**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 9th– **+** Norm West

Sunday, December 10th– (9:00 a.m.) Annette Gobeil

 11:00 a.m. **+** Ralph Taylor

Wednesday, December 13th **+** Peter Chapham

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

Selling **Sobeys and No Frills Grocery Cards** at the back of the church after all masses

Adopt a Parishioner for Christmas.   Will you be home alone for Christmas? We have families who are willing and would feel privileged to

open up their homes and welcome you to celebrate Christmas with them.  If you are single, young or older, a couple or a family with children PLEASE contact: Adelle either by email:   adellemadu@gmail.com or phone 780 929-5788. We are also still taking names for host families.

The Knights of Columbus are again making “Keep Christ in Christmas” car/fridge magnets available to parishioners. They are available in both French and English at a cost of $5 each. Pick up yours at the grocery gift card table at the back of the church.

New bible study on Mary Virgin, Mother and Queen, a bible study for Catholics by Father Mitch Pacwa and Video by Matthew Leonard. The resource material will be approximately $16.00. If interested please contact Eunice (780-929-6579)or Claire (789-929-6479) as soon as possible as book will need to be ordered. Thank you

**2018 Donation envelopes** may be picked up at the back of the church. If you have not used envelopes previously and would like a set, please contact the parish office.

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

December 8th (7:00 p.m.) BSA – A Community Choral Concert

December 9th (1:00 p.m.) Enchanted Xmas Afternoon of Music

December 14th (7:30 p.m.) Swiss Men’s Choir

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

The BSA presents **Christmas Celebration** at **7:00 p.m. , Friday, December 29th** at St. Vital Parish.

Tickets: $10/single $25/family. Tickets available at Eventbrite.ca or at the door.

December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe,Patroness of all America (North South and Central.) You are invite to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Archbishop Richard Smith and members of the First Nations,Metis,and Inuit communities. Please come and join us on December 12th at St.Joseph's Basilica. Rosary led in 5 languages at 6pm and Mass at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

The **Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is **requesting donations** of furniture to assist them in helping families in need. Items most needed: kitchen tables and chairs and dressers; all items gratefully accepted. Please phone 780-984-0069 to donate, or for more information.

The **ladies of the St. Vital CWL** are sponsoring a **clothing** **donation drive for the Marian Centre.**  As the snow begins to fly, the Marian Centre appeals for your help. Men living on the streets of Edmonton are in need of ***warm clothes, including used jeans (esp 30 to 34”waist), long johns, winter coats, hoodies, winter boots***. They also need new underwear, travel size deodorant, and men’s razors.

This year, because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Sunday, Catholics are obligated to attend Mass two days in a row in each of two weeks -- or maybe two masses on one day. As Father Paul Kavanagh, Director of Divine Worship, explains it, we have an obligation to attend Mass on the following Sundays and Holy Days:

**Sunday, December 24:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Monday, December 25**: Nativity of the Lord

**Sunday, December 31:** Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Monday, January 1,** the Soleminity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

However, on December 24, we could attend a Sunday Mass in the morning, and a Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord after 4 p.m.And on December 31, we could attend a Sunday Mass in the morning, and a Vigil Mass for the Solemnityy of Mary, Mother of God after 4 p.m.

***But for those who are wondering***, no, we cannot fulfill both obligations on December 24 or 31 with just one Mass.

**Christmas/New Years Masses**

**Sunday, December 24th**

10:00 a.m. -4th Sunday of Advent (Bilingual)

3:30 p.m. Children’s Nativity Play

4:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

6:30 p.m. Christmas Mass

9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (Bilingual)

**Monday, December 25th**

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

**Sunday, December 31st New Years Eve**

10:00 a.m. (Bilingual) - The Holy Family of Jesus/Mary/Joseph

5:00 p.m. Mass - The Solemnity of Mary (Holy day of Obligation)

**Monday, January 1st**

10:00 a.m. Mass - The Solemnity of Mary (Holy day of Obligation)

**Attention Snowbirds** Please consider signing up for Pre- Authorized Debits at the parish office before you head south for the winter. You can register in person at the parish office or fill out the forms available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Vital Parish. We couldn’t do it without you.

**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.

**Pancake Breakfast** – Sunday, December 17th after the 9 & 11 a.m. masses

**COMING ON DECEMBER 11 ...TO A PHONE, TABLET OR DESKTOP NEAR** **YOU**

 Grandin Media, the new digital news portal of the Archdiocese of Edmonton will be live on December 11! What’s it all about? It’s about serving the Church’s mission of evangelization by informing, inspiring and telling the stories of Catholic life right here in Alberta. It’s a website that will feature news reporting, feature stories, and cultural and social analysis, all through a Catholic lens, in the same space as the secular media, and accompanied by high quality pictures and video. You’ve seen some of the work of our professional journalists already - soon it will be published at grandinmedia.ca. Like our namesake, Bishop Vital Grandin, we plan to cover great distances, but this time in the world of online information. We’re getting excited...if you haven’t seen it yet, check out our teaser video trailer on our website.

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