**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 15th ✞Margaret Imeson

Sunday, December 16th (9:00 a.m.) Derek Poirier

 (11:00 a.m.) ✞ Kathy Samila

Wednesday, December 18th ✞Margaret Imeson

**Blank schedules for Christmas and New Year's Eve Masses** are at the back of the church. **Please** fill in your name for the mass you will be attending.

**2019 Donation Envelopes**

Sunday Offering Envelopes 2019 Offering envelopes for the new year are now available for pick up by parishioners

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus welcome all to their **Christmas Pancake Breakfast** this Sunday, **December 16th** (after both masses). Come and enjoy pancakes, ham, eggs and baked beans.

**Carmelite Monastry Craft Sale**

December 16th after the 9 :00 a.m. & 11 :00 a.m. Masses

Crafts and handcraft will be on display for purchase. Monetary donations also accepted.

***Please help support the Carmelites.***

**Our Lady of the Hill K of C**

Selling **Sobeys and No Frills Grocery Cards** at the back of the church after all masses. Consider the purchase of a grocery card or two as a special Christmas gift while, at the same time, supporting the efforts of the Knights of Columbus

The Bible Study will resume on January 14, 28, 2019. We are still doing the study called **Mary, Virgin, Mother, And Queen**.

**Come Listen to the Music (St. Vital Parish)**

December 21st 7:00 p.m. BSA – A Community Choral Concert

***Free concert – everyone welcome to attend.***

**Readings and Carols for Christmas** Come and rediscover the heart, wonder and mystery of Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Joseph's Basilica on **Wednesday, December 19,** at 7 p.m. for *In Dulci Jubilo*, a concert of carols and readings for Christmas. Featuring the Schola Cantorum, directed by Roderick Bryce.

**Advent with Axios**

The Axios Male Ensemble presents an evening of sacred choral music to prepare for the Nativity of Christ, with conductor Michael Zaugg and featuring singers from the Boyan Ensemble of Kiev, Ukraine. You are invited to join us at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 7007 - 109 Street, Edmonton, at 5 p.m. on **Sunday, December 16**. Tickets available online at [**https://www.axioschoir.com**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001H0IZoDNMH9dPPSZPb_pBKReE6dToH9xjU7AwJ-9sDSdUrbc4LEkZDU8RXI08QwV8HIHc0bfQfts5J-qh-5YTlsR-KHX3tVabP1KA-HJ7hO8esFxzFpOm1-IMkG9xX_fCqKWKvfLQOpjZd6c53eILjw==&c=nvvnSW7uWi5Hli3ahLwkzYdxVlDhmtGMMFxKiY--Unu9mXyyt7mjwg==&ch=Wtkfb_iGFHzhR9ppCJR9LmSTGyPaPdLkJiHspFRVM8S3eewS1i0hWg==) for $25 or at the door for $30

**“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice.”**

According to the ancient tradition of the church, this Sunday of Advent is known as ***Gaudete,*** or ***Rejoice Sunday.*** The reason for this is obvious – both the first and second readings speak strongly of rejoicing, even exulting, due to the transforming presence of God in our lives. **Rejoice and be glad, for the love of Christ is transformative.**

The Gospel delves deeper into the source of this joy, and it centers on the difference between the baptism by John and the baptism by Jesus. The question posed to John the Baptist is the right question. The crowds, the tax collectors and even the soldiers ask, “What must we do?” John replies rightly that their behavior must change. He provides very concrete, simple advice … share your food and clothes … be just … act fairly … do not assume power and control over others.

**No one should be alone at Christmas time…**

Please join us for a Family & Friends Christmas Supper

December 25th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Jef’s Café (#104, 5012-50 St.)

Please come as our guest (no charge)

Please RSVP by December 22nd to Louise White-Gibbs at jefscafe@outlook.com or text/call 780-242-2135.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

3:30 pm Christmas Nativity Pageant

4:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass

9:00 pm Mass

Midnight Mass (12am) (Bilingual)

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 am Mass

 Feast of Holy Family

Sunday, December 30 - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year’s Eve (Feast of the Holy Mother of God)

Monday, December 31 - 5:00 pm Mass

New Year’s Day (Feast of the Holy Mother of God)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 10:00 am Mass (Bilingual)

**Living in the Word**  ̶ ̶ The only sure foundation of our lives is Jesus Christ. He alone brings to light the meaning of our existence and makes known its definitive direction. Sadly, however, world events manifest a turning away from God and thus from hope. They demonstrate that too many people are building their lives on foundations other than the person and message of Jesus Christ, which is to say they are constructing the edifice of their existence upon nothing more than shifting sand (cf. *Matthew* 7:24-27).﻿

(Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter,* September 14, 2017) [**caedm.ca/letter**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001o0TFwqpHGHWFfKel7lwuDQ503V7PHsJuwMC5NBUiN8VvwApGh2Dz8uH9-8iWg-KI6EEHKdYQXYq6ByBzedpnMsMC11QiBnCyy-lXPvrCDf4C5dtutnExMxVkQpjdEGtF3amzoEc3crwBL9IbJr3aEA==&c=hmLiWIpbgvEd-GP-fQT6XQM8_Ht83RJSrSYBVLLcbbFQgZXS14jKug==&ch=tnt-f3LcSAPJfzESdMEf8l4GaeT25Ende3ZNInc2IewmstwGo6FkHA==).