**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 8th – ✞ Norm West

Sunday, December 9th – Regina Gobeil (90th birthday)

**2019 Donation Envelopes**

Sunday Offering Envelopes 2019 Offering envelopes for the new year are now available for pick up by parishioners. If you currently do not use envelopes and wish to do so, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Parishioners also have the option of donating thru automatic bank withdrawal (once a month)

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus welcome all to their **Christmas Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, December 16th (after both masses). Come and enjoy pancakes, ham, eggs and baked beans.

**Carmelite Monastry Craft Sale**

December 16th after the 9 :00 a.m. & 11 :00 a.m. Masses

Crafts and handcraft will be on display for purchase. Monetary donations also accepted.

***Please help support the Carmelites.***

**Our Lady of the Hill K of C**

Selling **Sobeys and No Frills Grocery Cards** at the back of the church after all masses. Consider the purchase of a grocery card or two as a special Christmas gift while, at the same time, supporting the efforts of the Knights of Columbus

The Bible Study will resume on January 14, 28, 2019. We are still doing the study called **Mary, Virgin, Mother, And Queen**.

**Come Listen to the Music (St. Vital Parish)**

December 13th (7:00 p.m.) Bilodeau family & Swiss Men’s Choir

December 21st 7:00 p.m. BSA – A Community Choral Concert

***Free concerts – everyone welcome to attend.***

**Living in the Word**  ̶ ̶ To be disciples, to live in accord with our Baptismal identity and dignity, is to allow only his words to guide and direct our lives. Let us take great care to hear only his Word, to turn away from any voice that leads us from him, and to put into practice that which he tells us. Then we shall know the joy of living as his brothers and sisters.

(Archbishop Smith, *Pastoral Letter,* September 14, 2017) [**caedm.ca/letter**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001H0IZoDNMH9dPPSZPb_pBKReE6dToH9xjU7AwJ-9sDSdUrbc4LEkZDaE5gtHWk1OugJEzUQiU-RLPwzJ-j_s9Qctl1h13mhRnkZHM32wwI2fzMsdjeMNvOoRZyzmEyXHpXOsKP3MiQXUtdiI1RSAx4w==&c=nvvnSW7uWi5Hli3ahLwkzYdxVlDhmtGMMFxKiY--Unu9mXyyt7mjwg==&ch=Wtkfb_iGFHzhR9ppCJR9LmSTGyPaPdLkJiHspFRVM8S3eewS1i0hWg==).

**Advent with Axios**

The Axios Male Ensemble presents an evening of sacred choral music to prepare for the Nativity of Christ, with conductor Michael Zaugg and featuring singers from the Boyan Ensemble of Kiev, Ukraine. You are invited to join us at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 7007 - 109 Street, Edmonton, at 5 p.m. on **Sunday, December 16**. Tickets available online at [**https://www.axioschoir.com**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001H0IZoDNMH9dPPSZPb_pBKReE6dToH9xjU7AwJ-9sDSdUrbc4LEkZDU8RXI08QwV8HIHc0bfQfts5J-qh-5YTlsR-KHX3tVabP1KA-HJ7hO8esFxzFpOm1-IMkG9xX_fCqKWKvfLQOpjZd6c53eILjw==&c=nvvnSW7uWi5Hli3ahLwkzYdxVlDhmtGMMFxKiY--Unu9mXyyt7mjwg==&ch=Wtkfb_iGFHzhR9ppCJR9LmSTGyPaPdLkJiHspFRVM8S3eewS1i0hWg==) for $25 or at the door for $30

**Readings and Carols for Christmas** Come and rediscover the heart, wonder and mystery of Christmas. Everyone is welcome to join us at St. Joseph's Basilica on **Wednesday, December 19,** at 7 p.m. for *In Dulci Jubilo*, a concert of carols and readings for Christmas. Featuring the Schola Cantorum, directed by Roderick Bryce.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** A National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples has been celebrated by the Catholic Church in Canada since 2002 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patroness of the Americas. You are invited to join Archbishop Smith and members of the First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Wednesday, December 12, at St. Joseph's Basilica**. The Rosary will be prayed in five languages beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a procession of Chiefs and Elders at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7. All are welcome.

**TOGETHER WE SERVE – YEAR END UPDATE** “Together as Catholics, we can make a difference!” As we enter the final month of the fiscal year, we are coming to the end of our fundraising for “Together We Serve” for 2018. As of December 2nd we have raised $11,825.00 of our assessment of $14,000.00. We are now at 84% to achieving our assessment for 2018 with 3 weeks to go!

Through your donations, you may be helping a terminally ill homeless man live his final days surrounded in comfort and friendship through **Catholic Social Services**. You may be addressing the root causes of poverty and conflict in the Global South through **Caritas** **Canada – Development and Peace**. You may be helping the Holy Father respond to global emergencies through the **Pope’s Pastoral Works**. You may be helping a young man discern his priestly vocation through **St. Joseph Seminary**. You may be helping to ensure a dignified retirement for the priests who have devoted their lives to our service through **St. Joseph’s** **Priests’ Foundation.** These are just 5 of the 11 charities supported by our “Together We Serve” monies. You may never know the precise difference you have made, but you will know that it mattered to someone. Let us together, as one family in Christ, share the abundant gifts we have been given.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24

3:30 pm Christmas Nativity Pageant

4:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass

9:00 pm Mass

Midnight Mass (12am) (Bilingual)

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 am Mass

Feast of Holy Family

Sunday, December 30 - 9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year’s Eve (Feast of the Holy Mother of God)

Monday, December 31 - 5:00 pm Mass

New Year’s Day (Feast of the Holy Mother of God)

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 10:00 am Mass (Bilingual)