

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 1st (5:00 p.m.) John Sowiak

Sunday, March 2nd (9:00 a.m.) ☩ Michel & Juliette Berube
(11:00 a.m.) St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

Tuesday, March 4th (9:00 a.m.) ☩ Robin McDonald

Countdown to Lent:

Ash Wednesday is coming! Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday on March 5**. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer, for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission will hold its final national event from

Thursday, March 27, through Sunday, March 30, at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. Archbishop Smith has written a letter inviting all Catholics in the Archdiocese to participate in this historic event. All sessions are open to the public.

There is no pre-registration and no fees. Sessions can be observed online at www.trc.ca

Archbishop Smith has designated today as Truth and Reconciliation Sunday

in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. He asks us to offer public prayers today for the success of the Edmonton TRC event, and to pray for true reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples.

More information on the TRC, including a schedule of events, will be available at www.trc.ca

For a summary of Catholic Indian residential schools in Alberta,

visit <http://www.caedm.ca/SocialJustice>

For more information about Catholic participation at the TRC, please contact Bob McKeon at the Archdiocesan Office for Social Justice. sjustice@caedm.ca

Copies of the Letter of Invitation by the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories are available at the back of the church.

Catholicism Series (Word on Fire) –

Come join us for our first session this Lent! The **Catholicism Series (Word on Fire)**, with creator and host Fr. Robert Barron, presents: “The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure.” Come view a documentary style video and participate in engaging conversation. **This Wednesday (March 5th) Following the Ash Wednesday Mass until 9:30 PM in the small room of the church basement.** All are welcome! No cost.

"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.

General Meeting for BCAA on Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7 PM in the Church Meeting Room. It is very important for members to attend so that we have a quorum for voting.

Thank you everyone for their **support of the Knights of Columbus Wheel Chair** fundraiser Spaghetti Dinners. To date we have raise enough funds to purchase 12 ½ wheel chairs. This far exceeds our goal and expectations. Thank you again to everyone for all there help and generous support of this fundraiser. Look forward to seeing everyone at the next spaghetti dinner in May

Together We Serve

The most common question being asked about *Together We Serve* is, “Why?”

A study done in 2008-09 revealed that rather than being asked for donations time and again, parishioners wanted to see a comprehensive plan outlining all the needs and goals of the Archdiocese. The Development Office was established to create that comprehensive plan, and the annual appeal called Together We Serve is part of the plan. We see our work as a ministry, focused on building our relationships with Jesus Christ and further engaging our brothers and sisters in the mission of the Church. By serving together in charity, we witness and model to the world our God, who is abundant and generous. Pope Francis tells us, “Being Christian is living and witnessing to faith in prayer, in works of charity, in promoting justice, in doing good.” Let us all together answer that call, and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in a way we could not possibly do individually. Together as Catholics, we can make difference. For more information, please visit www.caedm.ca/WeServe.

First Communion Parent Information and Registration: Alternate Sessions

We will be holding another sessions for any parents who *missed* the registration and information night for First Communion

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 24th OR** attend the following session:

- **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.