



# WEEKLY BULLETIN

March 16 - 17, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Lenten Season  
Development & Peace + Solidarity Sunday

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEKEND

Saturday,	Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	† Dina Barath
Sunday,	Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	† Werner Schega & Betty Schega
		11:00am	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	Mitch Patterson † Jim Bonora

## COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday,	Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Holy Mass + Parish Office Closed</b>	
Tuesday,	Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	<b>Tanya &amp; Matthew Andres</b>
Wednesday,	Mar. 20 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	<b>Janet Hrupp &amp; Family</b>
Thursday,	Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00am	<b>Tom Spence &amp; Rev. Fr. Roque Pereira</b>
Friday,	Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:00am	<b>Joy Stevens &amp; Rev. Fr. Vincent Ha Tuan</b>

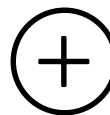
### *Palm Sunday - Mass of the Passion of Our Lord*

Saturday,	Mar. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm	† Logan Ferner
Sunday,	Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	† Carol Schlachter
		11:00am	All Parishioners
		6:00pm	† Anastacio & † Elina Bejemino



God sometimes speaks in a loud, thundering voice to get our attention, like in today's Gospel. That thundering voice could come in many forms, whether through the death of a loved one, a natural disaster or a starving child. It reminds us of our own mortality and need for salvation, urging us to get back on the right path.

- Sarah Escobar, Ottawa, 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 us at (403) 362 4466 or (403) 793 5009.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (MARCH 23 - 24, 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 Earl W, Brian G  
Sun. 9:00am Parmjit K, Carina S  
Sun. 11:00am Greg P, Jeremie D  
Sun. 6:00pm Bev S, Fred H

### GREETERS

Sat. 5:00pm Doreen B  
Sun. 9:00am Kleiboer Family  
Sun. 11:00am Benjamin N  
Sun. 6:00pm Analyn A

### SACRISTANS

Sat. 5:00pm Florence J  
Sun. 9:00am Danny A  
Sun. 11:00am Arlene H  
Sun. 6:00pm Juliana R

### LECTORS

Sat. 5:00pm Linda D, Eva C  
Sun. 9:00am Olivia L, Patrick B, Terrie H  
Sun. 11:00am Stefanie C, Chris N, Kristina BH  
Sun. 6:00pm Meghan C, Austin L, Eya P

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 5:00pm Florence J, Jose P, Andrea S  
Sun. 9:00am Quin K, Dawn M  
Sun. 11:00am Arlene H, Ben G, Chris N  
Sun. 6:00pm Juliana R, Joeven N

### ALTAR SERVERS

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

### MUSICIANS + CHOIR

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

**IT IS ALWAYS AN HONOUR TO SERVE GOD IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MASS.  
LET US ALL COME TOGETHER AND TAKE CARE OF OUR CHURCH. VOLUNTEER NOW!**



## 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  
Website: [StMarysBrooks.ca](http://StMarysBrooks.ca) | Phone: +1 (403) 362 4466 | Fax: +1 (403) 793 2571

### PARISH STAFF

#### Parish Priest + Administrator

Rev. Fr. Marino Infante ([pastor@saintmarysbrooks.com](mailto:pastor@saintmarysbrooks.com))

#### Administrative Assistant + Bookkeeper

John Arvie Diaz ([secretary@saintmarysbrooks.com](mailto:secretary@saintmarysbrooks.com))

#### Sacrament Preparation + RCIC Coordinator

Juliana Ragot ([stmbsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmbsacraments@gmail.com))

#### RCIA Coordinator

Quin Kleiboer ([qkleiboer@redeemer.ab.ca](mailto:qkleiboer@redeemer.ab.ca))

#### Janitorial/Housekeeping

Manolita Baluyut

#### Website

[StMarysBrooks.ca](http://StMarysBrooks.ca)

#### Maintenance/Custodian

Danny Andres

#### Social Media

@StMarysBrooks

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Academy	112 - 4 Ave E, 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, please contact;  
**Sacrament Coordinator - Juliana Ragot at (403) 793 7279, or email at stmbSacraments@gmail.com**

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



### FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fasting and abstinence from meat. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain.

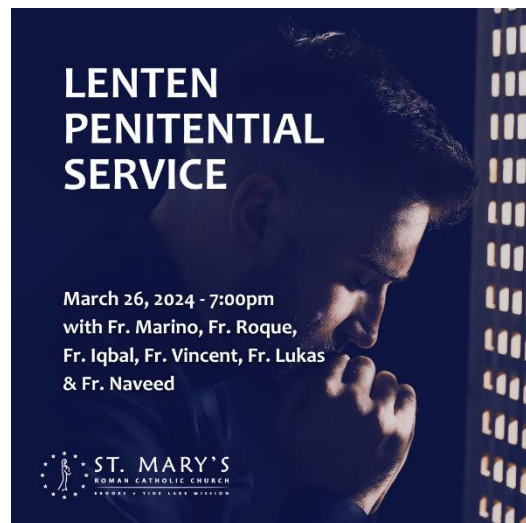
**Fasting**, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink - typically to one main meal and two smaller meals (that together do not equal the regular meal in size), with no solid foods in between.

Abstinence is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. While all Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, in Canada "Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day." - *Ordo, note 29b and 29d.*

*Form more Lenten resources, please visit [catholyyyyc.ca/Lent](http://catholyyyyc.ca/Lent)*

**Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving** that starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. It's a time of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

We seek Him by reading His Word; we help others through giving alms; and we practice self-control by fasting. Abstinence from luxuries is important, but true inner conversion of heart is key for faithfully following Christ's will during this sacred season of preparation. In the Lenten season, we remember our baptism when we were born again into a new life in Christ, and died to sin and evil.



### LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE (Mar. 26, 2024)

As part of our Lenten journey, we should take up our cross and follow Jesus by going to confession, to pray, to meditate and receive penance.

Penitential service will be on March 26, 2024 - 7:00pm at St. Mary's Parish, Brooks

With Fr. Marino, Fr. Roque, Fr. Naveed, Fr. Iqbal, Fr. Lukas & Fr. Vincent



### 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

**Please pickup your 2024 Donation Envelope Boxes in the Parish Foyer.**

**Don't miss out on the benefits of helping St. Mary's Parish as well as lowering the annual taxes that you need to pay (Charitable Tax Credit).**

### Register your donations now!

Thank you for generously supporting our parish!



### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

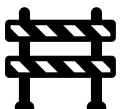
**2024 Mass Intentions are full!** The Diocese of Calgary does not allow multiple intentions on a single Mass. **Please note that we might include another mass intentions in other booked dates to accommodate.**

If you wish not to share a mass intention with someone, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!



### LIVING WITH CHRIST 2024 MISSALS

The 2024 Sunday Missals are now available for \$7.00/each at the Parish Office. **Get you copy now while supplies last!**



### PARISH RENOVATION UPDATE

The renovation of the Parish Foyer, Offices and Rooms are still ongoing. A very special THANK YOU to the sponsors who generously donated to make this possible!



### 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 DIOCESE OF CALGARY & BEYOND

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

#### Catholic Pastoral Centre - Calgary:

- No available positions at this time

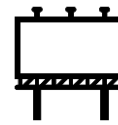
#### Parishes in the Diocese of Calgary:

- Receptionist/Volunteer Screening (Part-time) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary

#### Other Canadian Catholic Dioceses:

- Executive Director - Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES)
- Spiritual Health Consultant - Alberta Health Services, Bonnyville, AB
- Migration Office Coordinator - Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon
- Financial Administrator - Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson
- Interim Assessment Coordinator - Clear Water Academy

Visit [www.catholiccyca.ca/careers](http://www.catholiccyca.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/year.**

Please contact the Parish Office at (403) 362 4466 and/or email us at [accounting@saintmarysbrooks.com](mailto:accounting@saintmarysbrooks.com) to get started.

Please note that this is only available to the 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 | 2024

God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus



PHILIPPIANS 4:19

We are making progress with the 2024 Together in Action campaign! We are now at **\$1,435.00** as of March 13, 2024

Thanks to your generous contributions, we are closer to our **Parish Goal of \$28,296.00**. Every donation helps us reach our target. Let's continue to make a difference together!

[Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or made online at [www.catholiccyca.ca/TIA](http://www.catholiccyca.ca/TIA) - your online donation will be included as part of our parish contribution.]

**HOLY MASS  
TIME CHANGE!**

March 20 & 26, 2024  
Weekday Holy Mass  
is rescheduled  
on 9:00am

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





**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

**2023 Statement of Operations**

**REVENUE**

Collections	360,191	▲27.52%
Direct Deposits	142,520	▲9.22%
Other Revenues	46,583	▼47.10%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>549,295</b>	<b>▲3.87%</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Salaries & Benefits	138,555	▲32.82%
Maintenance	196,764	▼26.86%
Rectory	6,005	▼53.51%
Administration	46,135	▼2.77%
Cathedraticum	45,744	▲6.24%
Programs	51,951	▲152.89%
Donations	1,530	▲206.00%
Discrepancies	-12,070	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>474,614</b>	<b>▼4.66%</b>

**2023 TOTAL NET INCOME**  
74,681 ▲140.94%

**CENTRAL FUND SAVINGS**  
598,257.57 ▲4.86%

**2023 DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Together In Action*	28,296	▼2.42%
World Mission	1,590	▼45.08%
Holy Childhood	879.05	
Holy Land	3,555	▼15.26%
Pope's Pastoral Works	2,017	▼26.03%
Seminarian Fund	4,590	▼30.62%
Mission Mexico	100	
Catholic Education	1,295	▲21.03%
Development & Peace	720	

*Percentages in comparison to FY 2022*

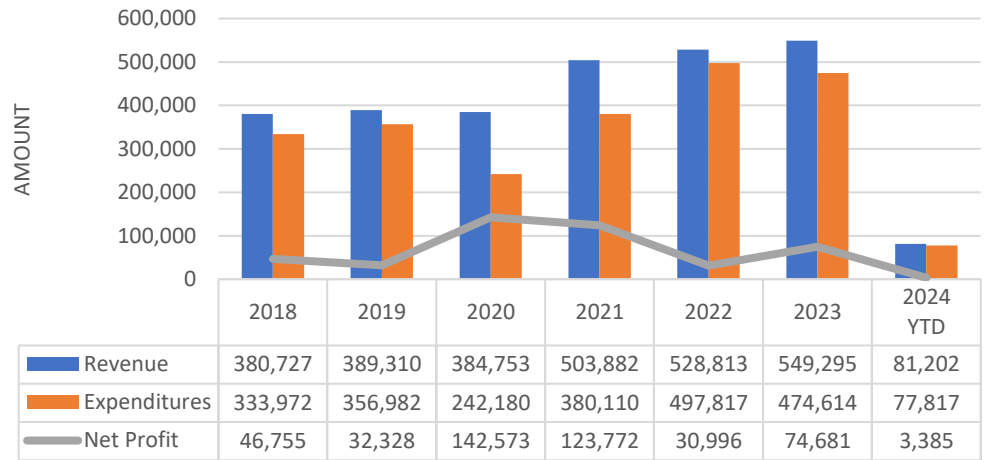
\*The Together In Action: Annual Bishop's Appeal - Parish Goal have been consistently met/exceeded since 2018.

**CONCLUSION**

St. Mary's Parish is in a good financial position as of 2023 Year-end. Revenue have been trending up despite the increasing cost of operation.

We thank you, our parishioners, for your unwavering generosity to support our local Parish, its people, its initiatives and its pastoral programs for the betterment of our souls, our life of faith and our community as a whole.

**Parish Statement of Operations**



**CONCLUSION (cont'd)**

Expenditures have started to go down since 2022, as a result of the Pastoral Initiative to reduce unnecessary operational costs, active parishioner relationship and involvement, and increasing parish operational and pastoral efficiency.

Despite the COVID19 Pandemic (2020-2022) which caused a significant strain in our lives, our parish and our community; St. Mary's Parish and its' Parishioners stood up the test of time and become ever more resilient.

As the result of the efforts of our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Marino Infante, the Parish Staff and the various Parish Ministries and Organizations, despite many challenges after the pandemic; the beating heart of our Parish life and our community, the Holy Eucharist, became ever more present and more prominent as shown by the increase of people receiving the Holy Sacraments (Baptisms, First Reconciliations, First Communion, Confirmations, Marriages & Anointings of the Sick) and entering RCIA + RCIC, increase in pastoral programs due to parishioners taking in leadership, highly active parish to parishioner relationship which resulted in increased registrations and increased donors who provided the needs of the Parish; and the increased outreach of the Parish, through its various ministries, organizations and Catholic Schools, serving the pastoral needs of the whole community.

**Monthly Statement of Operations (February 2024)**

**REVENUE**

Collections + Other Revenue  
29,407 ▼27.40%

**EXPENDITURES**

Parish Administration  
15,814 ▼4.63%

Maintenance  
20,160 ▲67.52%

Cathedraticum (Diocesan Support)  
3,812 --%

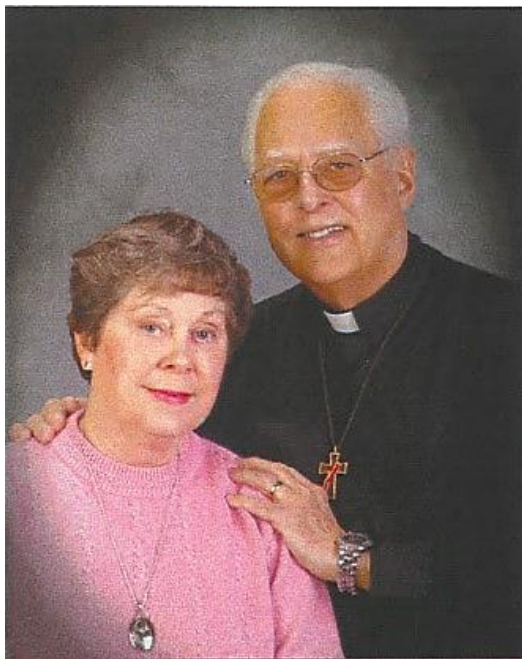
Parish Programs  
1,688 ▲661.49%

**Total Expenses**  
41,473 ▼33.00%

**TOTAL NET INCOME**

-12,067 ▼229.41%

For more information, questions and clarifications, please contact:  
[accounting@saintmarysbrooks.com](mailto:accounting@saintmarysbrooks.com)



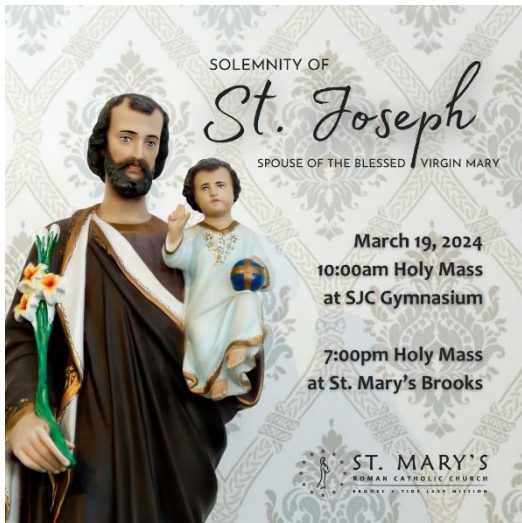
**IN MEMORIAM: DEACON ROBERT "BOB" WILSON (1933 - 2024)**

With great sadness, we announce the loss of Deacon Bob Wilson on March 5, 2024. He was ordained with Formation Group One on June 23, 2002 by Bishop Frederick Henry and spent most of his active ministry at St. Mary's in Brooks. He died peacefully at his home in Brooks, surrounded by two of his four children. Bob is survived by his children and by his wife Rosalie, who is 92 and resides in a Brooks nursing home. Funeral Mass will be celebrated this Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 1:00pm.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Group 1 Ordination  
St. Mary's Cathedral, June 23 & 24, 2002



**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH  
(Mar. 19, 2024)**

Come and join us to celebrate the Holy Mass in honor of the St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church.

March 19, 2024, 10:00am at SJC Gymnasium and 7:00pm at St. Mary's Brooks.



**St. Mary's Brooks: RCIA & RCIC Candidates at St. Mary's Cathedral for the Rite of Election (Feb. 26, 2024)**

Left to Right: Quin Kleiboer (RCIA Coordinator), Alyssa Paquette (Catechist), Sarah Parkin, Anna Parkin, Bishop McGrattan, Malia Hawlett, Shane Grove (Catechist), Fidencio Mona and Juliana Ragot (RCIC Coordinator)



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403-362-8001

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# Pastoral Care

MINISTRY TRAINING

The Diocese of Calgary invites individuals who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry. This Pastoral Care Training is designed for those who wish to support the sick, elderly, dying, homebound, and bereaved members of their community. Whether you're a new minister or someone with prior training in Pastoral Care Ministry, this workshop warmly welcomes you.

## Session 1

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

9 am to 4 pm

## Session 2

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

9 am to 4 pm

## WHERE

Catholic Pastoral Centre  
120 17 Ave SW, Calgary

## COST

\$70.00

## REGISTER



Register by April 15, 2024

ONLINE  
[CATHOLICYC.CA/PASTORALCARE](http://CATHOLICYC.CA/PASTORALCARE)

PHONE 403-218-5521

EMAIL [monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca](mailto:monica.warman@calgarydiocese.ca)

## NOTES

- To ensure eligibility, please seek approval from you Pastor and/or Pastoral Care Coordinator. Connect with your parish for screening requirements.
- During both sessions, we're delighted to offer a delicious lunch. Additionally, enjoy a selection of coffee, tea, water, and snacks, throughout the training.
- Upon successfully completing and attending the entire course, participants will be awarded Certificates of Completion.
- Mass will be celebrated at noon on both Saturdays

## OVERVIEW

### SESSION 1

- The Meaning of Your Ministry
- Serving as a Minister of Care

### SESSION 2

- Suffering
- End of Life



MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

# Holy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:00pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration after the Holy Mass until 12:00am at St. Mary's Parish Hall



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

# Good Friday

March 29, 2024

10:00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Good Friday Service + Adoration of the Cross at St. Mary's, Brooks



NIGHT OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

# Easter Vigil

March 30, 2024

8:00pm

Blessing of Fire + Water & Holy Mass at St. Mary's, Brooks



MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

# Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm Mass at St. Mary's, Brooks

2:00pm Mass at St. Mary's Tide Lake Mission







**Parish Renewal Teams: Blessed Beginnings**

What an exciting time for us in the Diocese! Over 44 parishes sent their Parish Renewal Team members to an orientation which took place simultaneously on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, at St. Luke's and St. Albert the Great's in Calgary, St. Martha's in Lethbridge and Holy Family Parish at Medicine Hat. Close to 300 parish renewal team members joined in the orientation day, which was filled with lively conversation and learning opportunities.



Then we heard the testimonies of three fellow parishioners who shared their personal experiences. Sarah Stamp from Vauxhall, AB spearheaded the testimonies, focusing on the primary goal of Pastoral Renewal: Strengthening Family Life. Lorand Szojka from St. Peter's Parish in Calgary spoke about Forming Missionary Disciples in Christ. Lastly, Liisa Honish, a parishioner from St. Albert the Great's Parish shared her experiences on being a Church of Encounter and Witness.

The speakers emphasized the significance of personal connections

and mutual care, rather than relying solely on programs. They highlighted the profound and lasting impact of simple acts performed with love within parish communities and families. Furthermore, they provided insights on integrating faith into daily life, embracing our roles within families, and fostering welcoming parish environments.



One member found the testimonies inspiring, stating, "There are people out there already living it. That means it's possible!" Bonnie added, "Participants were really inspired by the testimonies of Sarah, Lorand, and Liisa and relished the opportunity to discuss renewal ideas in their small groups. They left feeling enthusiastic and encouraged by their colleagues and peers, and most especially by the leadership and support provided by the Diocesan Leadership Team."

Following the group discussion, the sites were filled with a contagious enthusiasm. After getting an overview of what the next several months will look like for the teams, they were sent out with a prayerful commissioning by the Bishop.

The pilgrimage has begun and we are greatly comforted knowing we walk together. We left with these encouraging words ringing in our hearts: We can make renewal happen! Here's to a future filled with love, growth, and renewal!



**If You Feed Them, They Will Come**

After a successful launch of Alpha at the parish as part of our community's response to the synodal process, it was a natural progression to bring Alpha Youth to the students at St. Joseph's Collegiate (SJC). SJC is a grade 9-12 Catholic school in Brooks, with about 460 students. We cater to a diverse community, with a wide range of cultural and language backgrounds, as well as varying practices of faith - most students non-practicing, many nominally and some practicing Catholics, some ethnic orthodox denominations, as well as a growing number from other Christian church communities.

Just before the start of the school year, we committed to running the Alpha Youth series in our school during our 42 minute lunch break. Four staff were recruited to facilitate groups, the supervision schedule was adjusted to free us all up at the same time, and we started online training and promoting. Overall, we have had a consistent 24 students who have made most if not all of the sessions, and probably had another dozen or so who checked it out a couple of times at the start.

Feedback consistently sounds like: "I love my group, so my favourite part is discussing ideas, expressing my thoughts, and listening to other's opinions." Or, my favourite part is "the connection and community." Reassuringly we even gotten, "the food is great, but I also enjoy hearing other people's perspective on the questions." They are excited to keep the conversations going to continue to explore and deepen their own faith, and to share it with their peers.

*All texts and photos are excerpts from the Diocese of Calgary's Newsletter, "Faithfully"*





## I Overcome Your Difficulties

### Meditation:

November 19, [1936]. During Mass today, I saw the Lord Jesus, who said to me, **Be at peace, My daughter; I see your efforts, which are very pleasing to Me** (Diary, 757).

As I was conversing with the hidden God, He gave me to see and understand that I should not be reflecting so much and building up fear of the difficulties which I might encounter. **Know that I am with you; I bring about the difficulties, and I overcome them; in one instant, I can change a hostile disposition to one which is favorable to this cause.** The Lord explained many things to me in today's dialogue, although I am not putting everything in writing (Diary, 788).

### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me with Your peace to overcome anxieties and not to dwell on the difficulties of my work. Be my peace and victory. *\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

**REAPING  
OUR RIGHTS**

*"So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up."*  
— Galatians 6:9

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Share Lent 2024 Development and Peace **CREATE HOPE**  
CARITAS CANADA

### This Lent, let's work toward *Reaping our Rights*

This year, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

1. Donating online at [www.devp.org/give](http://www.devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
2. Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at [www.devp.org/lent/resources](http://www.devp.org/lent/resources).
3. Meeting our solidarity visitors and participating in the [campaign launch webinar](#) on February 17 at 1:30 p.m. ET.



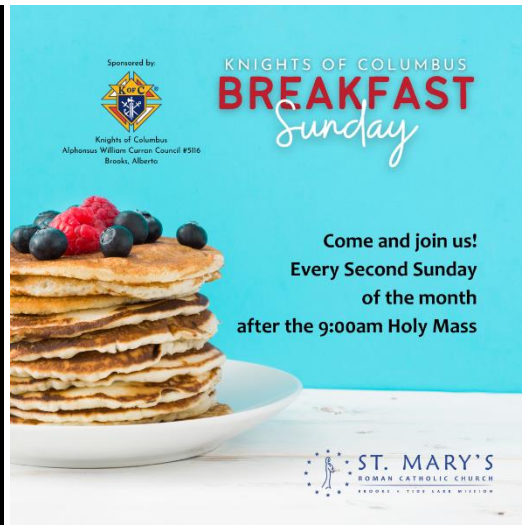
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**K of C: BREAKFAST SUNDAY (Apr. 14, 2024)**

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday is back! Join us for pancakes and eggs this Sunday, Apr. 14, 2024 after the 9:00am Mass.

There is no charge for this, but we are accepting a Goodwill offering to offset our costs. Any profit after expenses will be split between the Knights Welfare account and Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP).



**2023 CHARITY TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax season is here! Please don't forget to pick up your 2023 Charity Tax Receipts to claim your tax credit from your donations.

Only those registered and donated in the year 2023 will have a receipt issued to them. Please pick it up in the Parish Foyer starting Feb. 23, 2024. Thank you!

**COFFEE TIMES 2024**

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 9am Mass	CWL

April 6	after 5 pm Mass	GTA
April 7	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
April 14	after 9 am Mass	Knights
April 21	after 9 am Mass	St Rose of Lima Group
April 21	after 11 am Mass	SSVP and Parish Council
April 28	after 9 am Mass	Sunday Morning Coffee Crew
April 28	after 6 pm Mass	Filipino Group

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**WANTED: PHOTOS AND VIDEOS**

Do you have some photos and videos showcasing the history of the church and the Catholic Community of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church? Selected photos and videos will be part of our new website and historical archive.

Please send them in at [secretary@saintmarysbrooks.com](mailto:secretary@saintmarysbrooks.com) or drop them off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

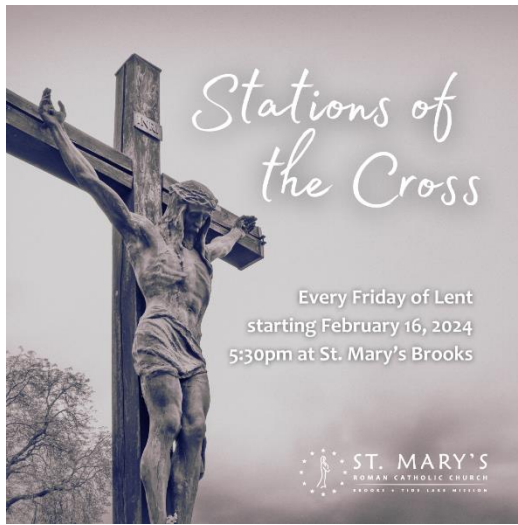


**WANTED: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

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**GOD THE ALMIGHTY PRAYER FDN: PRAISE + WORSHIP (Mar. 31, 2024)**

Join us for praise and worship every last Sunday of the month. Next one is on March 31, 2024. Holy Rosary will start at 1:00pm followed by praise and worship.

For more information, please contact Aracelie Ignacio (403) 978 0802 or Victor Valenzuela (403) 363 7018.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Every Thursdays & Fridays after the 9:00am mass and Every Friday of Lent at 5:30pm)**

Join us in solemn prayer, remembering the Passion and Death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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**SOUP + BREAD (Every Friday of Lent after Stations of the Cross)**

After the Stations of the Cross, come and join us and other parishioners in the Parish Hall for fasting and abstinence in a fellowship meal of soup and bread.



**MASS WEDDING (Jul. 13, 2024)**

It is now time for you and your partner to solemnize your union in the Church!

This is a calling for all common-law and civil-unioned couples who wanted to get married in the Church.

Fr. Marino will be doing a Mass Wedding for all couples on July 13, 2024 at 10:00am. Sign up now in the Parish Office to reserve your spot. Requirements are needed and Marriage Fee is Free.



**St. Mary's Brooks: First Reconciliations (February 2024)**

About 47 kids have received their First Reconciliation last month. This service was presided by Fr. Marino with the help of Fr. Naveed from Cluny. Congratulations to all the recipients!





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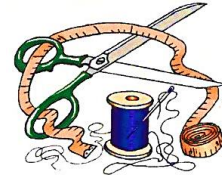


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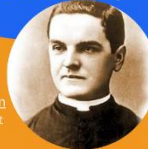
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