

A Note of Thanks

Thank you; thank you to all the parish family who gifted the parish, staff and myself with so much. It is important to take this opportunity to say thank you, not just for what you did, which was wonderful, but for the prayers and wishes which accompanied your gifts. Although these words cannot fully express our thanks; I hope you'll understand the gratitude behind them. You are very special. Thanks for making us feel special, too.

We also want to thank all those who put so much effort, skill and talent into our celebrations (Liturgical Ministries, Music Ministries and all those who helped with Art and Environment) this Christmas. I've heard so many tremendous compliments. Without your dedication, generous gift of time, energy, and ministry we would never be able to celebrate Christmas so well.

I ask that the Lord bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May he look upon you with kindness and give you his peace.

Fr. Len Cadieux
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

January 4th (5:00 p.m.) Dominic Mann (Special Intentions)

January 5th (11:00 a.m.) St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

January 7th (9:00 a.m.) Evelyn Horne (Special Intentions)

January 8th (7:00 p.m.) Pauline McLarney (Special Intentions)

January 10th (9:00 a.m.) Malcolm Curran (Special Intentions)

Children's Liturgy

In the New Year Children's Liturgy will be held on the **2nd & 4th Sunday of the month** and will **resume** at the **11 AM Mass January 12th**. Thank you.

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking **Baptism Preparation** now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. **The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents).**

Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival.

Parents wishing to register for the next course, which will be held **Tues, Jan. 21st, 2014 at 7:30 pm** are asked to call the parish.

Bible Study will start up for the New Year 2014 Thursday Jan. 09th, 2014 @7:00. For more information call Claire Connell 780 939-6479.

CONFIRMATION

Are you a parent of a grade 6 student who would like to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year? If you missed the parent information and registration night in November, we will be holding a **SECOND** registration night on **JANUARY 13th** from 7-8pm at St. Vital Parish's basement hall. If you are hoping to have your child be Confirmation **THIS** year you **MUST** have either attended the November session **OR** this session! **PLEASE** RSVP to Theresa at [780-231-4196](tel:780-231-4196) or Theresa.st.vital.parish@gmail.com.

1st Holy Communion Parent Meeting—**Thursday, February 13th at 7:00pm**. Please bring a photo copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the registration and information meeting. Preparation materials \$30.00

CCCB-CCODP CAMPAIGN FOR THE PHILIPPINES

As of this past December 15, the joint CCCB-CCODP campaign for the Philippines has raised \$3,632,508.85. As usual, the people of the Archdiocese of Edmonton have been extraordinarily generous, contributing \$428,397 of that total. Thank you so much. All donations to Development & Peace for the Philippines emergency campaign were matched by the Government of Canada if they were received by Monday, December 23.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY—JANUARY 18-25

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which are now also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. However, there has also been a longstanding practice by a number of Christian Churches and ecclesial communities in Canada to celebrate the Week of Prayer on optional dates, in order to include two Sundays, which in 2014 will be January 19-26. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, to participate in various liturgical and other community activities, and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires. The importance of unity among Christians and the responsibility of the people of each parish to work for this unity should be emphasized throughout the week. All members of the parish should seek to have a deeper understanding of ecumenism.

