

St. Vital Catholic Parish
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, January 23rd, @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday January 24-Friday January 26thth @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's - 11 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

ADORATION- January 26th (9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

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

Loan Balance December 31, 2023 \$457,076.93

2024 Donation Envelopes are ready for pickup. If you have not used envelopes previously and would like a set, please contact the parish office. **DO NOT USE 2023 ENVELOPES for your 2024 donations.**

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS? If you have recently moved, please contact the parish office with your new address. Any tax receipts not picked up at the parish will be mailed to the address on the database.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Everyone is welcome to the Knights of Columbus sponsored Pancake breakfast which is taking place on Sunday morning, **January 21 following the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses.** Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship

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.

Ash Wednesday is February 14 this year. We will begin collecting palms from past years beginning next weekend.

Beaumont Society for the Arts proudly present a family evening of classical music at **St. Vital Parish** with **The Alberta Baroque Ensemble** on **Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** Admission by donation at the door “Give what you will”

COME AND SEE WEEKEND

This year the annual live-in weekend at St. Joseph Seminary is **January 26 - 28, 2024**. Thinking about becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Just curious? This is your opportunity to experience seminary life with other men like you who are on a discernment journey. To learn more and to register, please contact Fr. Kris: Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or 780.672.1131, ext. 3

Alpha

Alpha is finished for 2023, but we want to invite you (and your friends and family) to Alpha in January 2024. 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

There are 4 sessions left plus the retreat on the Holy Spirit!! Even if you missed the first sessions, please still join us! The **dates are Jan 22 and 29 and Feb 12 and 19th** with the **retreat Saturday Feb 3!** We will meet from 6- 8 pm.

We meet in the Parish Basement and it is a **Potluck Dinner**.

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It would mean so much if you would consider donating to my year at St. Therese Institute. Do not hesitate, also, to share with others—any help gets me closer to my goal. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Options For Payment:

1. Go to GoFundMe.com and search “Julie Berube”
2. Phone the school (306-269-2555) for one-time or monthly payments and receive a tax receipt.
3. Send a cheque to: Julie Berube c/o St. Therese Institute, PO Box 310 Bruno S.K. S0K 0S0

For more info. visit my GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/e19a97f5> or the school's website: <https://www.sttherese.ca/> or call me at 587-991-8286.

God bless you,

Julie Berube

Keep Christ in Christmas Coloring Contest 2023

Many thanks to all the young people who participated in the Knights of Columbus Christmas coloring contest.

Congratulations to our winners:

Grades 1 – 3

1 st Place	Elise Belland
2 nd Place	Paula McLarney
3 rd Place	Elizabeth Urda

Grades 4 – 6

1 st Place	Therese Banic
2 nd Place	Suzanne Urda
3 rd Place	Ethan Testa

Grades 7 – 9

1 st Place	Vincent Pueschel
2 nd Place	Emma Pueschel

Winners can collect their cash prizes from the Knights of Columbus grocery gift card table at any weekend mass. First (\$20.00), second (\$10.00), and third (\$5.00) place prizes will be awarded in each of these categories: Grades 1 – 3, Grades 4 – 6, Grades 7 – 9.

Any submissions for the coloring contest can be collected from the box at the back of the church. If not collected by January 20/21, the art work will be recycled.

If possible, we would like to **leave the winning entries displayed at the back of the church until the week of January 20/21**. They can be reclaimed by our young artists after that. Thank you

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 **January 27, 28, 2024**. Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule. Donations not only benefit the needy of Leduc County but also help out the needy residents of Beaumont as well. Thanks to all the Parishioners who have been supporting this effort over the months.

Good Works

Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. We hope you will join us!

CWL General Meeting – Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

ARCHDIOCESAN VOCATIONS RALLY Our Church is facing a crisis of vocations. Together, how can we strengthen the future of the Church? The entire Archdiocese of Edmonton is invited to join us for our Archdiocesan Vocations Rally on **February 2, 2024**, hosted by the Benedict XVI Institute of Newman Theological College and the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Bring as many people from your parish as you can. All are welcome! February 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Joseph Basilica Single ticket: \$10 and Family tickets: \$25 Use code "Vocations" for 50% off single tickets or "Rally" for \$10 off family tickets. Come learn how to build a culture of vocation, whether you are discerning a religious vocation or not. Through the grace of God, the future of the Church depends on us all. We need all hands on deck. For tickets, go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/vocations-rally-allhands-on-deck-tickets-772532775327?aff=oddtcreator>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 - 25, 2024

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual global ecumenical celebration (traditionally held January 18 - 25 in the northern hemisphere). Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to reflect together on Scripture; to participate in jointly-organized worship services; and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: "You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself." **This year's prayer service is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Sunday, January 21 at St. Joachim's Catholic Church (9920 - 110 St., Edmonton).** For more info: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>

Prayer for Week of Christian Unity January 18 - 25

Lord Jesus, who prayed that all might be one,
we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,
according to your will, according to your means.
May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division,
to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope.
Amen.

Stewardship Corner Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of January 20/21

In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognize that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom?

C-YEG Winter Formal:

Event for 18-35 year old

Jan 27, 7 pm Assumption Parish (10555 - 50A St NW)

\$15 tickets sold at door \$4/drink Invite your friends and we'll see you there! *Please note this is an 18-35 year old event
C-YEG provides opportunities for young adults to encounter Christ through Catholic community.



What's Wrong with “MAiD”?

(Medical Assistance in Dying)

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish
13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park*

Join us for Mass at 6:15, celebrated by Rev. Jim Corrigan.

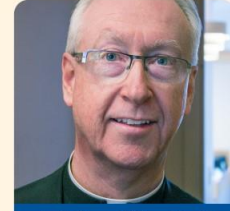
The live event can also be viewed on YouTube.

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Presented by: Deacon Larry Worthen, Executive Director,
Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada.
Special Guest: Archbishop Richard Smith



Deacon Larry Worthen



Archbishop Richard Smith

In this important presentation, Deacon Larry Worthen will review the evolution of euthanasia policy in Canada and propose the role Catholics can play in restoring the value of every human life.

Presented by:



NEWCOMERS: We are blessed that you have chosen to join us in worship and ministry here at St. Vital Parish. If you are new or have not registered, please complete a Registration Form available at the back of the church and drop it off at the office or in the collection basket during the weekend masses.

A Warm Welcome