

## TOGETHER WE SERVE

Pope Francis has called this year to be the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. As we approach Christmas, let us contemplate God's call to compassion and how we might open our hearts and eyes to the sufferings of others. Through the *Together We Serve* annual appeal, let us join together in our efforts to bring comfort and assistance to those in our midst, across Canada, and around the world. Together we can make a difference as *Together We Serve*.

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic organization whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis around the world. We meet every week for one hour of intercessory prayer. Our service is to visit people in homes, seniors lodges and hospitals, working closely with our Priest. If you cannot attend meetings, you may join as an auxiliary member, and offer your service to the Church through Legion prayers. You are encouraged to become involved in the life of the Church. If you know of someone who needs a visit, or wants to join call Lorraine at 780-663-2017 or email [legionofmary-ab.com](mailto:legionofmary-ab.com). O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.



A Holy Family Procession will meet at Chesterton House in Mundare at 10:15am on Tuesday December 22. The "Holy Family" and Abel the donkey will leave at 10:30am, and walk around Mundare for one hour, returning to Chesterton House. Dress warmly, no dogs please, come prepared to sing carols, and bring a thermos of hot chocolate to share outside afterwards. The same group will meet at St. Martin's Catholic Church at 1:00pm. We will walk through town for about an hour, and return to the church.



## WHO IS JESUS?

Jesus is Emmanuel (God-with-us), Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, God's grace revealed, a baby borne among us by the Virgin Mary. He is the Messiah, the Christ, the Anointed, God's chosen, the Savior foretold by the prophets. He is the creating word of God made flesh, dwelling among us. Because of him we are God's holy people, the Lord's redeemed, City of the Most High. Now we celebrate his birth in mystery!

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# Roman Catholic Churches of St. Martin of Tours Holy Heart of Mary and St. Gregory

**Pastor: Fr. Michael Schumacher**

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**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:30am to 3:30pm**

**Thursday: 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

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#### Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:30 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 9:00am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 11:15am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 11:15am

#### Weekday\* Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00am  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Wednesday: 9:00 am  
\*may change, please check  
monthly calendars

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by  
appointment.

#### Children's Liturgy

During Sunday Mass,  
except July and August.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

### Holy Heart of Mary

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#### Weekend Mass Times:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 6:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 11:15 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 9:00am

#### Weekday\* Mass Times:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday/Lodges

### St. Gregory

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Holden, AB T0B 2C0  
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#### Weekend Mass Times:

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 6:30 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 9:00 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 6:30 pm

#### Weekday\* Mass Times:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 2pm at Lodge

#### Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 4:00pm

## DECEMBER 20, 2015 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

*The Road to Discipleship:  
Mary went with haste*

In visiting Elizabeth, Mary shares news of 'the Word made flesh'. She is the first disciple. The 130-kilometre journey Mary made "with haste" to the Judean hill country would have taken about four days. Mary, a young virgin, had been told by an angel that she would be mother of the Son of God. Her haste to visit Elizabeth suggests that Mary went to share her news with someone she trusted, a righteous woman married to a priest, who was herself a recipient of God's miraculous love, bearing a child in her old age. Do we share our faith lives regularly with a righteous person who can help us discern God's will for us? Reconciliation/confession provides that opportunity.

**\*Week-day mass times may  
change, please check the  
bulletin or the monthly calendar**



If you are new to our parishes please fill out a **New Parishioner Form**.

**We continue to pray for:** Florence Bosse, Elsie Mochnach, Debbie Rokos, Mary Heisler, Mike Dmytryk, Ed Sokalski, Vivian Prestash, Paulette Ryan, John Stetsko, Lavonne Leeson, Lucyna Osko, Ken Steinwand, Daggan Newman, Irene Poulin, Bill Smolak, Billy Yaremko Laughlyn McMaster, Jesse J. Sams, Linda Myshaniuk, and Annette Bienvenue.

**And continue to pray for** the Holy perseverance of the Seminarians in our Archdiocese

**Let us remember in our prayers, our priests who have died during the month of December.**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### VEGREVILLE, St. Martin of Tours

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**Saturday December 26, 2015    Mass 4:30pm**

**Sunday December 27, 2015    Mass 11:15am**

#### VIKING, Holy Heart of Mary

**Saturday December 26, 2015    Mass 6:30pm**

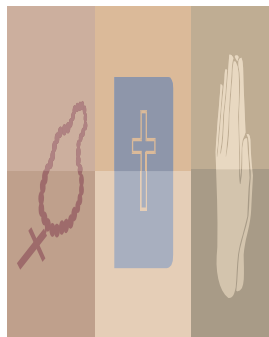
#### HOLDEN, St. Gregory the Great

**Sunday December 27, 2015    Mass 9:00am**

### DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### **The Rosary**

1st Monday of the Month	6:15pm Vegreville St. Michael's Manor
2nd Monday of the Month	6:00pm Vegreville Heritage House
4th Monday of the Month	6:30pm Mundare Fr. Filas Manor
2nd Friday of the Month	11:15am Vegreville Care Centre
Every Wednesday	1:00pm Mundare Fr. Filas Manor
Every Thursday	5:45pm Mundare Mary Immaculate



### Christmas Mass Times

#### **December 24 Christmas Vigil**

Viking 8:00 pm  
Vegreville 10:30 pm

#### **December 25 Christmas Day**

Vegreville 9:00 am  
Holden 11:15 am

**December 26,**  
Vegreville 4:30pm



### December 27 Holy Family

Holden 9:00am  
Vegreville 11:15am

#### **December 31, News Years Eve**

Holden 5:00pm

#### **January 1, Mary Mother of God**

Vegreville 9:00 am  
Viking 11:15am



A Community Christmas Day Dinner will be held at the Golden Valley Lutheran Church in **Viking** at 12:30pm on Christmas Day. This Community Event is for any and all those who find themselves alone or apart from their family on Christmas Day. Call 780-336-3155 for more information on what to bring, or how to get involved.

The **Viking** Ministerial Association will be holding the "Longest Night Service" at the Viking Alliance Church at 7:00pm on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>. The service is especially for anyone who feels sad at this time of year because of the loss of a loved one. If you wish to attend this service and wish a ride please call Pres and Patricia at 780-336-2576.

### St. Martin of Tours Nativity Scene Donation



If you would like to donate towards the cost of the Nativity Scene in memory of a loved one, please complete this form and place it in the Sunday donation basket. All donations will be tax receipted. Thank you to Our Lady of the Highway Council 4249 Knights of Columbus Vegreville and District for undertaking this project for our Parish.

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