

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.

January 3, 2016 is the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany is from a Greek word meaning 'appearance or manifestation.' Until the 4th century, the Church celebrated three principal feasts: Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost. In the Eastern Church, Epiphany commemorated three events: the birth of Jesus, his baptism and the wedding at Cana. However, from about 376, the Western Church has reserved December 25 for the celebration of his birth, while at Epiphany the emphasis is on the visit of the Magi, who represent God's self-revelation to non-Jewish nations.

The expectation of Isaiah, the foreign nations would be drawn to the spiritual light of Jerusalem, is fulfilled when travelers from the East arrive at the court of King Herod seeking "the child who has been born king of the Jews."

The foreign visitors are called "wise men," (the Greek word magi refers to the intellectual elite of Babylon); they have journeyed a great distance to seek the new-born king. In contrast, Herod, who lives only a few kilometers down the road from Bethlehem, has to consult the chief priests and scribes to find out what is happening in his own territory.

A popular axiom says, "Wise men [and women] still seek him." Today we no longer need to travel far to find Jesus: he is present among us as we worship together. Receive him with joy.



A heart felt thank you to all the very special Parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, Holy Heart of Mary, Viking and St. Gregory The Great, Holden who attend our weekly services, and especially to the Sacristans, Coordinators, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Greeters and Gift Bearers, Counters, Ushers, Altar Servers, (both youth and adult), Art and Environment, Altar Butlers, Music Ministry, Hospitality coordinator, Pastoral Care Ministry and all those who volunteer their time in the Parishes in some way. And let us not forget to thank Father Michael for serving our Parishes so selflessly and with such great humility, you are a humble example to all of us.

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

Pastor: Fr. Michael Schumacher

Secretaries: Denise Komick, Charlotte Hrynyk

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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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

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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

JANUARY 3, 2016

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

We are to share the light of
Christ with our world.

The story of the Magi is so familiar and yet can still fill us with wonder. As did the ancient Magi, we, too, want to bring our gifts to the manger. These gifts are our commitments to live according to how Jesus taught. Thus, we make the meaning of the Epiphany alive for us today and the light and love of God shines through us and is made manifest in our world.

***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 January.

MASS SCHEDULE

VEGREVILLE, St. Martin of Tours

Saturday January 9, 2016 Mass 4:30pm

Sunday January 10, 2016 Mass 11:15am

VIKING, Holy Heart of Mary

Saturday January 9, 2016 Mass 6:30pm

HOLDEN, St. Gregory the Great

Sunday January 10, 2016 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
1st Tuesday of the Month	11:15am Vegreville Care Centre
Every Wednesday	1:00pm Mundare Fr. Filas Manor
Every Thursday	5:45pm Mundare Mary Immaculate



First Communion: Registration is now closed.

7:00pm Wednesday April 6, 2016	Information night.
7:00pm Wednesday's April 20, 27	Meeting dates.
7:00pm May 4, 2016	Teaching mass.
4:30pm Mass Saturday May 7, 2016	First Communion

Confirmation: Parents can begin registering their children now at the Parish Office. The first information meeting will be **Wednesday 7:00pm January 20, 2016**. Continuing on until May 2016. (Schedule to be released at the information night on January 20th). Children must be in Grade 6 and up to register.

Please Note for all Sacramental Classes: All registrations for all sacraments must be in prior to commencement date. Please call the parish office at 780-632-3272 to register your child. If your child was not baptized in the Parish of St. Martin of Tours, Vegreville, Holy Heart of Mary, Viking or St Gregory the Great, Holden we will need a copy of the child's baptismal certificate upon registration.

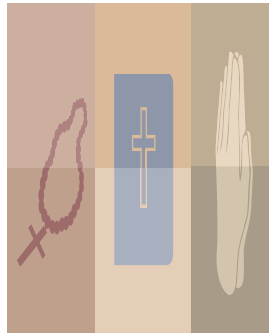


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please note the Meetings will now be held the Second Thursday of each month at St. Martin of Tours Parish at 7:00pm. For more info call Barry at 780-632-3153.

Vegreville-2016 Donation Envelopes

There are still some 2016 donation envelopes to be picked up in St. Anne's Room. Please destroy your old 2015 envelopes and use the new set beginning January 1, 2016 as you will have a different envelope number for 2016. If you do not have a set and wish to have one please pick one up from the Parish office. All donations made through the weekly envelopes can be used as a tax deduction. If you place cash in the collection basket weekly you will not receive a tax receipt as we do not know who it came from. Thank you for your cooperation as this will immensely help the office with record keeping.



Happy New Year

