**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 17th (11:00 a.m.) ✞Glen Van de Biggelaar

Sunday, March 18th 9:00 a.m. ✞Victoria Kotylak

 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"

"Grocery gift cards are available at the back of the church as usual this weekend and the next but not over the Easter weekend.  Normal Sat./Sun. sales  will return on  Apr.7th./8th. Please consider this if you are making a purchase this weekend or the next."

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

**Pro-Life**

Reminder that 40 Days for Life continues until March 25th. St. Vital is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th to pray at the Back Porch. Also at the entrance are some FREE gift certificates to banquet hosted by Wilber Force Pro Life. A great nigh out and wonderful meal. If you have any questions please call Bonnie Fleming at 789-929-1248.

Are you seeking a closer relationship with Jesus in the company of friends? The **Edmonton** **Archdiocesan Cursillo Movement** offers a unique method through which one’s faith may be nurtured, lived and shared with other Christians. If you’re longing

* To deepen your relationship with Christ,
* To participate in Christ’s mission f sharing God’s unconditional love,
* To share in a supportive Christian Community

Then CONSIDER making a Cursillo three-day weekend!The Women’s Weekend is scheduled for May 3-6, 2018 and the Men’s Weekend is being held on May 10-13, 2018. To register or obtain more information about the Cursillo Movement please contact Dave Kornder at kornder@telusplanet.net or Rebecca Krotetch at rbkroetch@gmail.com or Christine Smits at 780-909-6976.

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**SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT HOLY WEEK**

Holy Oils received at the Chrism Mass will be brought forward during the Presentation of Gifts on Holy Thursday.

Incense Alert: Incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.

Silence Requested: In order to honour the solemnity of the occasion, all people are asked to leave the Holy Thursday Mass in silence and enter and leave the Good Friday service in silence.

Good Friday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Easter Vigil: Bells: Please bring your bells from home to ring during the Gloria at Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday. Please attend the beautiful Easter Vigil Mass. Attending the Vigil meets the Sunday obligation

**REPARING FOR HOLY WEEK** Holy Week is quickly approaching. The following explanations are offered to assist us in fully entering into these sacred liturgies.

**PALM SUNDAY** (the weekend of March 24 and 25): We wave palms as a reminder of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but this is strikingly different than a king on a white charger leading his army. Jesus enters the city on a lowly donkey, the humble servant king. The Mass begins with Hosannah’s and leads to Jesus’ Passion according to St. Mark. With great love Christ came to establish God’s Kingdom among us.

**THE MASS OF CHRISM** (Monday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Basilica): Is celebrated by the Archbishop and all priests from the Archdiocese. Representatives from each parish receive the Holy Oils, blessed during the Chrism Mass. These Oils are used during the upcoming year for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick.

 **HOLY THURSDAY** – Mass of the Lord’s Supper ***(Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m***.)

On this night we hear the Gospel of John describing Jesus washing the feet of his twelve apostles. Through this act, Jesus taught that love equals humble service to others. “I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” On Holy Thursday, Catholics commemorate the institution of the Priesthood and the Eucharist. We are reminded that Jesus continues to serve us through the gift of the Holy Eucharist each time we receive Communion. After Mass all vessels, linens and candles are stripped from the sanctuary and altar.

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament: At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the church to a place of repose. The faithful are encouraged to continue to pray with Jesus as he asked his disciples to do in the Garden of Gethsemane. This opportunity for solemn adoration takes place until 11:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY** – Friday, March 30th Outdoor Way of the Cross at 1:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion (Service at 3:00 p.m.) On this day, all Christians remember Jesus’ crucifixion and death. We gather to recall Jesus’ Passion according to St. John, pray for the world and venerate the cross. The simple wooden cross is a sign of Christ’s sacrificial victory over death and sin.

**HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL** – Resurrection of the Lord (Sat., March 31, 9:00 p.m. St. Augustine said that the Easter Vigil, the night when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, is to be considered the “mother of all vigils.” During the night, the people of God keep watch as they await the resurrection of the Lord and celebrate it in the sacraments of initiation. During the Vigil those adults who have journeyed through RCIA will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive their First Communion. We welcome these new Catholics and as a faith community we renew our commitment to continue Jesus’ work of building God’s Kingdom through love and service.

 **EASTER SUNDAY** (Sunday, April 1, 9:00 a.m. Mass & 11:00 a.m. Mass: Easter Sunday is not only the culmination of Holy Week, it is also the beginning of a whole new way of life. Every time Catholics celebrate the Mass, they celebrate Jesus’ love, service and sacrifice. Jesus Christ is always present to us in the Eucharist. Every Sunday is an Easter; every Communion celebrates the Resurrection!

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