

Lac Ste Anne Parish

July 2019



Lac Ste Anne Parish

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Regular Mass Times

Lac Ste Anne

Sunday 10:00

Tuesday 7:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:00 am

Alexis

Sunday 12:00

Pastoral Care to the sick or shut-in's is available in LSA Parish. If you are unable to attend Mass and **wish Communion brought to your home**, or if you wish to **add your name to the Bulletin List** for prayers please contact Mary Lutz at (780) 924-8324 or Veronica at the parish office 780-924-3550

Living in the Word

The Word of God calls us to offer God "the first fruits" of our labors (cf. Deuteronomy 26: 1-15; Proverbs 3: 5-10; cf. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15). This means that our budgeting and financial planning should include the mission of Christ's Church and the needs of our brothers and sisters among our first priorities. I ask everyone, as we heed the call to embrace our Baptism, to consider the needs of the parish, the Archdiocese, our institutions and the community in general. Let us reflect upon the proportional, even sacrificial giving that can be offered through both regular gifts and future estate planning.

(Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017)

Father's Little Meditation Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage

July 26th, the Church remembers St. Joachim and St. Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary.

Despite the importance of their role as grandparents of Jesus, we do not know too much about them.

Regarding Joachim, we know that he was a shepherd from Jerusalem, married to Anne. They did not have any children, and they were a rather elderly couple when, one day, while Joachim was at work in the fields as usual, an angel appeared to announce the birth of a child, and Anna also had the same vision.

So they called their little girl Mary, which means "loved by God," and then they



moved to Nazareth, where they educated Mary, teaching her the law of the Lord.

We do not know when Joachim and Anne died, and for many centuries their memory remained in the shadows.

St. Anne is invoked as the protector of pregnant women, who turn to her to obtain

from God three great favours: a happy birth, a healthy child, and sufficient milk to be able to raise the baby. And she is the patron of many jobs related to her duties as mother, including washerwomen and embroiderers.

Short history of Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage.

Fr. Jean-Baptiste Thibault was the first Catholic priest to establish a mission on the site. The pilgrimage grounds had been sacred for generations of peoples and had become widely known as a place of healing. Aboriginal peoples camped on the site prior to contact with European fur traders and settlers. Father Lestanc organized the first annual pilgrimage to Ste. Anne in July, 1889 after an inspirational visit to St. Anne d'Aurey shrine in French Brittany the previous year. Over the years the Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage has continued on an annual basis and always during the week of July 26, the feast day of Ste. Anne. The grandmother figure has a very strong importance within aboriginal culture. The annual Pilgrimage in honour of Saint Anne is one of the most unique and memorable spiritual gatherings in North America.

Founded in 1887 by missionaries of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate this historic event today draws as many as 40,000 pilgrims. The pilgrimage is especially close to the hearts of many Indigenous people who attend faithfully each year.

Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage July 20- 25

If you can volunteer some time to help during the Pilgrimage, please call Mary Lutz at 780-924-8324 or Veronica 780-953-5448 or 780-924-3550.

[First Annual Archbishop's Dinner](#)

You are invited to join Archbishop Richard Smith at the First Annual Archbishop's Dinner on Friday, October 4, at the Edmonton Convention Centre. The evening will celebrate our vibrant Catholic community in the Archdiocese, and His Grace will share his vision and goals for the future. Tickets are \$100, and may be reserved by email to dinner@caedm.ca or by phone to Anna at 780-469-1010 ext. 2139. We hope to see you there!

[Email/Text Scam](#)

An email/text scam is going around the Archdiocese. The scam text or email purports to be from your parish priest, who is asking for money or gift cards because of some urgent need; for example, to help someone in hospital. Please be assured that no priest of the Archdiocese would ever legitimately ask for money in this way. We encourage you to report such incidents to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre [at 1-888-495-8501](tel:1-888-495-8501).

[Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools](#) - Teacher Posting - Full-time Chaplain / Religious Studies teaching position at St. Joseph High School in Red Deer, AB.

Start date August 28, 2019. For all details on this posting and to submit your application please refer to our website - Career Opportunities <https://www.rdcrcs.ca/our-division/how-to-apply>

 [The AED is located in the kitchen area](#)

 [The Columbarium: For enquiries or to purchase a niche in our columbarium, please contact John Harvard at \(780\) 892-2089.](#)