

ST. VITAL CATHOLIC PARISH

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OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Mass Times

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, October 10th – Friday, October 13th @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 11:00 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

Adoration – Friday - 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The office will be closed Monday, October 9, 2023 for the Thanksgiving Day statutory holiday.

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

Loan Balance August 31, 2023 \$553,207.37

St. Vital Parish Mission

Jim Murphy, a Catholic evangelist from Michigan, will be here to serve as the Retreat Master for a Parish Mission which will run from **November 12th-14th, 2023**.

The theme of the retreat is entitled “Healing our Wounds”. All of the services will be at St. Vital Church starting at **7:00 p.m.** Please join us as we try to make this Mission a highlight of our parish year!

Called to Protect

(Online via Zoom)

Called to Protect training, an abuse prevention training session will be offered on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 1 pm to 3:30 pm.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/KkidrABE5x5hyEhm8>

Reverse Collection

A reverse collection for the Leduc Food bank will be taken the weekend of Oct. 7th & 8th.
Thank you for helping those in need.

Public Square Rosary Crusade

You are invited to join in a Public Square Rosary Crusade/Rally at St. Vital's on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon. This Public Square Rosary is sponsored by "Canada Needs our Lady" and will be one of over thousands of rallies taking place in Canada and the United States. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of Canada
For more information call Marie at 587-989-1114.

Gospel & Inspiration Music & Singing

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Rollyview) on October 20, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Free admission

WOMEN OF DIGNITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE "The good Lord does not do things by halves, He always gives what we need - let us, Carry on Bravely." St. Zelig Martin Join us for the 2023 Women of Dignity Catholic Women's Conference on **October 20 - 21 at Holy Trinity Parish** (200 Boundary Rd., Spruce Grove). You can expect a weekend filled with prayer, uplifting music, adoration, confessions, Mass, fellowship and a weekend of inspired speakers with engaging talks to help women affirm their faith in God. It is an opportunity to find meaning and purpose in life's challenges. Invite family and friends to make this a special faith-building journey and experience! Speakers and Mass celebrants are Susanna Parent, Dr. Rebecca Genuis, Amanda Marleau, Fr. Frank Sharma, and Fr. Jim Corrigan. Cost is \$60/woman or \$40/student. Please register before October 12. To register: www.catholicfamilyministries.com or 780.920.7878

Did you miss the registration/meeting for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** on September 27th?

You can still register your child for the sacraments at the parish office before the first class on October 11, 2023 @6:30 p.m.

Alpha

We want to invite you (and your friends and family) to Alpha!

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has time for connection, a talk, and space to discuss and ask questions. - It is designed for people without a church background or who wouldn't call themselves a Christian but everyone and anyone will get something from these engaging talks

Alpha at St. Vital begins October 9th! That is **THIS MONDAY!** It will run most Mondays from 6- 8 pm with a few exceptions. We will meet in the Parish Basement and it will be a **Potluck Dinner.**

Please come! No registration is required. Email Theresa at jordan.theresa@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

Credo (I Believe) is a coffee-house style evening of Catholic Apologetics. It is held from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Newman Theological College on Thursday evenings once a month (Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16). The evening begins with Compline (Night Prayer in the Divine Office), followed by a talk, group discussions, Q&A and concluding with a social (refreshments provided). This year's series focuses on the 7 Deadly Sins and how to overcome them. Each month we'll take up one of the traditional Seven Deadly Sins, unmask its contemporary face, and reflect together on how the Catechism, Thomas Aquinas, and the Catholic intellectual tradition offer us compelling antidotes to contemporary society's ruinous philosophy of despair.

St. Vital's Parish is holding a **Fall Talent Show Saturday Oct 21st from 630-9pm.**

If you are interested in attending, or better yet, participating in, please let me know! (t.mclarney12@gmail.com)

Details are as follows

What type of talent are you looking for?

Any gift God has graced you with. Last show ranged widely, from choreographed sword duels, to poetry recitations, memorized speeches, duets, stand-up, and a most memorable Calculus demonstration.

Do I have to sign up? No; you are more than welcome to just watch and to share in fellowship.

Is there a cost? No. This is entirely free of charge.

What should I bring? If you can bring a snack or treats to share, that would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Gerard and Tracy

Bible Study

Our Bible Study is called *THE EUCHARIST Bible Study Guide For Catholics By Fr. Mitch Pacwa*

We usually gather for our Bible Study every second Monday, However due to some holiday time the schedule will be adjusted to a few different dates. The the next few Bible Study date: **Oct. 23 @ 10:0 a.m.** Please call or text Claire Connell 780 887-0468

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a powerful weekend experience designed to help good marriages become better – to take relationships to a higher level of greater joy and intimacy. There will be a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Fort Saskatchewan **October 13 – 15, 2023**. To register for a Marriage Encounter experience, go to the website: <https://wwme.org/> **If you need help, call 780- 464-2874 or email gvankup@telus.net

Stewardship Corner Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of October 7/8

This weekend's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions, particularly at a time when so many people are becoming disengaged from their faith communities. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living off of what the Lord has given us, but not sharing God's love with others? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest, even during these disquieting times. What will our Lord find when He returns and asks us to give an account?

COURAGE

If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920's, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more that 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Pack your courage! Your place is among us.

Ways of the Heart: Boundaries as a Spiritual Practice Women's Retreat – Take a weekend to explore the landscape of healthy boundary-making in your life. Join presenters Sandy Prather and Glenda Sartore, October 13-15, for a powerful weekend of ritual, reflection, and celebration. Only a few spots remaining. Cost: Commuter \$345 / Live-In \$395. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/heart

Reconciliation Through Justice: Indigenous Speaker Series Join us online or in-person as we welcome Noah MacDonald, a Canon Lawyer with the Archdiocese of Toronto to speak on the topic of *Rite Relations: Developments in Indigenous Catholic Leadership and Unity*. Tuesday evening, October 17 at 7:00 pm. Suggested donation: \$10. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/reconciliation

Fall Artful Reflection Evening Come connect and create with us! This intergenerational art evening is a great way to unwind and rediscover the joy of creating. Bev Bunker and Émilie Bélanger provide step-by-step instructions to guide you into creating your own fall lantern: all materials and supplies included. Wednesday, October 25 from 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration: \$30. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/artful

Spirituality of the Cosmos Public Lecture & Retreat This Friday public lecture with Dr. Linda Gibler plays with the idea that the Cosmos itself has something to teach us about how to live well with ourselves, other people, and other beings. The retreat is a step toward creating a theology in which we see Creation as Companion and Teacher. October 27 & 28. Public Lecture: \$20 / Retreat: Online/Commuter \$145 | Live-In \$210. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/cosmos

Addiction, Trauma & the Family Workshop Addiction - cunning, baffling and powerful, and almost always rooted in trauma, often leaves the families and friends of addicts feeling powerless, frustrated and defeated. This workshop will provide information on the addictive process and addiction/trauma recovery, alongside sharing, support, resources and hope for a brighter future. November 10-12. Cost: Live-In \$300 / Commuter \$130 / Online \$90. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/addiction

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day

We bow our hearts to You and pray.

*We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.*

For beauty in nature, Your glory we see

For joy and health, friends and family,

For daily provision, Your mercy, and care

These are the blessings You graciously share.

So today we offer this response of praise

With a promise to follow You all of our days.



Tourtière Sales 2023

Paroisse St. Vital Parish's 12th annual SNOWLAKE DAZE (*formerly Snowflake Bazaar*) is hoping to start/continue the trend and have our Parish recognized as the maker of these French Canadian meatpies. You can appreciate that much work has to be done for the Saturday sales so please **mark your calendars** today and plan to support us in any way that you are able.

PLEASE leave your name and number with our Event Chairperson Carmen at her home at 780-929-8320, by call or text to **cell 780-908-5328** or by email at **carmen.grayson@telus.net**.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Events Chairman.

Location: École Mother D'Youville School @ 5330 rue Parc, Beaumont

Preparations are as follows:

Meat preparation will begin each day at **9am**

10 Roaster ovens will be required and 10 Volunteers would be appreciated.

Pie making commences at **3:15 pm** (2 days will be at 1 pm) each afternoon at the same location.

Various tasks are involved; again 10 volunteers would be appreciated.