

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

2nd Thursday

Knights of Columbus

3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings

Youth Group - TBA

CHUCKLE CORNER

The pastor was a fisherman, but he hadn't fished in months. One perfect Sunday morning he couldn't resist. He called up his associate priest and claimed he had laryngitis. The priest then headed out to his favorite spot. The hook hadn't been in the water five minutes before he got a strike and landed the biggest fish he had ever caught – although he had seen bigger ones caught by others. A half hour later, he caught the biggest fish he had ever seen. Another forty-five minutes later he landed a fish that broke the world record. All this time St. Peter and God have been watching the priest from Heaven. St. Peter turns to God, and says, "How can you reward this priest? He lied. He doesn't observe the Sunday obligation." — God smiled at St. Peter, and replied, "I am punishing him." St. Peter was confused, so God continued, "Well, after he finishes, to whom can he tell his story?"

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Sunday, February 16

10:45 am Family Ministry

Thursday, February 20

7:00 pm Knights meeting

Saturday, February 22

Fr. Francis is back from vacation



JUBILEE 2025...

Canadian Catholic travel agencies know Jubilee 2025 is momentous and are adjusting pilgrimage slates for the year accordingly. "For Catholics, the holy doors are very important." "It symbolizes entering into a state of salvation and grace. It also allows pilgrims to receive a plenary indulgence."

Pope Francis opened four major holy doors in Rome, located at St. Peter's Basilica, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Basilica of St. Mary Major and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. The 88-year-old pontiff also historically opened a holy door at Rebibbia Prison on Dec. 26. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope."

"This is a global invitation to the Catholics to confirm their faith going through the holy doors. Today we are facing some global instability, humanitarian crisis, political uncertainty." "Today people of the Catholic Church turn to spirituality and pilgrimage for meaning. So, pilgrimage is as an act of resistance. It's no longer just about visiting sites, it's a declaration of faith in a fractured world."

"Catholics take flight on Jubilee year sojourns"



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

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MISSION: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SWAN HILLS

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

GOD LIFTS US UP TO GREATER THINGS

Our readings today emphasize that our eyes should not be fixed on things of this world. We will not find true fulfillment on earth, where things pass away. Rather, our focus is to be on the Lord and following his ways. Jesus is lifting up those who yearn for more in this world and decrying those who have found false fullness in the world. He lifts us up, no matter what hardship we are facing.

"O God, who teaches us that you abide in hearts that are: just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever."

February 17: Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

The seven men who founded the Servite Order knew each other as cloth merchants and members of a lay organization dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The Florence, Italy of the Middle Ages where they lived, enjoyed a booming economy but also was a city of conflict between the noble rulers and populists.

Around the year 1233, each of the seven devout men experienced an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling them to withdraw from the world and its pursuit of money and power to devote themselves to the service of God. They obeyed and on September 8, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, they gave up their careers and property to move into a dilapidated house outside the city wall.

Our Blessed Mother called these holy men together as they worked and lived in a bustling city. United by their faith, they were set apart and drawn by God to a life of prayer. From that prayer and their commitment to poverty, chastity, and obedience, God drew many others into their companionship. And through those companions, missionaries went forth to the corners of the earth.

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 \$ 2568.00

Catholic Mission \$ 475.00

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 225.00

Catholic Mission \$ 140.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Times, Date and Intentions February 17 to February 23 2025

Monday, February 17– St. Anne's

No Mass

Tuesday, February 18– St. Anne's

No Mass

Wednesday, February 19– St. Anne's

No Mass

Thursday, February 20– St. Anne's

No Mass

Friday, February 21 – St. Anne's

No Mass

Saturday, February 22 – St. Anne's

7:00 pm Kyle Hoefuls (RIP) Bonnie Schulte

Sunday, February 23 – St. Anne's

9:30 am Fred Ehiwe (RIP) Al & Sonja

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, February 23 2025

1:00 pm All Parishioners

A Catholic's Guide to Holy Week

Holy Week is the most important week in Catholicism. This week of great reverence and reflection spans the final eight days of Jesus' life—from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is astounding how much wisdom, insight and inspiration are available to us during this one week. Here is just a sample of what happens during Holy Week:

- **Palm Sunday**, Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem

- **Monday of Holy Week**, Jesus clears out the temple with a whip

- **Tuesday of Holy Week**, Jesus is anointed with oil at Bethany and preaches on the Mount of Olives

- **Spy Wednesday**, Jesus is betrayed by Judas

- **Holy Thursday**, Jesus celebrates the Last Supper, prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, and is arrested

- **Good Friday**, Jesus is sentenced to death, scourged, beaten, crucified, and dies on the Cross

- **Holy Saturday**, Jesus is buried in the tomb and descends into hell

- **Easter Sunday**, Jesus rises from the dead.

Parish News

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to thank you for your generous support for the past years. St. Anne's Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners and despite these difficult times, we manage to come together. St. Anne's Parish is very grateful for every one of your gestures of support and care for our mutual home.

St. Anne's has many volunteer jobs within the many ministries that rely on the generosity of stewards. Take an inventory of your own talents and prayerfully consider how you might return them in service to God. Tremendous good has been done throughout the world by this desire to be stewards of God's gifts. We are all beneficiaries of those who have gone before us; it is our responsibility to return tenfold what we have received by the grace of God.

TRANSFORMATION ENCOUNTER NIGHT: We are inviting John Connelly, a Catholic evangelist/speaker/musician to **Holy Trinity Catholic church in Spruce Grove on Saturday Feb 22nd** to speak on this topic, and better yet, we will invite the Holy Spirit to touch and renew us so that we can fulfill our mission with renewed zeal and JOY! Please consider this a personal invite from someone who has labored long in the vineyard and been renewed by the Holy Spirit in this way. Come and See! Free and open to the public.

ANNUAL MEETING: Our Annual meeting is fast approaching. Merv Boser is busy working on it. With your help, we could make it easier for him to finish all his work by submitting your report.

Committee Reports: All reports for the Annual meeting must be submitted to **officebarrheadsta@dostp.ca** by March 2. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

WHEN IS HOLY WEEK 2025?

This year, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025. It ends on Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025.

“Lenten Parish Mission 2025 – Details to follow!”

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