

ST. VITAL CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIRD OF EASTER SUNDAY

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Sunday 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday (April 25th) @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday (April 26th & Thursday (April 27th) Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

Friday (April 28th) (Feast of St. Vital) Mass @ 5:00 p.m. - potluck @ 6:00 p.m.)

Check out our website www.saintvitalparish.com and check it regularly for updates.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11 a.m. – noon (in the church) or

By appointment by contacting Fr. Les

Baptism Preparation Course

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. **The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents).** Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival. Parents wishing to register for the **next courses** which will be held on **Monday, May 15th and June 19th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.



**Volunteers required for Confirmation Retreat on Sat. May 13th
**9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Duties include helping to lead small group
discussions and being a extra set of hands.**
**Email stvitalconfirmation@gmail.com if you think you can help
us out!****

Scent Free Makes Sense



We would like the parish to be sensitive to folks with allergies and refrain from wearing perfume and aftershave at Mass. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Parishioners: If you notice any repair or maintenance issues in the church that require attention please contact the parish office.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL offers women of our parish the gifts of faith, friendship and support while offering opportunities to develop leadership skills & confirmation of our Catholic values. We invite all women of our parish to share with us your own gifts and make a difference by serving God and Canada in our CWL parish council.

Next General Meeting will be: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus will be selling **Sobey and No Frills gift cards** after all masses on the weekend. Buy your grocery cards and support Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus. We thank you for your consideration.

CALLED TO PROTECT TRAINING SESSION The two and half hour session is mandatory for all volunteers and employees of the Archdiocese. The next Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session, will be offered in-person as follows: **Thursday, May 4, 2023** from 7:00 - 9:30 pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help (13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park) To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/iydsKfPR7T2Xchf7>

Monday, May 22, 2023 from 7:00 - 9:30 pm St. Charles Parish (17511 - 112 St. NW, Edmonton) To register please use the link: <https://forms.gle/fdgfAAvoR7m2gjENA>

St. Vital Catholic Women's League thanks those parishioners who have returned their baby bottles and generously supported our Lenten Project to raise money for the Back Porch. If you have not yet returned your bottles, please bring them to church and place them in the blue box on the table at the back of the church.

St. Vital Catholic Women's League will have available a limited number of **votive candles** after this weekend Masses. They cylinder vases were a special order for the papal visit in July. *Our council purchased and inserted candles and had them blessed.* You are welcome to take one per household. Donations would be appreciated.

On **Saturday, May 6th**, St. Vital CWL will be hosting a **Spring Tea fundraiser** in the church hall downstairs from **2-4 p.m.** Mark this event on your calendar and join us for tea and goodies and check out the bake table and White Elephant table.

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K of C Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly food drive in support of the Leduc Food Bank the weekend of **April 29, 30, 2023**. Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule. Thanks to all the Parishioners who have been supporting this effort over the months. The needy of Leduc County thank you as well.

On **Monday, May 1, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker**, our parish has the privilege of praying with this icon of St. Joseph. At **7 p.m.** we will gather for a prayer service led by Our Lady of the Hill Council #13064. It will include a Liturgy of the Word and the recitation of the joyful mysteries of the Rosary.

We hope you will be able to join us.

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Joseph was chosen by God to be Mary's beloved spouse and to be the foster father of God's Son, protecting and raising the Child Jesus. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, Canada, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. Furthermore, St. Joseph serves as a fatherly example for us and a model of quiet strength, humility, and fidelity.

KEVIN KERRIGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -This scholarship, sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus Council is open to year 2023 graduating high school seniors who attend St. Vital Church as well as a members of the Parish that are attending post secondary schooling at any level. Preference will be given to a graduating high school senior. The scholarship has a value of \$500. and will be awarded on the basis of all round achievement rather than for strictly academic performance. Achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well as the question of financial need in determining the successful candidate. Deadline for applying is May 31, 2023. Applications are at the back of church and online at the Parish website (see KofC link).

A Note From the St Vital Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Team is a group of parishioners from St Vital who are available to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those of our parish who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays.

We regularly go to Chateau Vitaline, Place Beausejour and also private homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to health reasons.

If you have a loved one who is unable to attend Mass and would like to have a visit and receive Holy Communion from our team, please contact Jeanette at the Parish Office (780-929-8541).

Please note that we always come as a team of two people when we visit.

*Please contact Jeanette if you are interested in joining in this ministry.

LIVING IN THE WORD It is important that spouses find time and ways to pray together and that parents and children together do the same. The heart of that family prayer should be the Word of God, who speaks to us in the varied circumstances of our lives. Perhaps, in addition to a candle, a Bible could be "enthroned" on a stand or table.

Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017

Stewardship Corner Third Sunday of Easter Weekend of April 22/23, 2023

As today's Gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the Risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when He broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

“ADOREMUS & CREDO”

• **Adoremus** (“Let us Adore”) is held at St. Joseph Basilica (10044 - 113 Street NW) from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on the first Saturday of every month. The next one is on **May 6**. Join other young adults for a evening of Eucharistic Adoration, music, reconciliation, and prayer.

• **Credo** (“I Believe”) will be from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Newman Theological College (10012 - 84 Street NW) held monthly on Thursdays. The next one is on **May 11**. Join other young adults and dive into the mysteries of our faith! This cultural apologetics series will focus on a different topic each month. A social and light refreshments will follow. All are welcome! For more information, contact Dr. Ryan Topping: ryan.topping@newman.edu

Our Lady of Victory Camp

If you have a child in grade 4-12, we have a place for them at Our Lady of Victory Camp this summer! Consider sending them to camp where they can swim in our lake, gather around the campfire, play epic games, and grow in their faith during one our four weeks of camp this summer. If you don't have a camp-aged child, you can still get involved in the preparations for our camp reopening this summer. Please pray for us! We also always need workers on the ground to help prepare the site of the summer and would welcome any financial support you might give. We look forward to gathering with families and camp supporters on Saturday, July 8th for Mass with the Archbishop and a BBQ. If you have any questions, please contact us at 587-447-2837 or visit www.olvcamp.com.

NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: COME STUDY WITH US! We are a Roman Catholic School of Theology committed to theological education and missionary discipleship. Our vision is to develop life-long disciples and ministers of Christ through the formation of minds and hearts. We offer graduate and undergraduate programs and we are still accepting applications for Fall 2023.

Visit www.newman.edu to explore our programs and course offerings!

Star of the North Retreat Centre, www.starofthenorth.ca, 780-459-5511

Gracefull Grandmothering Retreat Join a prayerful and positive setting with Sandy Prather and Pam Melnyk in exploring the joy, hopes, dreams and challenges of grandmothering. Tuesday, May 9 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Registration before May 1: \$145. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/grace

Planted: With God in the Garden Series Join a 5-week series of outdoor urban gardening evenings combining ritual and reflection with hands-on good gardening practices and education around issues such as creation care and food security. 5 Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm starting May 17. Registration before May 1: \$120. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/planted

Reconciliation Through Justice: Land Join us online or in-person as we welcome elders Doreen Spence and Harry Lafond on Thursday evening, May 18 at 7:00 pm to speak to us on the issues surrounding land and reconciliation. Donations welcome. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/reconciliation

Addiction & The Family Weekend Workshop This 12-Step workshop will provide

information on the addictive process and recovery from it, opportunity for sharing, support for all participants, resources for moving forward and hope for a brighter future. Registration before May 1: Online \$120 | Commuter \$160 | Live-In \$335. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/addiction

Camp Encounter

Get ready for an unforgettable reunion and farewell event at Camp Encounter on **May 27** from 1 - 10 p.m., beginning with a classic camp Mass and ending with our best campfire ever! Join us for a day filled with fun activities, crafts, prayers and reflection, great food, outdoor tour and ...wait for it... a 25-foot ice cream sundae! Reconnect with old friends, reminisce with stories and say goodbye to our beloved camp.

