

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

2nd Thursday

Knights of Columbus

3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings

Youth Group - TBA

CHUCKLE CORNER

A sense of humor is a gift from God. Laughter unites us. Funny things help us get through the humdrum of life. Without humor this would be a lot harder.

"A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Father, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"



Coming Events at St. Anne's

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday Mass

3:45 pm Catechism children
7:00 pm All Parishioners

Thursday, February 8

7:00 pm Parish Council meeting

Friday's February 16, 23, March 1 & 8

Soup and sandwiches
-details to follow

During this Lent we will have the 'Stations of the Cross' on all Fridays @ 8:30 am, before Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday, one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar, opens the holy season of Lent, a time of fasting and prayer. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused alienation from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Some faithful take the day off work and remain home. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to feast on this day. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith. Parents are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. The actions modeled by adults will be the greatest influence in this matter.



MASS TIMES AND INFORMATION

St. Anne's Parish,
Barrhead

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

St. John the Evangelist,
Swan Hills

Sunday: 1:00 pm

St. John Vianney,
Fort Assiniboine

1st Wed. of the month 7pm

Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday:

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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MISSION: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SWAN HILLS

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7.1-4

Job describes our life on earth. The days of our life come to a swift end.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16

Paul writes that he must preach the gospel. He has tried to become one with his hearers to convince them of the saving message of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and the sick. Then he goes off to pray alone

You are the Salt and Light!

Jesus says we are the salt of the earth. Have you ever tasted food that wasn't salty enough? It can taste pretty bland. But do you notice when food has the right amount of salt? Usually we don't think about it. It's kind of hiding in the food and making it taste good. Jesus wants us to be like the "salt" in the world, with the goodness and truth that He gives us.

Jesus also says that we are the light of the world. Can you imagine a completely dark world; no sun or lights or anything? It would be pretty scary. You'd never know what was happening or where you were going. That's what the world can be like for people who don't have the light of God's truth. It's our job to bring the truth to the world so that everyone can see that God loves them.

We have to bring God's light everywhere we go. But we must be gentle with people who don't understand the truth. Otherwise it would be like shining a light in someone's eyes, and they wouldn't be able to see anything. We need to start out like little candles, lighting the way so that people can follow us toward God.

"You are the light of the world."

Parish News

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please contact the office at 780-674-2662 to register for Baptism course offered only in January, May, or September.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Francis Khai Phan will be available for the Sacrament an hour before the weekend Masses or call the office for appointment.

Marriage

Please contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Francis Khai Phan

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing of the sick

LAST WEEK’S DONATIONS

BARRHEAD

General	\$1990.00
Children	\$14.70
Vigil	\$52.50

SWAN HILLS

General	\$145.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Times, Dates and Intentions
February 5 to February 11 2024

Monday, February 5 -

No Mass

Tuesday, February 6 - St. Anne's

7:00 pm Deceased members of Mabel & Frank Hunder Frost Family

Wednesday, February 7 - Keir Care

10:00 am

Thursday, February 8 - Hill Crest

9:30 am Mary Clare Sampson (RIP) Pat & Rick

Friday, February 9 - St. Anne's

9:00 am Phil Fluet (Health) George Adamek

Saturday, February 10 - St. Anne's

7:00 pm Brenda Lawrence & Pat & Rick Lily Garrecht (RIP)

Sunday, February 11 - St. Anne's

9:30 am All Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, February 11, 2024

1:00 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS WANTED

A reminder for all church committees that the Parish Council would like your reports for the Annual Parish Meeting! Please bring or Email your report to the office as soon as possible; jmj111@telus.net Thank you!

Parish News

LENT - PREPARING FOR EASTER

Lent is a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday (March 28). It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

During Lent, we follow the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays. But we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

During this Lent we will have the ‘Stations of the Cross’ on all Fridays @ 8:30 am, before Mass.

I wish all our parishioners a meaningful and Spirit-filled in Lenten Season!

PRO-LIFE MOVIE NIGHT

We would like to invite you to our showing of ‘The Drop Box’. It is a documentary that tells the true story of South Korean pastor Lee Jong-rak and his heroic efforts to embrace and protect abandoned children. It is a story about the forgotten, the disabled, the discarded, and the man who gives everything to protect them. Come join us free at the Barrhead Roxy Theatre. There will be a concession. Evening showing @7:00pm February 15th 2023 and Matinee showing @2:30pm February 17th 2023. We look forward to seeing you there! Please your discretion if it is age-appropriate for your child(ren). Many of the children in the film were born with special needs, and some with severe physical deformities. There is one brief scene that shows the insertion of a feeding tube that may be difficult to watch for a small child."

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

40 Days for Life is a pro-life prayer campaign that includes prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil (praying outside the abortion clinic). We will again organize groups to go out and pray. Please contact the office at info@edmontonprolife.org or 780.425.1637 to let us know if you would like to join a group. Visit 40daysforlife.com/edmonton to sign up or for more info.

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