**Mass Intentions**

Sunday, April 8 – (9:00 a.m.) – **+** Gerald Lavalle

11:00 a.m. – Rod & Leona Rance

Thursday, April 12th Sean Steer & Natasha Wood

Friday, April 13th **+** Theresa Rheault

The Knights of Columbus will be having their pancake breakfast on **Sunday, April 15**after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am masses.  You are welcome to join them in their fundraising.  See you there. “

**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.

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 8th at 2:00 pm**

Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Sun., April 8th at 2:00 pm. Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the first Sunday after Easter). He then added: “By this Novena, (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls.”

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Parents who are asking for Baptism for their child in the Parish Community of St. Vital are required to attend a one evening preparation course. The object of this evening is to help parents appreciate the gift they are asking for their child and to be reminded of the responsibilities towards God, Church-community and their child

The next **preparation course** will be held on **Monday, May 14th** at **7:00 p.m**. in the meeting room. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the parish office.

**SUMMER CAMPS:** Registration is open online for Camp Encounter and Our Lady of Victory Camp. Programs are available for campers and youth aged 8-14 with leadership opportunities for youth aged 14-18.

Register at www.olvc.ab.ca or [www.campencounter.com](http://www.campencounter.com)

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. 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](mailto:kornder@telusplanet.net) or Rebecca Krotetch at [rbkroetch@gmail.com](mailto:rbkroetch@gmail.com) or Christine Smits at 780-909-6976.

**Star of the North Retreat Centre, 3a St Vital Ave, St. Albert AB**

**Register at:** [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca) **780-459-5511 Subsidy request forms available.**

**Go Deeper and Find Your Inner Wisdom** Come explore the patterns you find yourself falling into and create a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) to move your life in a new direction; come find your inner wisdom! **Wednesdays, April 18th, to June 13, 2018. 7-9:30 pm $150 for the series**

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**Slow Down Day with Sandy Prather: *“Pack Nothing!”, Travel Notes for the Journey****.*

What strategies will sustain us in our lives as disciples and witnesses? Travel notes for the journey offer us some practical ways to live faithfully, maintain courage and even enjoy the trip!

**Thurs April 19 9:30 to 3 pm $40/retreat day (includes lunch)**

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**A Path and a Small Light *with Paula D’Arcy (international speaker and author)***

In this retreat we will explore what we can do, through our choices and by widening our perspective, to not only nourish our own spirit, but to be an instrument of change for the world. This is a silent retreat. [www.redbirdfoundation.com](http://www.redbirdfoundation.com)**7 pm Fri April 27 to 1pm Sun Apr 29 Live-in: $250. Commute: $190**

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**Twilight Recovery Evening Retreats**

You are invited to participate in this exciting venture of faith, fellowship and personal growth. The evenings are open to anyone either in a 12 Step Program, or loving one who is, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about addictions and the recovery process. **Facilitator: Sylvain L.**

**Thursdays, 7 pm : Apr 19, May 17 By donation**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

***“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”***

We come to see and believe in the risen Christ in different ways. John, the beloved disciple, believed in the Resurrection when he saw Jesus’ burial cloths in the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene recognized Jesus when he called her name, but Thomas needs proof. Jesus invites Thomas to probe his wounds and when he does so, Thomas makes his great proclamation of faith, “My Lord and my God!” Faith in the Risen Christ changes everything. The new Christian community described in our first reading is a group of believers that share all they possess, ensuring that the needs of each person are met, and living in deep communion with one another. This is surely the kingdom of heaven on earth. Can it be said of us that others know we are Christians by our love? What does it mean to be an Easter people? Do we follow Jesus’ commandment to love God and our neighbour? In the beginning God’s breath brought humanity to life. In the new creation brought about by Christ’s resurrection, the restoring life of God is breathed out by Jesus Christ, making new people of the disciples. Let us receive this new life and share it with the world.

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.***

**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. **Registration is now open.** Please submit your registrations and 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.

**UPCOMING MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

**Saturday, May 5, 41 children will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Saturday, May 26, 69 children will receive their First Holy Communion**