**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 16th– **+** Fidel Ravana DeCastro

Sunday, December 17th (11:00 a.m.) **+** Frank Casavant

**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

**Our Lady of the Hill K of C** Selling **Sobeys and No Frills Grocery Cards** at the back of the church after all masses There will be no gift card sales over the Christmas weekend. This weekend will be the last opportunity to purchase them until the Dec. 30/31st. weekend".

**Knights of Columbus Food Drive**

The weekend of December 23 and 24, the Knights of Columbus are holding a Food Drive in support of our local Food Bank.  Please drop your donation in the bin at the rear of the church.

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](mailto:adellemadu@gmail.com) or phone [780 929-5788](tel:(780)%20929-5788). 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.

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.

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.

**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.

Newman Theological College is pleased to present **The Social Justice Teaching of the Church** as a winter course offering on Mondays 6:30 - 9:20 p.m., running from **January 8 to April 9, 2018**. Topics covered include the roots of social justice in the Tradition, major themes in the social teaching documents of the Church, social teaching in the Canadian/North American church, liberation theology, social analysis as a tool for Christian ministry. Instructor: Robert McKeon. Auditors welcome. Bursaries available. Register by contacting [registrar@newman.edu](mailto:registrar@newman.edu) or 780-392-2451 by January 2.

Join St. Thomas More Music Ministry (adult choir, children’s choir and instrumentalists) for an afternoon of music to help you prepare for Christmas. **Sunday, December 17,** at 3 p.m. St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 210 Haddow Close (corner of Terwillegar Drive and 23rd Avenue) A freewill offering will be taken. All are welcome.

Please join us for **L’Arche Edmonton’s Annual Christmas** **Pageant** on Monday, **December 18, at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas d’Aquin Parish**, 8410 - 89 Street. We invite you to bring a non-perishable item for the Edmonton Food Bank. After the pageant, please join us for refreshments and the Day Program Craft Sale. Donations to L’Arche Edmonton will be gratefully accepted!

**Sign up sheet** for **24 hour Adoration (January 5th) is** at the back of the Church.

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 Solemnity 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 Solemnity 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)