

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 6th (5:00 p.m.) † Ann Grunsky

Sun, Dec. 7th (9:00 a.m.) † Alma Johansson (11:00 a.m.) St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

Tues. Dec. 9th (9:00 a.m.) † Gwen Sattler

Thurs. Dec. 11th (9:00 a.m.) † Bandet Family

Fri. Dec. 12th (10:30 a.m.) Henry Sanche

Nativity Play Practice after the 11:00 a.m. mass (12:00 – 12:45)

Swiss Men's Choir will be performing at St. Vital's on **Thursday, Dec. 11th** at 7:30 p.m.

Advent Penitential Service – Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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.**

Our Lady of the Hill K of C

Selling **Sobeys and No Frills Grocery Cards** at the back of the church after all masses.

Annual Pie Sale after all the masses on **December 13th & 14th.**

Pancake Breakfast after masses on December 14th

Sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on Wed., December 10th at the Eaglemont Church 3 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Project Santa Clara 2014 - The boxes have arrived! If you have not yet done so and would like to contribute to our annual collection of gifts for the children of the Mexican mission towns supported by Project Santa Clara, you still have time. Simply pick up a box and shopping list and return your donations by Sunday, December 14, 2014. We will host a work bee to go through all the boxes on Sunday, December 21, 2014. All are welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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

Anyone with tickets are asked to return them at the next **two** weekend Masses or drop them off to the Parish Office weekdays till December 12th.

Draw date is Sunday, Dec. 14th after the 11 o'clock mass. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.

2014 Weekly Budget to Actual Collection (November 30th)

	Regular Collection	Maintenance Fund	Pay Down the Debt
Weekly Budget for 2014	3,923.00	115.00	1,000.00
Contribution Nov 30 th	3,576.00	130.00	128.60
	-347.00	+15.00	-871.40

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: Baptism by Fire Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday in Advent

Today we hear the opening of Mark's Gospel, the one Biblical scholars agree was the first written down. Baptism by water we generally understand. Why does John say Jesus will baptize us with the Holy Spirit? John's baptism with water was like washing; you would have to do it again. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is like melting elements together in a crucible; once done, it is not undone. A new person emerges from Jesus' baptism: one who is now a child of God... with all the rights and duties of that new creation. How are we doing at the "duties" part: feeding the poor, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned...?

Chalice Catalogue Gifts Make Dreams become Reality Chalice Canada supports sponsorship programs in 15 countries, providing direct aid to nearly 50,000 children and aged. This year the Chalice Christmas Gift Catalogue shares the blessings, good news and joy of the birth of the infant Jesus. Gifts from our catalogue make a significant impact in the lives of countless individuals and families. Dreams come true for children and families living in need. Consider buying a gift in honour of a loved one from the Christmas Catalogue and help a child and family in need in the developing world. You will also receive an official tax receipt for your purchase. For further information, contact Chalice at 1-800-776-6855 or visit www.chalice.ca.

Mary's Veil

Mary's Veil is a moving, musical production that explores and chronicles the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Through the 23 musical numbers of this original production, the audience connects with Mary as she grows from child, to wife, and mother. Songs are performed by the St. Peter's parish choir from Villeneuve. Mary's Veil will show at the Arden Theatre, St. Albert, on **January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2015**. General Admission \$25. Tickets available by calling the Arden Box Office, 780-459-1542. Discounts for groups of 20 or more available by calling Ryan at 780-419-2500. For more information see www.sandrabrenneis.com.

Pèlerinages bibliques pour les francophones de l'Alberta

Sur les pas de Saint Paul en Turquie-Grèce du 21 mars au 7 avril 2015. Date limite: **10 décembre 2014**

Sur les pas de Jésus en Terre Sainte du 29 juin au 12 juillet 2015. Date limite: **25 février 2015**

Des voyages qui éduquent et qui inspirent! Informations à www.ceffa.ca.

CRS Prayer Breakfast

Catholic Renewal Services Prayer Breakfast will be held **Saturday, December 13**, at Chateau Louis Conference Center, 11727 Kingsway, Edmonton. Guest Speaker is Mr. Santo Chines; goes from 9 till noon. Music ministry by Day Spring, C.C.R. Cost is \$14 p/p. Priests eat free!! Please call 587-989-0483 to reserve. For additional information check our website www.ccredmonton.info.