

2025
Tax Receipts
are available at
the back of the
church

INTERESTED IN SINGING?
**JOIN THE
EASTER VIGIL
CHOIR**



Contact Patrice
at 780-293-7767



Please Call or visit the
office for any update
on your Contact Info



Sacramental Prep Course



These preparation sessions are for children,
who are currently in Grade 3 or older.

First Reconciliation



Preparation - Church

Session 3 - Sunday, Feb 8 2-4 pm

Reception of First Reconciliation

Tuesday, Feb 10 6:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation



Preparation - Church

Session 1 - Sunday, Mar 1 2-4 pm

Session 2 - Sunday, Mar 8 2-4 pm

Session 3 - Sunday, Mar 15 2-4 pm

Confirmation Celebration

Friday, April 10

SOUP & A BUN

"JOIN OUR LENTEN
TRADITION!
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
TO PREPARE SOUP
FOR OUR
'SOUP & A BUN'
GATHERINGS,
SERVED EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT."

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL
DIANE AT 780-826-2917



Have a good singing voice?

Join the Choir

**Youth & Sat
Mass Choir**
Call Patrice at
780-293-7767

French Choir
Call Anna at 780-812-1682.
Practise is Thurs 7:30 pm.
Reading in French is an asset but
not required.

**English Choir
for Sun Mass**
Call Germaine
at 780-812-0846

Music Ministry Schedule 10 am

2026

Feb 8 - French
Feb 15 - English
Feb 22 - French
Mar 1 - Youth

Mar 8 - French
Mar 15 - English
Mar 22 - French
Mar 29 - English
Apr 5 - French

Apr 12 - Youth
Apr 19 - French
Apr 26 - English
May 3 - French
May 10 - English

PARISH CONTACTS

Fr. Rene Realuyo, **Pastor**
Dave Scott, **Maintenance** – part-time
Jojo Policarpio, **Secretary**
Parish Office Tel: 780-826-3010
OR email officebonnyvillestl@dostp.ca
Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Parish Council Elected Members

Dave Sharun – **Chairperson**
Members -----

Vince Spila - Knights of Columbus
Joe Marion - Dr. Bernard Brosseau
Rachel Reid - Notre Dame Elementary
Vince MacDonald Wayne Marks
Leona Bonneau Marie Southcombe
Audrey Campbell Gerarda Germain
Jason Morgan Nathan Gumangan
Maria Shea Lise Medford
Sheldon Germain

Family Committee

Regimbald Family * Taylor Family

Finance Committee

Russ Yarmuch * Luc Vincent * Lorianne Lafreniere *
Stacey Taylor * Carrie Goldsmith * Isabelle Hetu

Safe Parish Committee:

Audrey Campbell * Germaine Prybysh.

Cemetery Committee

Germaine Prybysh * Annette Schultz
Robert Albert * Paul Husereau * Yvonne Primeau

Adoration - Janet Anctil – 780 826-1085

Adult Servers - Dan Dugas

Baptism Preparation - JoJo Policarpio

Bldg & Maintenance Concerns –

Roger Lafreniere

Camp St. Louis: 780-645-3277

Collections - Joanne Coulombe & Joyce Cervinski

Communion in the Homes - Call the Parish
Office.

Sacramental Preparation - Mel Poulin

Knights of Columbus -

Vince Spila

Liturgical Scheduling

Fran Kusch – 5 p.m. Mass

Audrey Campbell – 10:00 a.m. Mass

Marriage Preparation – Call Fr. Rene
6 months in advance.

Music Ministry

Saturday: Patrice MacDonald
Sunday: Margaret Borders
Dimanche: Anna Laplante

Pastoral Care – Call Parish Office

RCIA – Call Parish Office

Sacristan - Janet Anctil

Sunday School – Natasha Miller
Suzanne Antoniuk

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Feb 1 2026

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. English
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Alternates Eng/French

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
First Friday - After the 6 pm Mass till 7:30 pm



Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday and Friday : 9:00 am
Wednesday: 10:30 am Hospital
Thursday: 9:00 am Bonnylodge
First Friday: 6 pm
Last Friday : 10:30 am Extending

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment or 30 minutes before Mass

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Soul-searching

If hearing the Beatitudes from St Matthew's Gospel cause us to feel a little uneasy, they are probably meant to do so. They are like a spiritual tonic, to help us probe and clear our conscience. If taken quite literally they seem to be too idealistic, too unworldly for us. But Jesus meant them as words of life, to bring out the best in us. They make no strictly enforceable demands, they are not a set of laws, they are not meant to lay a burden of guilt on our shoulders. What they do is describe in eight striking sentences of the marvellous freedom we can enjoy, if we are not too tied to ownership. Jesus speaks from experience, because he himself lived the Beatitudes fully.

Although laid down as commandments, they are revolutionary ideals, going well beyond the beatitudes found in the Old Testament Wisdom books. The Wisdom writers describe as happy the man who has a good wife, docile and obedient children, faithful friends, and prosperity in all his undertakings. But according to Jesus, the happy and blessed are not those who are currently enjoying wealth and success, but rather the poor, the hungry, the mourners, the despised and persecuted. Naturally we wonder just what he meant by the "poor in spirit." Was it people in material poverty, or rich people who were not overly attached to their money, or spiritual-minded people who for whom God meant everything? In practice the majority of the population of the Graeco-Roman world in those times were in material poverty.

Certainly the "poor in spirit" must include people in humble circumstances who made do without complaint. Their lives were in sharp contrast to the arrogant spirit of the upper-class minority who owned most of the wealth and controlled the lives of others. Long before Christ the Psalmist wrote, "This poor man called, and the Lord heard him, and saved him from all his distress" (Ps 34:6). The poor could not rely on wealth for their security, so they relied on God, who alone was their hope and strength. Jesus did not praise material poverty but taught that a humble disposition draws us near to God.

Paradoxically, He did not agitate for social reform, or call for a coup d'état. Later he says, "Lay up treasures for yourselves in heaven" (Mt 6:19+). He utterly refused to be a part of any violent rebellion but was called the friend of publicans or tax collectors. Despite his miraculous feeding of the multitudes, His concern seems never to have focussed on agitation for economic reform.

Source: <https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/01-feb-2026-4th-sunday-a-feast-of-st-brigid/>

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:3-10

It was on people themselves, the human person in relation to God, that he focused his mission. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his justice, and all these other things will be given you as well" (Mt 6:33). Certainly his sympathy went out to the humble, the toilers and heavily laden. He blessed those who have only God to turn to, the powerless, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. All these will be comforted. They will have mercy shown them. Theirs will be the kingdom of heaven. To them the love of God will reveal the meaning of life. They will be called children of God and shall see God face to face. □

4^e Dimanche du temps Ordinaire

BLESSING OF THE THROAT

On February 3, the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles.

St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles (blessed on Candlemas) are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Crossed Candles

Crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest. The origin of the blessing of throats uses crossed candles as a symbol.
St. Blaise, pray for us!

Source: <https://dioceseofprovidence.org/news/february-3-the-feast-of-saint-blaise>



Catholic Health Care Week
February 1 – 7 2026

Our Roots in Catholic Health Care

Catholic health care is the cornerstone of health care in Alberta. More than 155 years ago, the Sisters of Charity (also known as the Grey Nuns) arrived from Montreal with deep faith and an unwavering commitment to serve the most vulnerable.

They built the first hospitals in remote and underserved communities not for recognition, but in faithful response to the Gospel and the call to live out the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Those courageous beginnings grew a ministry that continues today through Covenant and through supporters like you. Caregivers, staff, volunteers and donors across generations have carried this sacred mission forward caring for the human person at every stage of life from birth to natural death.

This is our legacy – and yours, too. Together, let's ensure it continues.



A Sister of Charity with children in Edmonton



Nurses in training at the first Vegreville hospital, 1932

Eucharistic Adoration

What is Adoration?

Adoration is a time of prayer and worship before Jesus in the blessed sacrament. Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist ~ Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Why do we do it?

- To spend time with Jesus, like visiting a close friend
- To pray and reflect in silence
- To grow in faith and peace



Adoration is every Tuesday following 9 AM mass till 1PM.

The first Friday of every month it is after 6 PM mass till 7:30PM

Come for 15, 20 maybe 30 minutes. It feels good for the mind and soul.

If you have any questions, please call or text Sylvie at 403-861-0425


"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5:3

Day	Time	Place	Mass Intentions		Feasts / Solemnities
Saturday samedi Jan 31	5:00 pm	Church	For Parishioners		Saint John Bosco
Sunday dimanche Feb 1	10:00 am	Church	+Rose Ducharme	Denis Ducharme	
Monday Lundi Feb 2					Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Tuesday mardi Feb 3	9:00 am 9:30-1 pm	Church	+ Doris Lapointe Blessing of the Throat Eucharistic Adoration	Therese Dallaire	Feast of Saint Blaise
Wednesday Mercredi Feb 4	10:30 am	Hospital	+ Janet Baik	Remi & Debbie Caoette	
Thursday jeudi Feb 5	9:00 am	Bonnylodge	+Ernest Campeau	Ernest & Pauline Chartrand	Saint Agatha
Friday Vendredi Feb 6	6:00 pm 6:30-7:30pm	Church	For Parishioners Eucharistic Adoration		Saint Paul Miki & Companions
Saturday samedi Feb 7	5:00 pm	Church	+Owen Peter Blessing of Candles	Gabrielle Tellier	Our Lady's Saturday
Sunday dimanche Feb 8	10:00 am	Church	+Lionel & Maria Lafond Blessing of Candles	Terry & Paulette Coleman	Sint Jerome Emiliani/Saint Josephine Bakhita

COLLECTIONS		QUÊTES
Jan 25 Offering	\$2341.00	Offrandes 25 janvier
Building Fund	305.00	Remplacement du toit
Missal	7.00	Offre du Nouvel An
New Year's Day	20.00	Enveloppes
*Does not include e-transfers		
Thank you for your generosity! Merci!		

Blessing of the Throat



9:00 am Mass Feb 3 Tuesday



First Friday Mass

February 6, 2026 at 6 pm

Eucharistic Adoration to follow till 7:30 pm

February 2026
Pope's Prayer Intention/
Intention de prière
du Saint-Père

For children with incurable diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Pour prier avec la Parole de Dieu
Prions pour que les enfants atteints de maladies incurables et leurs familles reçoivent les soins médicaux et le soutien nécessaires, sans jamais perdre force et espoir.

Next Week's Readings Feb 8

1st Reading
Isaiah 58:6-10
Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8a-9
R: Light rises in the darkness for the upright.

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
I proclaimed to you the mystery of Jesus Christ, and him crucified

Gospel
Matthew 5:13-16
You are the light of the world

Lenten Community Confession

March 18, 2026 at 7 pm

Ash Wednesday Mass
& Distribution of Ashes
February 18, 2026 7 pm

Please pray for the grace of healing for all those who are suffering from all types of Cancer, and illnesses and autoimmune diseases.