

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 8th 11:00 a.m. – St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

Thurs, Dec. 12th - Nadine Isaiah (Special Intentions)

Sat., Dec. 14th – William Watson (Special Intentions)

Swiss Men's Choir will be providing an evening of singing in several languages on **Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church. All are welcome, admission is free, but donations to Christmas Elves is appreciated. Refreshments will be served in the Church basement after the performance.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES (7:00 p.m.)

Tues., Dec. 10th – OLPH, Sherwood Park

Wed., Dec. 11th – Sacred Heart, Wetaskiwin

Thurs., Dec 12th – St. Maria Goretti, Devon

Tuesday, Dec. 17th – St. Vital, Beaumont

PLEASE pick up your 2014 Donation Envelopes at the back of the Church. If you have not used donation envelopes previously and would like a set please contact the parish office or fill out the parish registration indicating that you would like a set.

Bible Study will end for the Christmas season. We will resume our study on ***Entertaining Angels*** in the New Year on Thursday, **January 9th, 2014.**

For information on the study or questions call Claire Connell, 780 929-6479.

Catholicism Series!

When: Wed. Dec. 11th 7:30-9:30

What: An adult faith formation program.

This week's topic is: ***The Eneffable Mystery of God!***

Who: This program is open to everyone! No cost.

Why: Prepare your hearts this Advent for Christmas! Come join in conversation about your faith and watch an engaging video.

Pancake Breakfast next Sunday after the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Christmas Pageant practice after the Sunday 11:00 a.m. masses.

The Pageant will take place BEFORE the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass, at 5:40

Please contact Teresa Ruzycki if you are interested! 780-929-9862 or campbell22@shaw.ca

A VOTE A DAY WILL HELP ALL KIDS PLAY!

PLEASE VOTE the Saint Andre Playground Project for the Aviva Community Fund! Cut off Time for voting is 10:00 a.m. December 11th

After the first four days of voting we're in 7th place and we **NEED YOUR HELP** to stay in the top 10!

PLEASE HELP US by registering your email address on the Aviva Community Fund website (<http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf18219>.) Vote every day until December 11th. EVERYONE can vote, even kids! Sign them up with an email address and help them vote every day. Share our nomination with others. This playground will serve not only the students of Saint-Andre, but also the neighbouring school (Ecole Dansereau Meadows School) and be the first playground in this new area of town. EVERYONE in our community wins when we can access money for projects such as these from outside sources. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Concert at the Basilica

St. Joseph's College presents The Greenwood Singers in an Evening of Hymns and Readings for Advent and Christmas at St. Joseph's Basilica on **Sunday, December 8**, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, available at the door, or call 780-492-7681. Reception to follow in the O'Leary Hall.

L'Arche Christmas Pageant

One of the most anticipated traditions of the Christmas season, the L'Arche Association of Edmonton's annual Christmas pageant, will be held **Monday, December 16**, at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d'Aquin Church, 8410 - 89 Street, Edmonton. This is a beautiful pageant at which members of the L'Arche community – developmentally disabled adults and their assistants – re-enact the Nativity Scene every year. L'Arche is a multicultural organization that has provided homes and programs to developmentally disabled adults in Edmonton and Sherwood Park for the past 41 years. One of the highlights of our pageant is the singing of Silent Night in several languages, representing the countries from which our community members originated. The very popular day program craft sale will follow the pageant. There is no charge for this event; we ask that visitors bring along a non-perishable item for the Edmonton Food Bank.

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

St. John the Baptist was chosen to be 'the prophet of the Most High God'. (Luke 1:76) As baptized Catholics we too are called to be prophets. The Second Vatican Council confirms this, "...they (the laity) are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic and kingly functions of Christ" Lumen Gentium (31). What has this got to do with stewardship? If we are to be prophetic, then we must be good stewards of the Gospel message by sharing it with others. We do this by the example of our lives and the witness of our spoken word. Thus, like St. John, we too can prepare the way of the Lord.

COME TO THE QUIET: SELF-CARE IN OUR BUSY WORLD: A 24-Hour Spiritual Health Day will take place at **Providence Renewal Centre**, 3005 119 St NW, on **Friday, January 24 to Saturday, January 25, 2014, 4:30 pm to 4:30 pm** with Margaret Clark. This day includes restful silence, music, image-making, and reflective sharing. **Private Suite: \$155.00 Single Room: \$125.00. For more information or to register go to www.providencerenewal.ca or call 780-701-1854.**

Unplug: It's YOUR Day will be on **Monday, January 20, 2014, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.** Take a break from daily activities and demands; enter the peace and quiet. Reflections and prayer suggestions are available. **\$40.00 includes lunch and room.** Providence Renewal Centre, 3005 119 St NW. Call 780-701-1854 to register.

