**LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** On **Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm** . All parishioners are invited to come and experience the joy of God’s love and mercy!

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday, March 11th (11:00 a.m.) Ivan Vukovic

“ The Knights of Columbus will be having their pancake breakfast fundraising on**Sunday, March 18**.  Please come and join us.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held on **Friday’s (7:00 p.m.)** during Lent **beginning on Friday, February 16**

"The Knights of Columbus wishes to thank all who contributed to the Food Bank drive held on the  Feb. 24th/25th weekend. Your generosity enabled us to deliver 215 lbs. of food to the Leduc and District  Foodbank!

Remember, the Knights sponsor a drive on the 4th. weekend of every month. Next drive will be March 24th/25th"

**Our Lady of the Hill K of C**  Sobey/Safeway and No Frills Grocery Cards are once again available at the back of the church.

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).

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, March 19th**  at **7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

No Baptisms take place during Lent

Connelly-McKinley Funeral Home would like to invite you to our annual « Ducks in a Row » workshop on **Wednesday, March 14**, 2018 at 7:00 pm at our Edmonton South location. There will be a complementary coach bus leaving from the St. Vital Church overflow parking lot at 6:00 pm for those who register for the workshop and wish to have a ride to and from the South Edmonton location. For more information, or to register click on the Ducks at [www.connelly-mckinley.com](http://www.connelly-mckinley.com/) or call 780-590-0626.

**Bishop Bittman’s Journey**

In appreciation for the priestly and episcopal ministry of Bishop Gregory Bittman in the Archdiocese of Edmonton, Archbishop Richard Smith will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Monday, March 19,** at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Basilica. All are welcome to attend and pray for Bishop Bittman as he embarks on his new ministry in the Diocese of Nelson.

 For your information, the Diocese of Nelson will celebrate the Installation of Bishop Bittman at 7 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 25**, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Kelowna. Reception to follow.

 There will also be a Mass at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, April 26**, at the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate in Nelson. Reception to follow.

**Pro-Life**

Every day we hear about tragedies where many lives are lost in a war or tragic accident and yet everyday a greater tragedy occurs right here and thousand of babies are killed every year in our country. Did you know that there are no laws to protect the unborn? A woman can have an abortion at anytime up to the birth of the child. Edmonton Pro Life is sponsoring the 40 Days for Life from February 14 to March 25. For 40 days from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. we hope to have the people praying at the Back Porch for changes in these laws. The CWL has chosen **Tuesday March 20** as our day for prayer. You can sign up to go on this day or if this does not work for you may go any day. Talk to your family and find a time when you can pray together for these children. The Back Porch is located on 109 A Ave and 124 street across from the abortion clinic. We are restricted to this location and are not allowed to cross the street. If you have any questions please call Bonnie Fleming at 789-929-1248.

**Living in the Word** ̶ The Word of God calls us to offer God "the first fruits" of our labours (cf. Deuteronomy 26: 1-15; Proverbs 3: 5-10; cf. 2Corinthians 9: 6-15). This means that our budgeting and financial planning should include the mission of Christ's Church and the needs of our brothers and sisters among our first priorities. I ask everyone, as we heed the call to embrace our Baptism, to consider the needs of the parish, the Archdiocese, our institutions and the community in general.

Let us reflect upon the proportional, even sacrifi-cial giving that can be offered through both regular gifts and future estate planning.

(Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter*, *September 14, 2017*)

**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

**HOLY THURSDAY** (The Lord’s Last Supper): Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY** (The Passion of Our Lord): Friday, March 30th 1:30 pm – Outdoor Way of the Cross 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**EASTER VIGIL** (The Resurrection of Our Lord): Saturday, March 31st 9:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**: Sunday, April 1st: 9:00 am & 11:00 pm

**Holy Childhood Mass**

The annual archdiocesan Holy Childhood Association Mission Day Mass will take place on **Wednesday, May 2**, at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Parish, 75 Poirier Avenue, St. Albert.

Each year, the mass welcomes students and teachers from across the Archdiocese, to celebrate the work of the Holy Childhood in its motto “Children Helping Children.”

The Office of Missions is especially pleased to welcome Father Alex Osei CSSp, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Society in Canada, as celebrant for this year’s celebration. Teachers are asked to register their classrooms early as seating capacity is limited.

Inspiration this week in the words of Archbishop Smith, who suggests three somewhat unusual “fasts” for us to consider, and from papal preacher Father Raneiro Cantalamessa, who draws on Romans 12:2 to point out that in a society where everyone feels called to transform the world or the Church, this word of God breaks in, inviting us first to transform ourselves: “Do not be conformed to this world.”

 Transformation, he says, begins where everything in us begins -- with our thoughts.

 "There is a wise maxim that says,

Watch over your thoughts because they become words.

Watch over your words because they become actions.

Watch over your actions because they become habits.

Watch over your habits because they become your character.

Watch over your character because it becomes your destiny."

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