

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2013 TAX RECEIPTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 22nd (5:00 p.m.) † Vincent Ciochetti

Sunday, Feb. 23rd (9:00 a.m.) † Margo Lalonde

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

Tuesday, February 25th (9:00 a.m.) Lucy & Germano Carrita (Special intentions)

Wednesday, February 26th (7:00 p.m.) Johnathan Klimov (special intentions)

Thursday, February 27th (9:00 a.m.) Gloria Carrita (Special Intentions)

MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 25th 7:00 p.m. CWL

Retrouvaille, a Lifeline for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Has your marriage passed through the romance stage? Retrouvaille is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at any stage. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 14-16**, contact Retrouvaille at retrouvaille@shaw.ca or 780-577-1474.

Day of Confessions Returns - Archbishop Smith is inviting Catholics across the Archdiocese to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a special Day of Confessions on **Tuesday, March 18**. On that day, all priests in all parishes across the Archdiocese will be available all day to hear confessions. The first Archdiocese-wide Day of Confessions was held 2013 as part of our Jubilee 100 celebrations, and was a day of great grace for both priests and thousands of penitents. The Day of Confessions will not replace the regular Lenten Penitential Service in the parish, but will provide a special opportunity for all, whether they receive the sacrament regularly or not, whether they go to their home parish or drop in to a church near their office or school. "Everyone is welcome," says Archbishop Smith. "God's mercy embraces everybody and we really want to make ourselves available for our people. For a priest, it's an occasion of great joy that he is able share the peace of Christ with our people."

"The ecumenical **World Day of Prayer Service**, written by the women of Egypt, will be held at Saint Vital on **Friday, March 7th at 7pm**. Everyone is invited to attend.

Together We Serve

The year 2014 marks the beginning of the new annual appeal for all parishes in the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton. *Together We Serve* is a new way of giving to all the same charitable organizations we have supported for many years through special Sunday collections. Please note that in 2014, all donations made through the parish to the following charities will be received as donations to the *Together We Serve* appeal:

- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
- Evangelization of Nations
- Needs of the Canadian Church
- Needs of the Church in the Holy Land
- Papal Charities
- St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College
- St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta
- St. Joseph Priests' Foundation of Edmonton

For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

First Communion Parent Information and Registration: Alternate Sessions

We will be holding 2 alternate sessions for any parents who *missed* the registration and information night for First Communion on February 13th.

Do you have a child in **GRADE 2 OR GRADE 3?** Would you like them to receive their first communion this year? If so, you must have either attended the Parent Information and Registration Night on **February 13th** **OR** one of the following sessions:

- **February 24th** (Monday EVENING) 7-8pm in the parish basement (large main room)
- **March 3rd** (Monday DAYTIME) 1-2pm in the parish basement (small room at back)
- Please **RSVP** to Theresa at Theresa.st.vital.parish@gmail.com if you plan to attend either session or if you have any questions.

Beauty of Stewardship

February 23 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the first reading today God tells Moses to say to the people, and to us, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy'. What does stewardship have to do with being holy? God created us to be like Him. (Genesis 9:5) To be like God is to be generous. To be like God is to be merciful. To be like God is to be patient. The disciple and Christian steward must possess all of these virtues on the path to holiness. Stewardship is an important part of being holy.

- Courtesy of Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg

