**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 23rd– **+** Ivan Vukovic

Sunday, December 24th (10:00 a.m.) **+** Marcel LeBlanc

**Our Lady of the Hill K of C**  There will be no gift card sales over the Christmas 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.

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.

**Check out our website and check it regularly!**[**www.saintvitalparish.com**](http://www.saintvitalparish.com/)**There are many goodies awaiting you there!**

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

**Children's Choir** meets Wednesdays in the church at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.  It is for all children grade 1 and up! Come join us practice music we will do at a mass as a Children's choir. New members welcome. If you would like more information please come on Wednesday! We will see you there! Practices resume January 10th.

**Mom's Prayer Group (aka. Familia)** is a mom's group held in hosting homes.  There is currently one group that meet on the **first** and **third Tuesday** morning of the month. Children are welcome. This group is an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about our faith and motherhood. Giving you an opportunity to build lasting friendships with other moms. If you are interested in this kind of faith formation and fellowship please contact Kris Bujold [780-929-5811](http://780-929-5811/) or at [bujoldjk@telus.net](mailto:bujoldjk@telus.net)

**Want to Become Catholic?** Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and becoming a Catholic? The **RCIA program** is for you. Classes run weekly from October to May for both children and adults.

Contact Michelle at the office for more information. 780-929-8541 ext 3.

**Reconciliation and First Communion!** Children in **Grade 2** and older receive formation and the sacraments in the parish. The program of formation registration opens in July online, with a parent information night in September and classes run from October to May. See the website for more details or contact Michelle at the office for more information. 780-929-8541 ext 3.

**Confirmation!**Children in **Grade 6** and older receive formation and the sacraments in the parish. The program of formation registration opens in November at the parent information night and classes run from December to May. See the website for more details or contact Michelle at the office for more information. 780-929-8541 ext 3.

**Youth Group; The Rock!** We gather with youth in Grades 7 - 12 in the church basement twice a month after the 5 p.m. mass on Saturdays, from about 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.  One of our monthly sessions is more formalized or structured; the second monthly meeting is a social gathering. For more information check out the website or contact Louis Kloster by email: [lpkloster@gmail.com](mailto:lpkloster@gmail.com) or call: [780-929-6024](http://7809296024/).

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

**Marriage Preparation**

Couples are asked to contact Fr. Arlan six months prior to their wedding so all paperwork can be completed. Please bring an updated copy of your baptismal certificate. All couples getting married within the Catholic Church must take a marriage preparation course.

**Convalidation (Blessing) of Marriage**

We are always open to help those who have for one reason or another omitted the Catholic Form of Marriage. If you would like to have your marriage convalidated or have questions, please contact Fr. Arlan.

**Baptism Preparation Course**

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation now while you are waiting for the birth of your son or daughter. **The classes are for parents and sponsors (godparents). Godparents must be confirmed Catholic Christians.**

Attending now eliminates the need to find baby-sitters, rearrange feeding schedules etc. plus it adds to the joyful anticipation of your new arrival.

Parents wishing to register for the **next course** which will be held on **Monday,** **January 29at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

**PRAY FOR THEM**

The Director of Vocations has prepared monthly prayer calendars. The calendars contain the photos and first names of those preparing for ordination to the priesthood. Those pictured are students at St. Joseph Seminary. It was suggested to place the calendars on the refrigerator doors in our homes. In this way, before opening the doors, a person could pray for the seminarians of the ‘day’. (This could result in a great deal of prayer for the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Edmonton and other dioceses.) There are no seminarians listed for the 31st day so on that day please feel free to pray for all or one of the seminarians. If you know someone who is trying to figure out how to answer his or her baptismal call, you could prayer for that person on the 31st.

Please pick up a copy of the prayer calendar from the table at the back of the Church.

There are also copies of ‘trading cards’ for the seminarians for the Archdiocese of Edmonton. The cards could be used as prayer cards or book marks.

**Mass Times for New Year’s**

**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)

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