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**APRIL 7, 2024**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday, 9:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

### **Weekday Masses**

Tuesday, April 9th Mass at Mother d'Youville School @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) @ 9:00 a.m.

**ADORATION- Friday, April 12th (9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)** followed by Benediction  
**Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (noon – 8:00 p.m.)**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

Check out our website [www.saintvitalparish.com](http://www.saintvitalparish.com) and check it regularly for updates.

**Loan Balance February 28, 2024 \$429,021.62**

#### **The Pope's Monthly Intention: April 2024**

For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**COR** - Gathering for Men in the Parish, COR is a gathering of men to engage in prayer, faith formation and fellowship. The next gathering will take place **Sunday, April 7th**, beginning at 7 p.m. Participants will need to bring a bible and a rosary. (If you don't have one, one will be provided.) The gathering will be held at the home of Louis Kloster, four miles due east of St. Vital Church (100, 50511 Range Road 234). Just drive four miles due east of the church on 50 Avenue (Township Road 505). When you reach the T intersection at Range Road 234, turn left and drive north for 400 meters. The first subdivision on the right is Arbor Estates. (Look for the sign.) Turn into Arbor Estates. Lot 100. Come and see what COR is all about

## **CALLED TO PROTECT**

The next “Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention” training session, “Called to Protect”, is scheduled for: Sat., **April 13, 2024 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm** in person at **St. Michael Parish (5105 - 45A St., Leduc)**. To register, call St. Michael Parish - 780.986.3253 This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday ~ April 7th, 2024**

“You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen Me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen Me, but still believe!” ~ Gospel of John

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet – 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: “By this Novena, (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls.” The eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Though every second is filled with the mercy of God, this day is especially observed to recollect and acknowledge the mercy we receive from God. According to Saint Faustina, it is a day when the floodgates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could hope for. Pope Saint Paul II put this celebration on the church’s calendar in the year 2000 when he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood. In his message the Pope said, “Today my joy is truly great in presenting the life and witness of Sr. Faustina Kowalska to the whole Church as a gift of God for our time. By Divine Providence, the life of this humble daughter of Poland was completely linked with the history of the 20th century, the century we have just left behind.” Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever; reads this Sunday’s responsorial Psalm. God never fails to shower his love and mercy on all those who turn to Him. We get a glimpse of Divine Mercy in action in this Sunday’s first reading. The early Christians believed in Divine Mercy and were so filled with the Holy Spirit that, “no one claimed private ownership” rather, “everything they owned was held in common.” In the Gospel, the apostle Thomas says that he must have some proof before he can believe this incredible truth of Jesus’ resurrection. Perhaps he wanted to claim to the world during his apostolic journeys, that he had seen the risen Lord and testified himself, and that his preaching was authentic. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us thank God for the abundance of His gift that He bestows upon us. Let us turn our eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bequeath on us.

There are many wonderful ways to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with your family. You can pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together. If you are not familiar with the Chaplet, The Divine Mercy website has many great resources, including a step-by-step guide, a pray-along video, or an audio you can use to assist you. Another way to express your devotion to the Divine Mercy is to place an image of the Divine Mercy in your home. St. Faustina was asked by Jesus to create an image of Him, accompanied by the message, “Jesus, I trust in you.” The image contains rays of red and blue, which represent the blood and water that gushed forth from Jesus’ side during the crucifixion and Jesus told St. Faustina that they came from the depths of his mercy.

## **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.

**ST. VITAL CWL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN- REMINDER:** Please remember to return your baby bottles in support our pro-life cause this year: the OUR LADY OF GRACE program, which is offered by Edmonton Catholic Schools, to support pregnant and parenting teens, both female and male, while they are completing school. There is a box to receive the bottles under the table as you enter the church. Thank you so much to those who have already returned their baby bottles! Any questions, please message Megan Testa at 780-278-6253 or [meganmtesta@gmail.com](mailto:meganmtesta@gmail.com)

**CHARITY SALE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** Antiques, jewellery, housewares & more. Don't miss it....new stock is added daily! Proceeds help support the Society's work with those living in poverty. The charity dates and times are: Thursday, April 11: 12:00 - 7:00 pm Friday, April 12: 12:00 - 7:00 pm Saturday, April 13: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm The sale will be held at St Andrew's Centre Auditorium (12720 - 111 Ave. Edmonton). Parking is on the West side. Entrance is FREE! For more info: [charitysale@ssvpedmonton.ca](mailto:charitysale@ssvpedmonton.ca)

### **LAC STE. ANNE PILGRIMAGE 2024 SAVE THE DATE**

We look forward to welcoming you again to the 2024 Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage on **July 20 - 25, 2024**. Each July, thousands of pilgrims make their way to the shores of Lac Ste Anne. Many come in search of healing and spiritual renewal. Some simply come to reconnect with old acquaintances and forge new friendships. This pilgrimage, which began over a hundred years ago, has become the largest annual Catholic gathering in Western Canada. First called Wakamne or God's Lake by the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation who live on the west end of the Lake, and Manito Sakhahigan or Spirit Lake by the Cree, Lac Ste. Anne, about 75 km northwest of Edmonton, is the site of the annual pilgrimage, one of the most unique and memorable spiritual gatherings in North America. For more info: [lacsteannepilgrimage.ca](http://lacsteannepilgrimage.ca)

### **Stewardship Corner Second Sunday of Easter Weekend of April 6/7**

When the Risen Christ encounters His disciples in the locked room, He adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the Risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist which strengthens and sustains them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

### **Our Lady of Victory Camp**

Encounter Christ Encounter Community Encounter Creation Summer, 2024 July 6: Summer Kick-off BBQ July 7-11: High School Week (Grades 10-12) July 14-18: All Ages Week I (Grades 4-9) July 28: August 1: Elementary Week (Grades 4-6) August 4-8: Jr. High Week (Grades 7-9) August 11-15: All Ages Week II (Grades 4-9) [OLVCAMP.COM](http://OLVCAMP.COM)

**LADIES!** You need a night out because it's vital. Join the monthly Vital Ladies Night.

**When:** *Thursday, April 11th* and every 2nd Thursday of the month there after

**Time:** 7:30pm till 10:30pm

**Where:** Michelle's home in Beaumont

**Who:** Any adult Lady

**What:** It is a wholesome Christian social time away from all of our life's expectations.

**What to bring:** Anything or Nothing. If you want to bring something, you can bring a snack or drink or game.

**Contact:** *Michelle Felix (780)239-7703*