

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 13th (5:00 p.m.) ✠ Lucille Vigeant

Sun, Dec. 14th (9:00 a.m.) ✠ Madeleine Orton_(11:00 a.m.) St. Vital Parish & Parishioners

Tues. Dec. 16th (9:00 a.m.) ✠ Alma Johannson

Wed. Dec. 17th (7:00 p.m.) ✠ Bandet Family

Thurs. Dec. 18th (9:00 a.m.) ✠ Marie Zwicker

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

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

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place **after the 11:00 A.M. Sunday Mass on December 21 Please come and help - many hands make light work!**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

The liturgical sign-up sheets for all Christmas and New Year's Masses are at the back of the church. Your help is greatly needed.

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

"Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets will be available at the back of the church after all masses.

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.

PLEASE pick up your 2015 donation envelopes at the back of the church.

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 (December 7th)

	Regular Collection	Maintenance Fund	Pay Down the Debt
Weekly Budget for 2014	3,923.00	115.00	1,000.00
Contribution Dec. 7th	3,443.75	132.50	353.25
	-479.25	+127.50	-646.75

The Road to Discipleship: Enlightening Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday in Advent

In John’s Gospel, the Jewish leaders had sent people to ask the Baptist who exactly he was. What were they worried about? They asked, “Are you the prophet?” Moses (the greatest prophet in Judaism) foretold that God would raise up a prophet like him and would personally hold people accountable for doing what that prophet asked (Deut. 18: 15, 18-19). Perhaps the Jewish leaders had reached a complacent point in their faith journeys, where they didn’t want anything to change. Are we complacent about our relationship with God? In Advent, we await for “the true light, which enlightens everyone, coming into the world.” What will the true light find that we don’t want to change?

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24th 5:40 p.m. Nativity Play
6:00 p.m. Mass
8:00 p.m. Mass
10:00 p.m. Mass
Midnight (Bilingual)
Dec. 25th 10:00 a.m. Mass