, AND OTHER NECESSITIES...

MANY THANKS TO OUR OWN CWL CHRISTMAS ANGEL, SYLVIA VOGT, WHO HAND KNIT SEVERAL HATS AND SCARVES FOR THOSE IN NEED.

EVERYONE'S GENEROSITY WAS HEART WARMING AND GREATLY APPRECIATED.

"WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!"



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!!



BISHOP MCGRATTAN'S ADVENT MESSAGE

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 the Bishop's Message

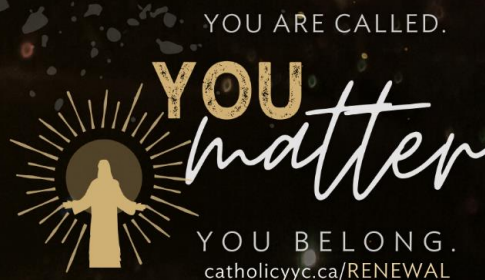
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<https://www.catholicyc.ca/blog/focus-on-christ>



Merry CHRISTMAS

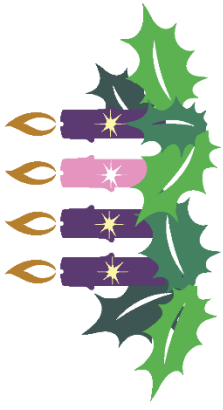
At this holy time of Christmas, we think of you and the invaluable work you do in service and leadership. You are the hands and feet of Christ. In the midst of the Diocesan Pastoral Renewal, please know that you are valued and appreciated; you are called and you matter.

May the Joy, Peace and Hope of Christ be upon you and your family this Christmas and New Year.



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 	2 St. John of Damascus 	3 	4 St. Nicholas 	5 St. Ambrose 	6 The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary 	7 
2 nd Advent Sunday 	8 St. Dumasus 	9 Our Lady of Guadalupe 	10 St. Lucy 	11 St. John of the Cross 	12 St. Peter Canisius 	13 
3 rd Advent Sunday 	14 St. John of the Cross 	15 St. John of the Cross 	16 St. Peter Canisius 	17 St. John of the Cross 	18 St. John of the Cross 	19 St. John of the Cross 
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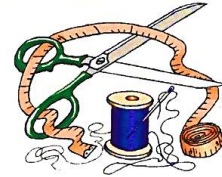


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