**DECEMBER 12**, **2021 Third SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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**Sign-up schedule for proclaimers for the month of December weekends is at the back of the church. Please sign up for a mass you will be attending.**

**Weekday masses**

Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday & Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass Times**

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

Reconciliation – Saturday 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**ADORATION**

**Friday, December 17th – 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p**.m

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 11th – **SI** Lucille Magnan

Sunday, (9:00 a.m.) December12th –  **†** Einar Strand

 (11:00 a.m.) **†** Sal & Fil Sublino

Tuesday, December 14th **†** Barry Abraham

Wednesday, December 15th - **†** Emerenciana Manalang

Thursday, December 16th **†** Philip Oh

Friday, December 17th – **SI** Fr. Arlan & Serge Busse

Saturday, December 18th - **SI** Lucille Magnan

**† = Repose of the Soul** **SI = Special Intention**

Our next  “Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention” training sessions, “Called to Protect”, by zoom is scheduled for **Monday, December  13, 2021**.  The  2.5 hours session will start at 7 pm to 9:30 pm.  **This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older and persons with Key Fobs for the church.**

For registration, please contact Lucy Kaakyo by email at lkaakyo@caedm.ca  In your communication, please include the name of your parish.  We will limit the number of registered volunteers to 60 on first come basis.  Helpful instructions, training material and the link to the zoom session will be sent close to the date.  We appreciate your time and talent in the service of the Church

**Attention Snowbirds** Please consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Debits before you head south for the winter. You can register in person at the parish office or fill out the Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement (available in the church) and put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Vital.

**Attention Parishioners**

On Sept. 15, the Alberta government declared a local state of public health emergency. COVID cases and hospitalizations are increasing, putting extreme pressure on the health system. The Alberta government has mandated new, temporary measures to curb the spread of COVID. Therefore, the following measures are to be implemented as of this date unless stated otherwise. Here is what’s new. New measures have also been highlighted. What’s new?

• **Masks are mandatory**

• Capacity is limited to one-third fire code occupancy

 • Attendance at baptisms is allowed for up to 50 people or 50 per cent of fire code occupancy, whichever is less.

• No social gatherings are permitted in parish halls and facilities.

• Each parish will implement previous protocols to determine attendance (At the present time St. Vital will use first come, first served)

• The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues for dioceses in the Province of Alberta.

**PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**2022 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up. Envelope users that had numbers over 200 have been issued new numbers. Please do not use the envelopes until 2002.**

If you are interested in receiving a box of collection envelopes for the 2022 year or would like information on Auto Debit for your donations, please call or email the parish office @ 780-929-8541, or St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca.

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus will be selling Sobey and No Frills gift cards after all masses on the weekend. **They are also selling : "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets (in French and in English).   Cost is $5.00 each.**

*According to my chocolate Advent calendar it is only three days to Christmas.*

*What goes “Oh, Oh, Oh”? Santa walking backwards!*

*What do Santa’s little helpers learn at school? The elf-abet!*

*How do the elves clean Santa’s sleigh the day after Christmas? They use Santa-tizer!*

*Which Christmas movie was 30 years ahead of its time?* Home Alone*.*

**Stewardship Corner Third Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 11/12, 2021** In today’s Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: “What should we do?” Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John’s call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, “Be baptized.” Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John’s message is simple: Judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

**Hear the Word of God and Do it Living in the Word—**

It is important to create opportunities for fellow disciples to gather and reflect deeply upon the Word of God. In this way we not only support one another as we grow in our relationship with Jesus, but also encourage one another to embrace the common mission that is ours in virtue of our Baptism into his Church. What . . . opportunities might we fashion? I ask our parishes, ecclesial movements, and Catholic institutions to consider this question carefully and offer ways in which God's sacred Word can be commonly heard and embraced. *(Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017):*

**Beaumont Nisku Christmas Elves**

**Donate Today  Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule.**

They accept a variety of food donations, new toys, gift cards, monetary donations.

**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 December 25/26.  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.

**Four Weeks of Advent Wreath**

The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior’s First coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world. The **3rd** Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Joy** with the *“Shepherd’s Candle”* reminding us of the Joy the world

experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

**C-YEG: A new young adults ministry**

The Catholic Young Adults of Edmonton (C-YEG for short) will promote special young adult events as well as events from other organizations for those who are thirsting for a faith community. Young adults are invited to the C-YEG Mass on the third Sunday each month at [***St. Charles Parish***](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-UE6w3bviMimlRZW_wWaaSzElFKbSZ6aLKzwJzl7nzzZmD6972hHYUkcZ-LBk6u8O1l8iQ9Vp-AjfS7eKQdrX9IIYcPY4kkD6PFrmY-8Wifu-JizleAXS_YxAkiGWzloyrVvwuiWl9TdO1ZYBbKpHg==&c=FFyaT5MGRIhAJp6ydOiUPHVFZiS5tKXute0f7oM76DNak4l-fxgmBQ==&ch=3aQw_JusQ6Ou0jR4o2sN6lL3KJ3yQ5J-BBZy6A2hrJBHVSHkv_EaxQ==) at 4 p.m. C-YEG was born out of a great desire to have a citywide space for young adults to gather. We come from all over, grow in faith together through fellowship and experience who Jesus says we are and calls us to be. Come for Mass and stay for socializing. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

**Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule**

**\*Masks are mandatory**\*

**Christmas Eve**

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children’s nativity play

4:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass

9:00 pm Mass

Midnight Mass (12 am)

**Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)**

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am Mass

**You must pre-register to attend the Christmas Masses.**

Registration will be available on St. Vital website (Everbrite) starting December 8th