

TOGETHER WE SERVE

“What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?” (Psalm 116:12)

These ancient words from the Book of Psalms are uttered by one overwhelmed by the goodness of God and filled with a desire to give back in return. All that we can give to God, of course, is our thanks. Yet that gratitude can find concrete expression in our generous giving to others. This is the heart to stewardship. This is the heart of the Together We Serve annual appeal. This Advent, 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. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.



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.

Name: _____

Address or Telephone: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Intention: _____



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS POINSETTIA OR TREE DONATION

If you would like to donate a Poinsettia to the Church for Christmas OR donate towards the purchase of an evergreen tree for Christmas, please complete this form and deliver to the church office or place in the Sunday donation basket by Sunday, December 20th. Cost of the Poinsettias are \$15.00 each and we'll take care of ordering them and having them delivered to the church.

Name: _____

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Envelope Number: _____

Intention: _____

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

1st & 3rd Sunday: 9:00am

2nd & 4th Sunday: 11:15am

5th 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

1st Friday of each month

Holy Heart of Mary

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Viking, AB T0B 4N0

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Weekend Mass Times:

2nd & 4th Saturday: 6:30pm

1st & 3rd Sunday: 11:15 am

5th Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday* Mass Times:

2nd and 3rd Thursday/Lodges

St. Gregory

4824 49 Avenue

Holden, AB T0B 2C0

Phone: (780)688-2465

Weekend Mass Times:

1st & 3rd Saturday: 6:30 pm

2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:00 am

5th Saturday: 6:30 pm

Weekday* Mass Times:

2nd Tuesday 2pm at Lodge

Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Thursday 4:00pm

DECEMBER 6, 2015

2nd Sunday of Advent

*The Road to Discipleship:
Be a Voice in the Wilderness*

Today's Gospel setting is historically explicit. The Roman emperor, governor in Judea, and rulers in Galilee and surroundings, plus the high priests in Jerusalem, are all named. Luke anchors us firmly in historical time. Then Luke cites the prophet Isaiah and likens John to him a prophet. By using the beginning of Isaiah's central section (chapters 40-55), Luke invokes a whole series of prophetic promises in the minds and hearts of his listeners. Through baptism, we too are called to be prophets. Today the road to discipleship goes through the wilderness of today's world and rulers. As prophetic disciples, do your words speak to others of God's promises of love, hope, mercy, forgiveness and peace?

***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 priest who have died during the month of December.

MASS SCHEDULE

VEGREVILLE, St. Martin of Tours

Saturday December 12, 2015 Mass 4:30pm

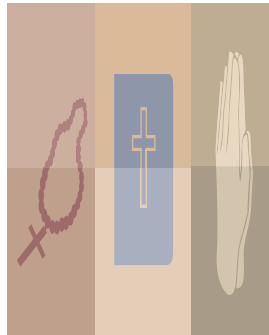
Sunday December 13, 2015 Mass 11:15am

VIKING, Holy Heart of Mary

Saturday December 12, 2015 Mass 6:30pm

HOLDEN, St. Gregory the Great

Sunday December 13, 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 PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Wednesday December 9, 2015	7:00pm-Vegreville
Thursday December 10, 2015	7:00pm-Vermilion
Tuesday December 15, 2015	7:00pm-Provost
Wednesday December 16, 2015	7:00pm-Wainwright
Thursday December 17, 2015	7:00pm Lloydminster

POLISH WAFER

For those families who keep the tradition of sharing the Polish Wafer at Christmas, we do have some available in the office. Free will offering.

Please join us on December 13, after Mass for an Advent celebration. We'll have a few games, fellowship and lots of fun. Please bring something tasty to share. We look forward to seeing you all there.

THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many of you may or may not be aware of the upcoming Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy that has been announced by the Holy Father Pope Francis. This Jubilee Year of Mercy is to be inaugurated throughout the entire Church on December 8, 2015, which is the date of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. In our own Archdiocese of Edmonton, this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will commence with a blessing and opening of the "Holy Door" at St. Joseph's Basilica on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2015 at the 10:30am Mass. Anyone is welcome to attend this celebration at the Basilica. The Jubilee year will close on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. This entire year is meant to be an opportunity for the whole Church to be renewed in both our experience of God's profound mercy and in our practice of sharing His mercy with others.

The jubilee Door of Mercy is going to be open all year long at St. Joseph's Basilica and is meant to be a pilgrimage for Catholics throughout the Archdiocese. I hope to release more information about the details of this as they are forthcoming. Usually, with a Jubilee door there is a corresponding indulgence granted for those who complete the conditions attached along with a visit or making a pilgrimage to walk through the Jubilee door.

May this upcoming Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy draw us all more deeply into the abundant love of God through the merciful action of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In Christ

Rev. Michael Schumacher