

MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council

2nd Thursday

Knights of Columbus

3rd Thursday

Youth Meetings

Youth Group - TBA

LENTEN THOUGHT

A pastor was once asked to speak at a banquet for a charitable organization. After the meeting, the program chairman handed the pastor a check. "Oh, I don't want this," the pastor said. "I appreciate the honor of being asked to speak. Keep the check and apply it to something special." The program chairman asked, "Well, do you mind if we put it in our special fund?" "Of course not!" the pastor replied. "Could you please tell me what your special fund is for?" The chairman answered, "It's so we can get a better speaker for next year." — Life is full of humbling experiences. Jesus' parade through the Holy City on a donkey was an act of humility. He was not coming in the might and power of a conquering king, but as a humble servant.

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Saturday, April 12 & Sunday, April 13

Please bring your Food Bank Donation – Thank you!

Tuesday, April 15

6:30 pm Chrism Mass at the St. Paul Cathedral
(No 7pm Mass at St. Anne's)

Wednesday, April 16

5:00 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus meeting
7:00 pm Ft Assiniboine Mass

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

Family Ministry after Sunday Mass

Sunday, May 11

1st Communion

GOOD FRIDAY –

Needs of the Church in the Holy Land - Collection

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population.

The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during your parish's Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online by going to Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donating via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer. Receipts will be issued. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, to whom the Holy See has entrusted this ministry for nearly 700 years, I sincerely thank you for your support.



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

**April 13, 2025
PALM SUNDAY**

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
(Psalm 118:26)



Palm Sunday

Celebrating Palm Sunday begins with a uniquely powerful experience of Mass. This particular Mass includes two incredible readings from the Gospels. As Mass begins, we hear the account of Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem on a donkey and being praised by massive crowds. It is a special opportunity to begin a spiritual pilgrimage toward Easter.

Then, during the Liturgy of the Word, we dive into the entire Passion account. Many parishes present this account in an interactive format: the priest reads Jesus' lines, lectors narrate and read the parts of many characters, and everyone in the pews reads the part of the crowd. As you listen, place yourself there in the story. Imagine the sights and sounds. Who do you resonate with? What words or phrases stick out to you? It is a particularly long reading, so try to focus on the one thing God is trying to say to you.

At Palm Sunday Mass, you'll also receive blessed palm branches. Many people keep these palm branches all year, using them as a religious decoration in their home or weaving them into a cross shape. Since palm branches are a blessed item, they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch, you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes the following Ash Wednesday!

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LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

ST. ANNE'S

General \$ 3160.75

Caritas \$ 385.00

Children: \$ 6.50

Vigil/Candles \$26.25

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 355.00

Caritas \$ 725.00

JUBILEE 2025



Mass Times, Date and Intentions April 14 to April 20 2025

Monday, April 14– St. Anne's

11:00 am Funeral Mass – Doreen Nutt

Tuesday, April 15 - Diocese of St. Paul

6:30 pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of
Diocese of St. Paul

Wednesday, April 16– Keir Care & Fr. Assiniboine

10:00 am Mass in Keir Care

7:00 pm Bonnie Schulte (blessing) Dorothy & Lorne

Thursday, April 17– St. Anne's – Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's supper followed by the
adoration in the Hall

-Blessing and distribution of bread-

Friday, April 18 – St. Anne's – Good Friday

1:30 pm Outdoor Way of the Cross

3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord in church

Saturday, April 19 – St. Anne's – Holy Saturday

11:00 am Blessing of Food

8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20 – St. Anne's – Easter Sunday

9:30 am All Parishioners

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, April 20 2025

1:00 pm All Parishioners

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Doreen Nutt in April 4, 2025. Funeral service mass will be held at St. Anne's on Monday, April 14 at 11 am.

“Luncheon to follow in the church hall.”

"Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her."

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EASTER LILIES: Give an Easter Lily in honour of, or in memory of, a loved one. Parishioners are invited to bring Lilies to help decorate the church for Easter. Donate in in memory of someone who has died. Please drop off flowers (or monetary donations) at the Office, during Holy week, by Holy Thursday Thank you!

FOOD BANK DRIVE: We are accepting food donations which you can drop off at the overflow. You may bring donations of gift cards for families in need to the office anytime. Foods most needed: baby food/diapers, canned fish, canned meats, canned vegetables, soups, cereal, peanut butter cookies and rice.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - CARITAS CANADA

Why give? By giving to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, you are helping to restore dignity to vulnerable populations, to advocate for democracy, to pray for lasting peace and build a more just world.

Thank you for supporting with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, you are helping to support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. <https://devp.org/en/give-now-2/>

PRAYER CHAIN NOTICE: It is time to update our prayer chain list. If anyone would like to become a prayer partner with us, please contact Theresa Cherwonka @ 674-5613

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES: Religious articles are displayed in overflow! New articles: First Communion dresses and gifts for boys and girls! Gifts for Confirmation, Divine Mercy and much more! Please come take a look there maybe something for you!

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS this summer will be from July 7 to 11, 2025

Grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist this Lent!
Beautiful Eucharist is a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

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