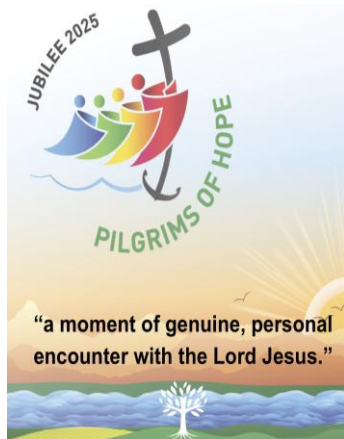




Advent Thought

This Advent chooses to SLOW DOWN and rediscover true peace.

Slowing down to the speed of Joy. We've lost our joy!

Peace: Recognize the global need for peace, especially due to ongoing conflicts, and pray for peace to transform the world through Jesus.

Light in Darkness: Acknowledge that even in difficult circumstances, God is a light that penetrates darkness and can overcome cynicism.

Hope: Reflect on the hope that Jesus brings and the call to share gifts of hope, faith, joy, and peace with others

Coming Events at St. Anne's

Wednesday, Dec 3

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, December 4

6:00 pm Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Gary

Saturday December 6

Fellowship coffee after 7 pm Mass

"Please bring a few tasty morsels/ baked goodies (if you're able) to share. Thank you!"

Thursday, December 11

6:30 pm Advent Penitential Service (Confession)

Sunday, December 14

Parish Christmas Party after Sunday Mass

"The church Christmas decorations committee will start decoration 2nd week of December"

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Thursday December 4th at 6pm, bishop Gary Franken will be in St. Anne's for the sacrament of Confirmation. Nine children of our parish are preparing for Confirmation. Please keep these children extra in your prayers! We'd like to invite all parishioners to celebrate this sacrament of Confirmation together with these children and their families. After the Confirmation service there will be a potluck supper and cake in the hall.

Candidates for Confirmation. Please pray for:

Brock Boser,	Hazel Boser
Eduardo Valdez	Eloise Kane
Troy Koopman	Kenji Lagmay
Jordana Rosetino	Isabella Vallecillo Sanchez
Daniel Terlouw	

"Guide them to grow as disciples of Christ: Grant them the joy of your presence and the grace to live out the fruits of the Spirit"



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

November 30, 2025
1st Sunday Of Advent

November 30
Beginning of Advent Season
(The First Sunday in the Liturgical Year)



FINALLY WE ENTER THE SEASON OF ADVENT!

Catholic Advent season begins on November 30, which is the First Sunday of Advent, marking the start of a four-week period of preparation for Christmas. During this time, Catholics focus on prayer, penance, and reflection, using symbols like the Advent wreath and calendar to anticipate and prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ, both in celebrating His birth and in awaiting His second coming.

November 30—Beginning of Advent Season (First Sunday in the Liturgical Year)

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, the Feast of Christ the King is observed on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, which marks the end of the liturgical year. In 2025, this falls on November 23. This feast emphasizes Christ's sovereignty and kingship over all creation, serving as a reminder of His divine authority. Following this, the new liturgical year begins with the First Sunday of Advent on November 30, 2025. Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's Nativity at Christmas. It starts a new cycle of liturgical themes, scripture readings, and worship, focusing on awaiting the coming of Christ both in history and in the future. The transition from Christ the King to Advent signifies the shift from celebrating Christ's universal kingship to preparing for His coming into the world as a newborn.

'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

Parish News

Baptism

Please contact the Office at 780-674-2662 to register for Baptism course offered only in January, May, 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 DONATIONS

ST. ANNE'S

General \$ 1,614.70
Children \$ 27.35
Vigil \$ 33.65

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 100.000

*Your Financial Support is
Greatly Appreciated!*

Mass Times, Date and Intentions December 1 to December 7 2025

Monday, December 1 – St. Anne's

No Mass

Tuesday, December 2– St. Annes

7:00 pm Fr. Casey Bukowski (RIP) Knights

Wednesday, December 3 – Keir Care

10:00 am Mary Thompson (RIP) Knights

Thursday, December 4– St. Anne's

9:00 am Marie O'Hagen (RIP) Moira O'Neill

Friday, December 5 – St. Anne's

9:00 am Nicholas Bourgeois (RIP) Monique Jamieson

Pat Arthur (RIP)

Catherine Prociuk

Saturday, December 6 – St. Anne's

9:00 am First Saturday

7:00 pm Bryan Daly (RIP) Rose Petruchik

Rose & Frank (Blessing)

Marie Menshik

Sunday, December 7 – St. Anne's

9:30 am Shirley Fluet (RIP) Bill Astill

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

1:00 pm

**Mass at St. John Vianney, Fort Assiniboine:*

Wednesday 7 pm December 10, 2025

EXPENDITURE REQUEST BUDGET

Co-ordinators of Altar Servers, Sacristy, RCIA, Liturgy, Catechism, Music, Youth, Cemetery, Parish Council and Maintenance are asked to submit their 2026 expenditure requests to the Office. **Deadline to submit: December 7** Please prepare detail description of budget items and include an explanation for requirements. The Finance Committee will discuss proposed budgets in their December meeting.

Parish News

Mark Your Calendar

Advent Penitential Service (Confession)

We will have the common celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on **December 11, Thursday at 6:30 pm.** Priests from Westlock and Whitecourt will help with this sacrament.

SATURDAY, DEC 6 – FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Join us for a Christmas Fellowship Coffee! Get into the Christmas spirit with us! Enjoy coffee and conversation in a relaxed setting. We'll have coffee, hot cocoa, and festive treats and games. We look forward to celebrating the season with you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

On **Sunday December 14th** our parish will have a special Christmas party after the 9.30 am Mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide a meal.

And there will be a **silent auction as a fundraiser for the parish.** Parish Council would like to invite all parishioners to join in this get-together!

Any new items for the silent auction are welcome and can be brought to the office. For any questions contact Lucia at 780-284-0739.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24th, we will start Mass at 7pm with our Christmas Pageant. If you are interested in signing up your child(ren), please contact Suzanne Koopman at 780764 5306. Details to follow.

Religious articles are sold before and after mass in the overflow! Some Items include Christmas cards, crucifixes, medals and many other items! If you need an item on another day my contact number is 780-674-7742 – Lorraine.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign. We collected \$2,339.10. This fundraiser is vital to keeping the day-to-day operations of the Barrhead Pregnancy Care Centre running and they appreciate our support which enables them to reach those in the community that need services. It is greatly appreciated by the clients they serve.

PARISH CONTACTS

2025 – 2026

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Communion to the Sick

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