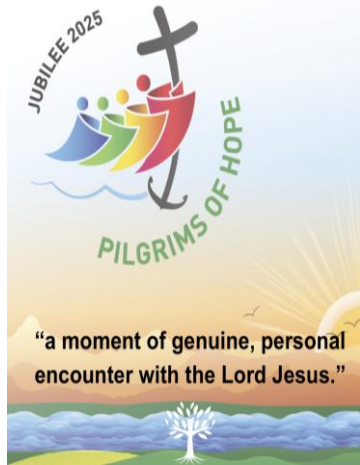




Coming Events at St. Anne's

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!"

Monday, December 8

7:00 pm Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass

Sunday, December 14

Parish Christmas Party after Sunday Mass

Sunday, December 21

After 9:30 am Mass – Christmas Pageant rehearsal

"On Christmas Eve, **Wednesday Dec. 24th**, before Mass starts we will have our Christmas Pageant at 7pm."

Advent Thought

Like Mary and Joseph, our Advent journey takes us down paths unknown and filled with surprises. As they arrived in Bethlehem and could not find room at any inn, their hearts must have been filled with worry. Tired

from the long journey, they had to remind each other to keep moving forward, step by step, one foot in front of the other, following and trusting the Light that had not yet abandoned them to the darkness.

Each year, we make the same journey, repeating the routines, customs, and traditions of years past. We haul out of storage our many boxes and bins of decorations, and we deck the halls with boughs of holly. We dress ourselves in the festive colors of the season and gather with family and friends whom we may only visit once a year.

We call to mind a multitude of memories, visiting with the ghosts of Christmases past, present, and future.

While it may be one more journey through Advent and Christmas, each year we find ourselves different than before, one year older and oftentimes facing something new and unexpected. Some years we may feel we are wiser, while other years we may find ourselves more confused or uncertain. Some years may find us filled with joy, while other years we may feel more sorrowful or empty.

Yet, no matter our circumstances, we must remind ourselves and each other that it's going to be okay.

St. Teresa of Avila reminds us, "Every part of the journey is of importance to the whole." With Mary and Joseph teaching us through their own journey, may we come to discover how to walk by faith and not by sight.

-Archbishop Robert G. Casey-



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

**December 7, 2025
2nd Sunday Of Advent**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The second week focuses on **Peace**—not the sentimental kind, but the unsettling Gospel peace that demands conversion. John the Baptist dominates this week's readings, calling for repentance with a clarity that cuts through spiritual complacency. Peace begins where sin is confronted, not ignored.

Advent is not a decorative countdown; it is a deliberate, structured invitation to re-examine one's interior life. Each candle and each Sunday carries theological weight, built on centuries of Christian tradition.



Week 2 – Jesus Our Way

We prepare our hearts for the Only One who saves.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life"

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 \$ 1701.95
Children \$ 18.10
Vigil \$ 52.50

SWAN HILLS

General \$ 700.00

*Your Financial Support is
Greatly Appreciated!*

Mass Times, Date and Intentions December 8 to December 14 2025

Monday, December 8 – St. Anne's

7:00 pm Immaculate Concepcion Mass

Tuesday, December 9– St. Annes

7:00 pm Joel Jamieson (Blessing) Monique Jamieson

Urbano & Ernita Urdaneta (RIP) Luisa Stephanie

Wednesday, December 10 – Fort Assiniboine

7:00 pm Catherine McCormack (blessing) Moira O'Neill

Thursday, December 11– Hill Crest

9:30 am Mary lou Bermel (RIP) Rose Petruchik

6:30 pm Advent Penitential Service (confession)

Priests from Westlock & Whitecourt will help with this sacrament

Friday, December 12 – St. Anne's

9:00 am Edward Kremp (RIP) Theresa Cherwonka

Saturday, December 13 – St. Anne's

7:00 pm Deceased members Mabel Frank Hunder
of Hunder family

Sunday, December 14 – St. Anne's

9:30 am For Peters & Fontaine family Helen Peters

Judy Lefebvre (blessing) Francis Maykut

St. John the Evangelist (Swan Hills)

Sunday, December 14, 2025

1:00 pm

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

The Finance Committee will discuss proposed budgets in their December meeting.

Use of the Stove in the Church Kitchen

Some volunteers are using the gas range without having taken the obligatory Safety Course, which can have dangerous results. Also, sanitation requirements are violated when the grill is not cleaned. Please discontinue using these appliances or contact the Office if you would like to take the essential courses.

Parish News

It's the time of the year...

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

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 Dec. 24th, before Mass starts we will have our Christmas Pageant at 7pm. All children, ages 3 and up, are welcome to join! On Sunday December 21st, right after the 9.30am Mass, we are having our sign-up and rehearsal. If you are interested in signing up your child(ren), please make sure that they will be at this rehearsal on the 21st. For questions and signing up, please contact Suzanne Koopman 780-674 5306 (home phone).

CATECHISM & OFFICE SUPPLIES

Over the years, assorted supplies used by Catechism teachers have accumulated in the storage room downstairs. These are now organized and labeled so that teachers and coordinators can use what they need for a lesson or project and then return what is left to the exact container or spot they came from. **Please do not** take supplies labelled YOUTH GROUP (top shelf on east wall) and please **be neat**.

Contact the Office if you have questions.

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2025 – 2026

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