

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Nov.30th (9:00 a.m.) † Designes Girard
(11:00 a.m.) St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

Tues. Dec. 2nd (9:00 a.m.) † Bandet Family

SUNDAY MISSALS 2015: - For sale at the back of the church

Living with Christ Missals (\$5.00)

Young Catholic Missals (\$10.00)

2014 Weekly Budget to Actual Collection (November 23rd)

	Regular Collection	Maintenance Fund	Pay Down the Debt
Weekly Budget for 2014	3,923.00	115.00	1,000.00
Contribution Nov 30 th	3,615.00	87.50	124.50
	-308.00	-27.50	-875.50

An Evening of quiet reflection:

ADVENT TWILIGHT RETREAT

Looking for a way to prayerfully prepare your heart for Christmas? Take a pause from the business of the season to... *Wait for the Lord.*

Come join us for an evening of scripture, prayer, song (Krisandra Bujold) and reflections offered by Mark Pickup, Heather Alexander, Gerard Mclarney and Louis Kloster.

Dec 8th 2014, 7-8pm in the Church. Followed by a social sponsored by the St. Vital CWL.

The Saint Vital CWL is sponsoring a Parish wide collection for the Marian Center ("primarily known for its service to the poor...the homeless and needy are welcomed five days a week for hearty stews..."), **there is a box at the back of the church for donations.**

Items in need are: new men's underwear (all sizes)• Small toothpaste• Backpacks• Long Underwear• Hoodies and Fleece (pull overs, cardigans, vests)• Work Boots (all sizes)• Single use razors• Ground Coffee

We will be collecting items until Tuesday, December 16th. For more information on the Marian Center, please visit <http://www.madonnahouse.org/field/edmonton.html>

Contact Teresa Ruzycski 780-929-8962

One of the most successful fund raisers is the Raffle Sales Tickets. We have three significant prizes: a handmade 93x94 quilt, a Dell laptop and 2 – \$125 grocery cards. ***Each parish family is asked to sell/take at least a book or 2 of tickets.*** Tickets price remains at \$2.00 each. **The draw date is Sunday, December 14th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

Please help us to reach our goal of "SOLD OUT!"

Don't get caught unprepared!

Learn all that you need to know about planning a funeral or cremation.

Connelly-McKinley Funeral Homes will be presenting a Planning Ahead Workshop, in the church basement, on January 7, 2015 at 7:30pm.

Please pre-register by calling Jacquie Vallee at (780) 233-6697 or by filling in the registration form at the back of the church in the blue binder.

A VOTE A DAY WILL PAY FOR PLAY - December 1-10, 2014

VOTE EVERY DAY for the SAINT ANDRE PLAYGROUND PROJECT in the Aviva Community Fund Help us win \$5,000 - \$50,000 to complete our playground fundraising! Even though our playground is built, we still need to raise approximately \$25,000 to complete our fundraising for this project. Kids can vote with parents help if they have their own email address! One vote per person per day! No proxy voting allowed.

Go to <https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf21420> to sign up to vote!

To follow our progress on Facebook, like “Friends of Saint Andre Society” and /or join our facebook event “A Vote a Day will Pay for Play” to get your daily voting reminder and check our progress

Not on facebook? Email friendsofsaintandre@gmail.com and we'll send you a daily voting reminders and updates throughout the competition.

Last year, we won \$5,000 thanks to your votes! Let's do it again! We need community support to make this happen! THANK YOU!

Project Santa Clara 2015 – Once again this year our parish is contributing to Project Santa Clara, Mexico. You are invited to select a shopping list for the child or children of your choice and/or make a monetary donation. 100% of all donations go directly to support several missions in Mexico served by this project. Boxes will be available for pick-up in the coming weeks. For more info: Fabiola at seethemircles@hotmail.com or 780-929-6838.

Our Lady of the Hill KC will be selling **Sobey Grocery Cards** at the back of the church after all masses.

Youth Retreat

Attention youth in Grades 9-12: Take a step back from the ordinary and spend a weekend discovering it's All for You, a weekend retreat centered on the Eucharist on **December 12-14** in Leduc. When we say it's all for you, it's not the "you" who are reading this, but the 'You' that we talk to on our best days, saying thank you, or on our worst days, asking for help. Join in the weekend long adventure, searching deep within your own heart, awakening it to the heart of God, and having an unforgettable encounter with the One who is ever new. Join young people from all over Northern and Central Alberta who are asking the same questions as you are - and come ready for three incredible days on retreat at Christ the King school in Leduc. Contact 780-392-2445 or email allforyouretreat@gmail.com for more information!

Hymns & Readings

For Advent and Christmas

Join the St. Joseph's College community on **Sunday, December 7**, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Basilica for an evening of seasonal entertainment and inspiration, featuring The Greenwood Singers & organist Dr. Giesbrecht . Reception to follow in the O'Leary Hall. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, please contact Danica at 780-492-7681 ext. 245.

The Road to Discipleship: Keeping Awake

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday in Advent

A few verses before today's Gospel passage, Jesus foretells the coming of the Son of Man. Only God knows the time and place for this event. Jesus cautions us to beware, to be alert and watchful for signs of His coming. At the beginning of our liturgical year, Advent season is a time of watchful waiting. When we are spiritually awake, we can see God interacting with us. God's ultimate interaction with humanity is the Incarnation. Made in the image and likeness of God, we each have a response-ability to be ready for encountering Jesus anew—and responding as He calls us to His service again and again.

Online Faith Formation Courses

Registration is now open for the next cycle of online faith formation courses presented by the Benedict XVI Institute for New Evangelization at Newman Theological College. We offer a comprehensive selection of courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith. All are offered online, so you can study from the comfort of home and work around your personal schedule. Each course runs five weeks and costs just \$70. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the six specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. The next cycle starts on January 5, 2015. For more information or to register online, visit www.newman.edu/CCS.

Nativity Play

Edmonton's only full-scale nativity play, A Christmas Carol: the Karol Wojtyla 2014 Nativity Play (Eighth Annual), will be held at 2 p.m. on **Saturday, December 6**, (one show only) at the MacEwan University (West Campus): 10045 - 156 Street. It is open to the public; tickets \$12 at the door or in advance by contacting TIX on the Square, 780-420-1757. Come celebrate with us as 54 children and youth re-enact the Gospel of Luke story, followed by a reception. Please bring a donation for the food bank.

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. 9th – OLPH, Sherwood Park

Wed., Dec. 10th – Sacred Heart, Wetaskiwin

Tues., Dec 16th – St. Maria Goretti, Devon

Thurs. Dec. 18th – St. Vital, Beaumont