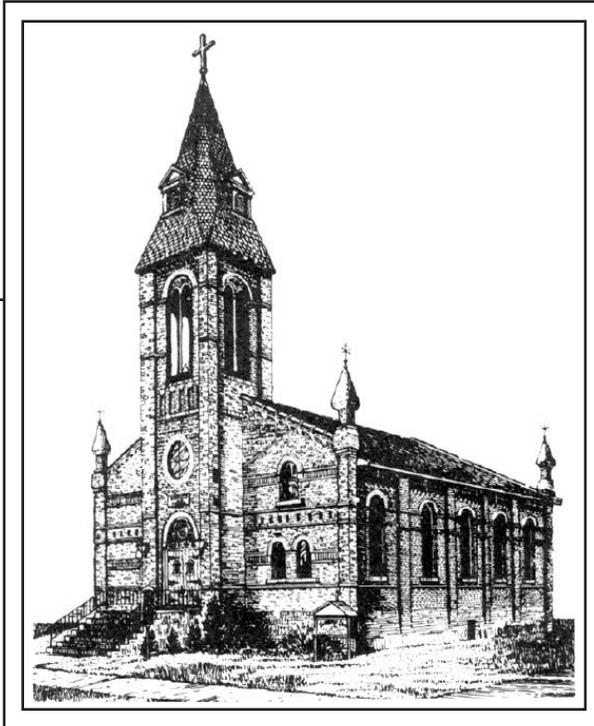


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## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to Mass

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

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**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish Office.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR SICK, SHUT-INS:** Holy Communion is brought regularly to sick and shut-ins. Please notify the rectory.

**MARRIAGES:** Couples planning to get married must contact a priest one year in advance for an appointment. They must also receive personal preparation for entering marriage. Please do not book the time and place of your reception before your appointment with the priest.

If either party has gone through any form of civil or religious marriage with another person, the priest is not permitted to set a date for the wedding until the Bishop's Office has been consulted.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All parishioners should be registered. Registration cards can be found in the Church foyer or at the parish office. Would you kindly notify the office when you are moving out of the parish.

**BULLETIN NOTICES** must be received at the parish office by Tuesday at noon. Announcements will appear for no more than two weeks, and should contain only pertinent information. Please be brief.

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Mary's Church has invited  
Catholic evangelist and singer/songwriter

**MARK MALLET**

to lead a **3-day parish mission** titled

***Come Out of Babylon!***

**Monday, March 9, to Wednesday, March 11,**  
each evening at **7:00 pm** in the church.

Please come early to secure a seat!

Overflow seating will be available in the hall.

A free will offering is kindly requested to cover costs,  
his flight from Alberta, and other expenses.

### SUBJECTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION

There is a beautiful Catholic tradition known as Subjects for Daily Meditation, which, when reflected upon every day, could be the fodder for much insight and growth in the spiritual life. One could easily devote an entire time of prayer in just concentrating on one of the 16 serious duties of the Christian life--

**Remember, Christian soul,  
that thou hast this day,  
and every day of thy life:  
God to glorify,  
Jesus to imitate,  
A soul to save,  
A body to mortify,  
Sins to repent of,  
Virtues to acquire,  
Hell to avoid,  
Heaven to gain,  
Eternity to prepare for,  
Time to profit by,  
Neighbors to edify,  
The world to despise,  
Devil's to combat,  
Passions to subdue,  
Death, perhaps, to suffer,  
Judgment to undergo.**

The very first word, 'remember', serve to remind us of the fact that for the Jewish people, the word that sums up all of the scriptures is the word remember, because to forget is to be as good as dead. Remembering for the Christian is the same. To remember what Christ has done for us in his death on the cross and in his rising again as he had foretold, reminds us to be grateful to Christ who took our place, forgiving our sins, and is with us in his faithful promise: "I will not leave you orphans. I will return to you." (Jn. 14:18)

Each of these daily maxims offers us an opportunity to rethink our life in Christ. Are we following Him closely or staying far off? Are we making compromises in our commitment to follow Him? Is He first in our life above every other person or thing? Do we love the Lord as He loves us?

To "glorify God" is reflected in our faith being clear and genuine to others, not through showy displays, but as a natural result of our love for Him and our desire to do His will.

We have "Jesus to imitate," which involves doing good and sometimes difficult tasks in life—choices often overlooked—instead of conforming to the crowd. We should compare ourselves to Christ in our efforts to please Him.

To "save another's soul" means recognizing that the first soul we must save is our own. Christ has achieved this through His death on the cross, but like a blank cheque, we must sign it ourselves, trusting in His salvation. Virtue in the Christian life is never just about ourselves but is rooted in others. Mark 8:36-37 states, "For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what could a person give in exchange for his soul?" Today, there is less focus on saving others' souls, which can also help save our own. To lead someone to Christ shows our own commitment, for we cannot give what we do not possess.

"A body to mortify." In a culture where physical health and appearance are often considered paramount, it is also necessary to keep our bodily desires in check—whether moral or not—and to reject lower temptations in pursuit of God's blessings and a fulfilling life.

Moreover, as sinners, recognizing our faults in light of Christ prompts us to "turn away from our sin in repentance," which involves first acknowledging, feeling sorrow over, confessing, and changing our habits of sin in order to live in a manner pleasing to God.

To "acquire virtue" means the consistent practice of moral actions and making choices that, through time and repetition, can become natural to us. Virtue, when deliberately chosen, is practiced regularly until it feels instinctive, thus cultivating virtue.

To avoid hell is to recognize that it is not the result of a failure or an arbitrary judgment on the part of God but a conscious, lived choice on our part. God wills that all people choose Him by their own free will, which is to choose life, goodness, virtue, happiness, holiness and those things that endure, which is to gain heaven, by choice. Yours.

No one gets out of this world alive, save those who have heard the promise of Christ, where He said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood (in a worthy manner) ... will live forever. Either Jesus meant what He said and said what He promised, or He didn't. But He did. Live and stand on His promises. (FrC)

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

|                                        |                                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tue Mar 10 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30am     | +Feliks Kosierb<br>Requested by Mary Cudney & Family                             |
| Wed Mar 11 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30am     | For the People                                                                   |
| Thurs Mar 12 <sup>th</sup><br>7:30am   | HOLY HOUR                                                                        |
| 8:30am                                 | +Dan Braniff<br>Requested by Pat & Family                                        |
| Fri Feb Mar 13 <sup>th</sup><br>6:30pm | STATIONS OF THE CROSS                                                            |
| 7:00pm                                 | +Roy Adams<br>Requested by Mary Cudney & Family                                  |
|                                        | Unannounced Mass                                                                 |
| Sat Mar 14 <sup>th</sup><br>8:30am     | Intentions of Michelle Sampson & Family<br>Requested by Genevieve & Clark Carson |
| 3:00pm                                 | Confession                                                                       |
| 4:30pm                                 | +Pat Chalmers<br>Requested by Irene Taylor                                       |
| Sun Mar 15 <sup>th</sup><br>9:00am     | For the People                                                                   |
| 11:00am                                | +Mario Carlucci<br>Requested by Silvio & Family                                  |

*Please Pray for the Sick*

Alex Poirier, Hudson Ford, Janine Wright.



*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased*



THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> TO MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2026



|                                        |             |
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| Regular Collection Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> |             |
| Inc PAG                                | \$4994.55   |
| ShareLife Parish Goal 2026             | \$46,000.00 |
| Raised so far                          | \$ 2,909.00 |



**LEN TEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS**

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
9:00am to 11:00am  
& 6:00pm to 8:00pm



**LEN TEN COLLECTION**

We have again been approached by Dr. Simone (Canadian Food for Children) to do a Lenten Collection for the poor. Last year we were very successful, and we thought it important to continue with our support. Here are some of the items that they are asking for this year. **Iodized salt, cans of meat and fish, peanut butter, flour, soap bars, toothpaste and tooth brushes, eye glasses, school supplies, NEW socks and shoes, clothing**  
We will have totes in the hallway between the church and the hall. We will collect right through the Lenten season. Thank You.

**3rd Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026**

**Through ShareLife, you ensured Tyler didn't face his hardships alone**

Many of our brothers and sisters are struggling in silence. Because of your support of ShareLife, Tyler didn't face his hardships alone. When he first came to counselling at a Catholic Charities agency you support through ShareLife, he was withdrawn and guarded—reluctant to open up. But slowly, with support, he began to share the weight he carried: the trauma of losing his father to a drug overdose and the pain of repeated loss in his family life.

Over time, Tyler found the courage to face his story, make sense of his struggles, and take steps toward healing. Today, he says counselling has become something he looks forward to—even when it's hard—because it's helping him grow. Through ShareLife, you help people in our community access mental health services. You offer healing to those who feel forgotten and hope to those who are hurting.

The first ShareLife Sunday collection is on March 22. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

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