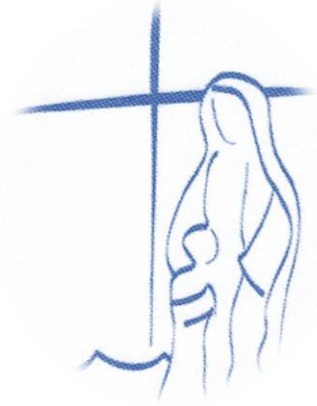


Lac Ste Anne Parish



July 2024

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Regular Mass Times

Lac Ste Anne

Sunday 10:00 am

Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Wednesdays 9:00 am

Our Lady of the Lake, Alexis

Sunday 12:00

Coffee Sunday

Next Sunday, July 7th, is the first Sunday of the month and, as usual on the first Sunday, everyone, parishioners, and our guests, will be invited to stay after Mass for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Ste Anne

The Feast of Ste Anne is on July 26, 2024, however, the annual Pilgrimage will be held from July 20 to 25, 2024. This pilgrimage began over 100 years ago and has become the largest annual Catholic gathering in Western Canada. The pilgrimage site itself, is a Canadian National Historic Site. Below is a link to the Pilgrimage website for more information. lacsteannepilgrimage.ca

Ste Anne was the mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Ste Anne is the patron of our parish and of the pilgrimage.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

With the celebration of its fourth edition, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly continues to be an important occasion for the life of our ecclesial communities and is enriched with new meaning. Attending to our grandparents and the elderly is a sign of gratitude and affection. The Holy Father invites us to recognise their value and to do so permanently, not just occasionally. It is a matter of making the elderly feel like an integral part of our Christian family and our common history. The successive generations of elderly people must be taken seriously, and the Church must give them appropriate pastoral attention. This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of

the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or simply the feeling that they are a burden. It seems that everyone takes for granted that there is a time in life when one remains alone. It is a habit and a mentality to which, with resignation, even the elderly do not object. Yet, as the Holy Father reminds us, God never abandons His children. Not even when strength wanes or life seems less productive. Indeed, in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing. The loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is not inevitable, rather the result of wrong choices that do not recognise the infinite dignity of each and every person.

Following the example of Ruth who did not abandon her mother-in-law, Naomi, we are called to walk a new path and imagine a different future for our elderly. Our hope for the celebration of this event is, therefore, that every Church community will strive to experience 'a day without loneliness' by visiting the elderly, involving them, and listening to their stories and testimonies of faith. In the hope that the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will foster a fruitful dialogue between young and old, we send cordial greetings in the Lord.



To the end of May, Together We Serve has raised **\$574,370 – 37% of its goal** (that's up from 29% at the end of April). Thank you!

Two parishes have already achieved their 2024 targets: Queen of Martyrs (131%) and **Lac Ste. Anne (100%)**.

Family Life Conference

Catholic Family Ministries are holding their twenty-sixth annual Family Life Conference here on the pilgrimage grounds from June 28th to July 1st, 2024.



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Friday, October 4, 2024
Edmonton Convention Centre



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