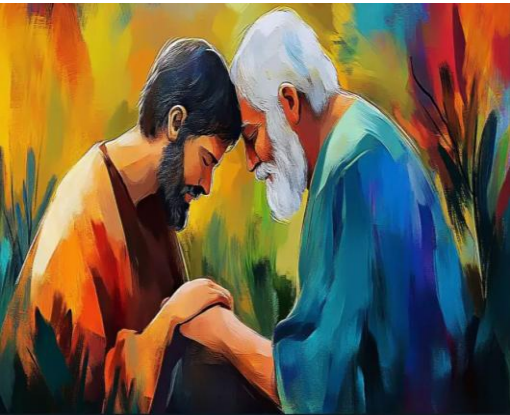


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MISSION: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SWAN HILLS

March 30, 2025
4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Parable of the Prodigal Son
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

This Sunday, we hear the extraordinarily beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son. This parable comes to mind every time I hear a confession for someone who has been away from the sacrament for decades or for someone who has really wandered far away from God and made a big mess of his or her life. It is the only way I can describe the joy that God has—and that I have as his priest—when one of God's wayward children returns to him.

Nearly every single one of us can identify with the prodigal son. We know that we struggle to follow God's will and that we'd generally prefer to do our own thing. We have witnessed things come crashing down before our eyes. It crushes us. If we're lucky, we remember, like the prodigal son, that we have a God who loves us and will always welcome us back home. Many of us, also, can identify with the other son. Sometimes we see people who fell much further than we did or in ways we find particularly offensive and think, "at least that isn't me." Sometimes, we might even think, "Don't they know what that person did?!?! What are they doing letting them into a church?!" But, just like the father in the parable loves both of his sons, so too does our God love us. The response of the father to the elder son, "your brother was dead and has come to life again," is deeply profound, because in just these words, Christ reveals the entire point of him coming into this world.



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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Coming Events at St. Anne's

Sunday, March 30
After Mass – Annual General Meeting
With fellowship Coffee - Everyone is Welcome

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – March 31, April 1 & 2
- Lenten Mission

Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6
Fellowship coffee after Mass

Sunday, April 13
Deadline: Food Bank Donation

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for His steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say: 'His steadfast love endures for ever'" (Ps 117:1-2)



St. Anne Roman Catholic Parish
Lent and Easter 2025

Date	Time	Event
March 31-April 1 & 2	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Lenten Mission – led by Rita Taylor Lenten Penitential Service (Confession) (see poster for details)
April 12 - 13	Regular Weekend Mass Schedule	Palm Sunday (Foodbank Donation)
April 15	6:30 pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul
April 17 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by the Adoration in the hall to 7:00 pm on Good Friday (after midnight in Adoration Chapel) Blessing and distribution of bread (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)
April 18	1:30 pm	Outdoor Way of the Cross
Good Friday	3:00 pm	The Passion of Christ in Church
April 19	11:00 am	Blessing of Food
Holy Saturday	8:30 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
April 20	9:30 am	Mass at St. Anne's
Easter Sunday	1:00 pm	Mass at Swan Hills

Have a Blessed Lenten Season to all!

Parish News

St Anne's Cemetery/Columbarium

Purchasing a Niche in a Columbarium, is now available! All you need to know about columbaria and their prices, please contact the office for more information; Phone: 780 674 2662. Email: officebarrheadsta@dostp.ca



LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS



ST. ANNE'S
General \$ 2215.00
Children: \$ 15.70

SWAN HILLS
General \$140.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Times, Date and Intentions March 31 to April 6 2025

Monday, March 31– St. Anne's		
6:00 pm	Holy Mass	
6:30 pm	Lenten Mission – Session 1	
Tuesday, April 1 St. Anne's		
6:00 pm	Holy Mass	
6:30 pm	Lenten Mission – Session 2	
Wednesday, April 2– St Anne's		
10:00 am	Mass in Kier Care	
6:00 pm	Lenten Mission followed by Reconciliation	
Thursday, April 3– St. Anne's		
9:00 am	Mary Thompson (RIP)	Knights
Friday, April 4 – St. Anne's		
8:30 am	Station of the Cross	
9:00 am	Harold Gilbertson (RIP)	Theresa
Saturday, April 5 – St. Anne's		
9:00 am	All Parishioners	
7:00 pm	Harold Gilbertson (RIP)	Marie Menshik
Sunday, April 6 – St. Anne's		
9:30 am	Fr. John Adamyk (RIP)	Knights
St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)		
Sunday, April 6 2025		
1:00 pm	All Parishioners	

CHRISM MASS

All members of our diocesan family are cordially invited to the Chrism Mass at the St. Paul Cathedral!

A bus being organized, to go to the Chrism Mass at St. Paul, on Tuesday April 15, 2025. For anyone who is interested in coming on the bus, sign up sheet at the entrance. Thank you!

LENTEN SCHEDULES

Ushers, Readers and Communion Ministers. Please sign up for Lenten Schedules. Sign up sheet at the entrance table. Thank you!

"We would welcome more Eucharistic ministers, ESPECIALLY FOR SUNDAY Welcoming / Ushers". Thank you! Jeannine K.

Parish News

ST ANNE'S PARISH,LENTEN MISSION "Transformed Through Grace and Virtue"

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Monday, March 31st

The Mechanics of Grace and Virtue

6:00 PM - Holy Mass
6:30 PM - Session 1
7:30 PM - Snacks & Social
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Tuesday, April 1st

Becoming Attentive to the Law of the Heart

6:00 PM - Holy Mass
6:30 PM - Session 2
7:30 PM - Snacks & Social
- 3

Wednesday, April 2nd

Creating a Lasting Impact with Virtue

6:00 PM - Session 3
7:00 PM - Reconciliation

Rita Taylor, MSP

6 pm - 8 pm
Mar 31 - Apr 2, 2025

St. Anne's Parish
Barrhead, AB

Free Admission

After sessions 1 & 2 join us for snacks and social at the church hall
After session 3 on Wednesday, April 2, we will have Reconciliation
(Priests from Westlock and Whitecourt will help with this sacrament.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On March 30, right after the 9.30am Mass, the Annual General Meeting will be held in the hall. We invite all parishioners to join the AGM, while enjoying a cup of coffee and a muffin. For the children there will be child care available in one of the downstairs classrooms. Snacks, a saint movie, and coloring picture will be there for the children. Adult supervision and lots of youth babysitters will be present too.

Religious Articles: New items including Divine Mercy booklets, books, rosaries and more will be for sale after Saturday and Sunday Mass. Take a few minutes after Mass to see if there's something for you! Needing special items place your name and item on form provided. Thank you

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- Prayer Chain**
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