**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 21st 5:00 p.m. **✞** Jack Vrdoljak

Sunday, December 22nd 11:00 a.m. Paulette & Bob Keith (Special intentions)

A **second collection** will be taken at all **Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Day** for **Pay Down the Debt.**

**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.

The 4:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve are very popular! For many years in a row now, the church has been filled to capacity. Please consider coming to Mass later on Christmas Eve (6:30 pm, 9:00 pm or Midnight) or on Christmas Day (10:00 a.m.). Doing so should also make it easier to find a parking spot and a place in the pews!

**2020 Donation Envelopes**

Sunday Offering Envelopes for the new year (displayed alphabetically) are now available for pick up by parishioners. Weekly contribution envelopes are only good for the year they are printed as numbers may change. Therefore, please DO NOT USE YOUR 2019 ENVELOPES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE IN 2020. If you currently do not use envelopes and wish to do so, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Parishioners also have the option of donating thru automatic bank withdrawal (once a month) (Forms are at the back of the church)

**'Hear the Word of God and Do It**

**Living in the Word**  ̶ ̶ Even if we take as little as ten minutes each day to read a few lines of the Bible, or one of the readings assigned for daily mass, this encounter with Christ will change our lives. (Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter*, September 14, 2017)

**Paperless Bulletin**

Are you looking for ways to increase your care for the environment? Reducing the amount of paper that is used to produce our bulletin is one way that you can contribute. To receive your paperless bulletin email [St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca](mailto:St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca).

**NO 24 Hour Adoration on January 3rd**

**Parish office is closed December 24th – January 2nd.**

**Voicemail and e-mails will still be answered during this time.**

**'Hear the Word of God and Do I**

**Living in the Word**  ̶ ̶ In line with a specific request of the Holy Father, I ask that all our families return to the beautiful practice of praying before and after meals (cf. *Laudato Si*, 227). Together with our traditional prayer to God for the blessing of the meal and our sharing of it, this can be an opportunity to hear a line from Sacred Scripture and respond to it.  (Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter*, September 14, 2017)

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS TIMES**

***Christmas Eve*** Tuesday, December 24

3:30 pm Christmas Nativity Pageant

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**4:00 pm 6:30** pm **9:00** pm & **Midnight Mass** (12am)

***Christmas Day*** Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Mass

***Feast of the Holy Family Sunday,*** December 29 –

9:00 am & 11:00 am

***New Year’s Eve (Holy Mary, Mother of God)***

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00pm Mass

***New Year’s Day (Holy Mary, Mother of God)***

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:00 am Mass

***You are encouraged to bring a bell to ring during the Gloria at both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass.***

**Providence Renewal Centre**

Register by phone at 780-701-1854 or online at [***providencerenewal.ca***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001MFUk8sfJa9dIyaSghl4lX7okdzM1JSp8tCkUNCRKG6zwW4kP0KBZqfTvf1dBuvdAVu2Xas1dPzuIg-tTCiQx2Zc-68EHcnn8HE67a1wwEghsJOugrJg7HVdLTvl7Y2gIzP7HEgITuG27p680puPgoVH1QoYDFTcOK6TtvbbNQ2JpmhcWzV1V6Q==&c=NX7b_PLjPzyX-IMLR5T_vPYGsUxAh5pBoz2By-2VV2a78y-wG7utag==&ch=A9sdvnBzGN7VL6Ncn56OxFen8xT1xs8yfzymnuX_1SMe0_-YHeMGzw==).

**Exploring Boundless Compassion**

With Linda MacIsaac and Carol Sebastian

In her book *Boundless Compassion*, Joyce Rupp invites us to enter into a transformational process for developing and deepening compassion for others, for ourselves, and for the world. In the comfort of your home, read and reflect on the first two chapters of daily meditations before we gather to share on January 8. We will continue to meet every two weeks to share our experiences and thoughts.

**Wednesdays:** January 8, 22, February 5 (1 to 3 pm) $60.00/person (book not included, needs to be started before 1st gathering.)

Register by: December 19

**Making room for You!**

With Elizabeth Poilievre, FCJ

We all like to live in a pleasant environment, but we can easily forget that we, too, are part of that environment. Caring for our own well-being is just as important as caring for others and for the environment we live in. Are you tired and stressed? Would you like to put some zest back into your life? This day will focus on some simple practices to incorporate into your lifestyle so as to bring about a more balanced and holistic approach to life. Dress in comfortable clothing, and dress for the weather as you may want to walk outdoors.

**Saturday, January 18** (10 am to 4 pm) $85/person

Register by: January 7

**Thinking about Camp?**

Maybe it's cold outside, but it's not too early to be thinking about camp! Catholic camping is a sacred space and time where community is created, Christ is encountered, and lives are transformed. If you are looking for a safe, caring and faith-filled camping experience for your children or grandchildren, please consider Our Lady of Victory Camp at Gull Lake, northwest of Red Deer. OLVC will reopen for Summer 2020, and registrations will open early in the New Year. Watch for more news in 2020, including ways you can support the needed renovations to both OLVC and Camp Encounter. Thank you for your prayers!