

St. Vital Catholic Parish
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APRIL 21, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend Mass Times

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

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, April 23rd @ 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (April 24th-26th) @ 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION-

Friday, April 26th (9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The wedding ceremony for Simon Morris and Grace Berube is scheduled for Saturday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Vital Church. Therefore the **hour of Confession** scheduled for that day **(April 20th) has been cancelled**. Sorry for any inconvenience

April 27th 11:00 a.m. – noon or by appointment with Fr. Les

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

Loan Balance March 31, 2024 \$414,059.74

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.

Pancake Breakfast

All parishioners and their families are welcome to attend the next Knights of Columbus sponsored Pancake Breakfast which will take place on **Sunday, April 21** following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Join us in the basement to enjoy the food and fellowship!

Grocery Gift Cards

Our Lady of the Hill Council is selling Sobeys and No Frills grocery gift cards before and after all the weekend Masses. All parishioners are encouraged to support this effort. Proceeds from the sales go toward supporting the Knight's charitable work and donations. We accept cash, cheque and e-transfer.

Soap Box Derby

Sign up early for this year's Soap Box Derby sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Council 13064. This fun event takes place on the Saturday (May 25) of the City's Beaumont Days celebration. Kids ages 8 through 13 are eligible to race. Entrance fee is \$10.00 which guarantees each youngster a minimum of three runs down 50th Avenue hill. Registration forms as well as Rules & Regulations which further explains the event are available on the K of C link on the Parish website as well as on the City of Beaumont website. Call Paul Weisenberger with any questions, 780-929-5150.

KEVIN KERRIGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -This scholarship, sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus Council is open to year 2024 graduating high school seniors who attend St. Vital Church as well as a members of the Parish that are attending post secondary schooling at any level. Preference will be given to a graduating high school senior. The scholarship has a value of \$500. and will be awarded on the basis of all round achievement rather than for strictly academic performance. Achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well as the question of financial need in determining the successful candidate. **Deadline for applying is May 31, 2024.** Applications are at the back of church and online at the Parish website (see KofC link).

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 **April 27-28, 2024**. 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

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

Stewardship Corner Fourth Sunday of Easter Weekend of April 20/21

In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to Himself as "the Good Shepherd." His sheep know Him, trust Him, listen to Him and follow Him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to Him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust Him, follow Him no matter the cost to our comfort?

On **Saturday, May 6th**, St. Vital CWL will be hosting a **Spring Tea fundraiser** in the church hall downstairs from 2-4 p.m. Mark this event on your calendar and join us for tea and goodies.

The CWL offers women of our parish the gifts of faith, friendship and support while offering opportunities to develop leadership skills & confirmation of our Catholic values. We invite all women of our parish to share with us your own gifts and make a difference by serving God and Canada in our CWL parish council. The next **General Meeting** will be: **Tues., April 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm**

ST. VITAL FEAST DAY – APRIL 28, 2024 **POTLUCK AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. Mass**

Our parish was named after St. Vitalis of Ravenna who was the patron saint of Bishop Vital Grandin, the founder of our parish. Saint Vitalis was a first century Christian citizen of Milan and the father of twin brothers, and future martyrs, Saints Gervasius and Protasius. He is the principal patron of Ravenna. He witnessed the tribunal of a Christian physician named Ursicinus, who was tortured, and then condemned to death, for his faith. Ursicinus became terrified at the thought of death and seemed ready to renounce his faith. Vitalis was extremely moved by this spectacle. He knew his obligation was to prefer the glory of God, and the eternal salvation of his neighbor, over his own life. He therefore boldly and successfully encouraged Ursicinus to triumph over death, saying, "Ursicinus, you who cured others would want to drive into your soul the dagger of eternal death? Do not lose the crown the Lord has prepared for you!" Ursicinus was touched: he knelt down and asked the executioner to strike him. After the execution, Saint Vitalis carried away Ursicinus' body and respectfully interred him. St. Vitalis then resigned his post as judiciary assistant to Paulinus, who had been absent on the occasion of the sentence of Ursicinus. Paulinus had Vitalis apprehended, and after having him tortured, commanded that if he refused to sacrifice to the gods, he would be buried alive. This is how Vitalis was martyred.

Welcome to the Alberta Legislature Edmonton on Thursday May09 12 noon to hear Pro Life speakers and witnesses. This is our 16th annual event featuring Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King. For further details please visit our website at www.albertamarchforlife.com



Registration is now open for the **32nd Annual Newman Golf Classic** in support of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College, to be held at the exclusive **Blackhawk Golf Club on Monday, June 24, 2024.**



Visit www.caedm.ca/golf to sponsor, donate or register, or call Anna at 780-952-6437 for more information.

Register today as space is limited!

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OLVC WORK BEES

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH AND JUNE 1ST

Help us clean, repair, and build Camp in preparation for the summer! We need help with everything from maintenance to hospitality. We are seeking **100 volunteers on both dates** to help us ensure our campers can enjoy safe and life-changing summers at OLVC for years to come.



Do you have the skills to make a difference?
Contact us today!

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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