

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

2nd Thursday

Knights of Columbus

3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings

Youth Group - TBA

Chuckle Corner

A mother goes to her pastor and explains that her son seems very interested in becoming a priest. She would like to know what this would require. So the priest begins to explain: "If he wants to become a diocesan priest, he'll have to study for eight years. If he wants to become a Franciscan, he'll have to study for ten years. If he wants to become a Jesuit, he'll have to study for fourteen years." [This joke originated back when young men entered seminaries right after high school.] The mother listens carefully, and as the priest concludes, her eyes brighten. "**Sign him up for that last one, Father -- he's a little slow!**"

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Tuesday, December 31

7:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving & Vigil of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

10:00 am New Year Mass
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Saturday, January 4

After Saturday Mass – Fellowship coffee

Wednesday, January 8

Catechism and Youth Group - resume

No Masses on December 26 & 27

YEAR-END & CHRISTMAS GIVING

As you consider making year-end and Christmas donations to your favourite charities, we hope that you will also consider making a gift to your favourite parish – St. Anne. In order for your donations to be credited towards your 2024 tax receipt, they need to be received in the office or collection by December 31, 2024.

Donations made at the Masses on December 31 will be considered 2024 donations; however, any cheque dated 2025 will be recorded in 2025.

- Donations made at the New Year's Day masses on January 1 will be considered 2025 donations.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR YEAR END DONATION IN THE COLLECTION ON JANUARY 1 AND ASK THAT IT BE CONSIDERED FOR 2024



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

Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday:
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pastor

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MISSION: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SWAN HILLS

December 22, 2024



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Invitation to Prayer "The greatest things are accomplished in silence—not in the clamor and display of superficial eventfulness, but in the deep clarity of inner vision; in the almost imperceptible start of decision, in quiet overcoming and hidden sacrifice."

Reflection Eventfulness? This word should stop us in our tracks as we move constantly to and from interesting and exciting events this season. Instead, what does it mean to be truly at rest in the season of Advent and Christmastime? A few friends and I were discussing our mutual desire and strategies to gain more peace, prayer and silence for our families during these weeks. And how, despite this desire, more and more good things compete for our attention as the days get shorter. It means that we must be more selective than ever, and somehow more detached. Rather than seeing, tasting, hearing, and enjoying the season like a honeybee, never stopping, always moving; we can strive to be more like Mary. Choosing to bring the Lord's presence to someone in a meaningful way that will change their lives. But also being satisfied in the time we choose to spend missing out on other things. Mary made it her mission and focus for a long period of time to be with her cousin and to serve her. Quality and quantity, to the exclusion of other good things. It is ok for us to do the same.

- LOVE -

Parish New

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



ST. ANNE'S

General \$4,665.00
Vigil \$ 133.55
Children \$7.55

SWAN HILLS

General \$25.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Times, Date and Intentions
December 23 to December 29 2024

Monday, December 23 – St. Anne’s		
No Mass		
Tuesday, December 24 – St. Anne’s		
7:00 pm	Christmas Pageant & Christmas Eve Mass	
10:15 pm	Christmas Cantata	
11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass	
Wednesday, December 25 – St. Anne’s		
10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass	
1:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass in Swan Hills	
Thursday, December 26 – St. Anne’s		
No Mass		
Friday, December 27 – St. Anne’s		
No Mass		
Saturday, December 28 – St. Anne’s		
7:00 pm	Deceased members of Hunder family	Mabel & Frank
Sunday, December 29 – St. Anne’s		
9:30 am	Fr. Adamek (RIP)	Lorna & Tim
	Ed Zawada (RIP)	Theresa Cherwonka
St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)		
Sunday, December 29		
1:00 pm	Alita Boutin (Blessing) Sharon Slager	

Financial Report
as at November 30, 2024

Income
General Collections: \$114,756
Donations: \$10,000
Other: \$23,611
Total Income: \$148,367

Total Expenses \$154,872
Net Loss -\$6,505

Parish News



The fourth candle of Advent is called the “Angel Candle” and symbolizes peace. This name comes from the fact that the angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace (Luke 2:14). This week we are reminded that Jesus came to bring peace to our hearts and to our world!

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity".
Colossians 3:14



Jubilee 2025/Pilgrims of Hope

You are Invited! Jubilee 2025 Opening Celebration
Sunday, December 29, 2024 - Presider: Bishop Gary Franken
Opening Rite: St. Paul Senior Citizen Centre @ 11:00 am
Followed by Pilgrimage & Mass at the St. Paul Cathedral.

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis proclaimed, through the Papal Bull of Indiction "specs non confundit - Hope does not disappoint", the ordinary Jubilee of 2025 with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope". The jubilee year will open Sunday, December 9 2024 and close on Sunday, December 28, 2025.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

PARISH CONTACTS

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- RCIA**
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Amber Skogstad (554 3272)
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- Youth for Christ**
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- Knights of Columbus**
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- Prayer Chain**
Theresa Cherwonka(674-5613)
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- Hillcrest Bingo**
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- Meals on Wheels**
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- Communion to the Sick**
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