

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Sept. 7th (9:00 a.m.) † Alma Johansson
(11:00 a.m.) - St. Vital Parish & Parishioners
Thursday, Sept. 10th (9:00 a.m.) † Ron West

CEMETERY WORKBEE (Fall cleanup and maintenance)

Saturday, September 13th starting @ 9:00 a.m.
Volunteers are asked to bring wheel barrows, shovels, and rakes.

Archbishop Richard Smith has authorized a **special collection** to take place in all parishes on the weekend of **Sept. 13/14th** to support the work of Catholic agencies with their partners on the ground in the affected Middle Eastern countries to bring relief to the suffering. Donated monies will be donated to two Catholic agencies: Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Please make cheques payable to St. Vital Parish and all donated funds will be forwarded to the Archdiocese. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Maybe you are baptized but have not been confirmed or have not received your first communion?

Have you always wanted to learn more about your faith and become part of a community?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) provides an opportunity for adults thinking of joining the Church to learn more about the Catholic faith. Adult Catholics who have not been confirmed or who have not celebrated their first communion are also invited to be part of this process. Through RCIA you journey through an engaging, enriching experience that is designed to help you come closer to God and the Church.

Interested persons are asked to contact Theresa at 780-231-4196, to schedule an appointment before starting the process. Typically one begins this process in September, however, *now* is a good time to call.

Children's Liturgy

This year Children's Liturgy will resume on **September 7th 2014** and will run until the end of June. Children's Liturgy will be at the 11 am mass and will be every Sunday (unless there is a sick catechist).

The program this year is **designed for ages 4-5**. However, these ages are not hard and fast, parents are asked to use their discretion (for example, 3 year olds may be accompanied by a parent). Older children are encouraged to stay up in the congregation since the year for first reconciliation and first communion is now grade 2 (age 7). We are looking forward to a great year of Children's Liturgy and want to thank our catechists who have generously given of their time and talent to this ministry. If you are interested in being involved with Children's Liturgy, please contact Theresa at 780-231-4196

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation and First Communion *both now happen in grade two*. First Reconciliation registration in the fall (**September 23rd**) and first Communion registration in the winter (January 20th 2015)

Do you want your child to receive First Reconciliation? Here's how! Preparing children for a Catholic sacrament is a group effort that involves parents, St. Vital Catholic Parish, St. Andre Academy, Ecole Bellevue School, and Ecole Beaumeadow School. Everyone has a role!

As a parent, you are the primary teacher of the faith for your child. As you know, the sacraments are celebrated and lived in the parish. Because of this, the preparation for the celebration of the sacraments takes place in the parish. Sacramental preparation registration takes place at the parish, not at the schools. The schools support what takes place in the home and parish and are a place for children to learn about Jesus Christ and develop a relationship with him.

As a parish community we are eager to journey with your family during this very special time. Mark your calendar for the parent information night for First Reconciliation:

Mark your calendar: September 23rd from 6-7pm in the parish basement. Please bring a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate and your \$30 registration fee.

GREETERS' MINISTRY -Greeters for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass are asked to pick up their schedule for September, 2014 through November, 2014 at the back of the church. Greeters, if you are on the email list you will receive the schedule via email.

We are always in need of additional parishioners who would be willing to help with this important ministry—especially for the 11:00 Mass. It would involve at most only one Sunday every month or 6 weeks from September through June. If you would like to join this ministry please call Paul Weisenberger at 929-5150.

Baptismal Preparation -Are you currently expecting a baby? Have you recently had a baby? If you're interested in baptism for your baby please contact Jeanette at 780-929-8541 to register for baptismal preparation. The next baptismal preparation dates are:

SEPTEMBER 9th 2014 & NOVEMBER 4th 2014

Baptism Preparation is held at **7:30 PM in the Parish basement**. Please bring a photocopy of your child's birth certificate (if you have it) that lists both parents. If you would like more information you can contact Theresa at 780-231-4196 or at theresa.st.vital.parish@gmail.com

K4J Registration Night – Thursday, September 18 at 7 pm in the church basement. Please attend to register your children for the K4J program. For information call Deanna at 780-929-2590

Bible Study : We start a new season of Bible Study. We will be continuing with our previous study "A Scriptural Study Of Angels". Our study will resume with: Angels Throughout the Ages ~ Lesson 12 - Holy Raphael, the Archangel.

Thursday September 11, 2014 @ 7:00 @ Claire Connell's #70 Reichert Drive 780 929-6479