**Mass Intentions**

Sunday, December 1st (11:00 a.m.) **✞** Ivan Vukovic

 **St. Vital Penitential Service**

Thursday, December 12th @ 6:30 p.m.

This ADVENT let us try to spend some quality time in prayer before mass as we enter into dialogue with Jesus our King. Let us arrive early so that we can collect ourselves and enter into that mysterious encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important to make that connection and prepare our Soul to receive the Holy of Holy’s.

Let us grow in our love for God and deepen that personal relationship with our Messiah.

**Concerts at St. Vital’s**

Saturday, December 7th (1:00 p.m.) Enchanted Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 19th (7:00p.m.) Swiss Men’s Choir

Friday, December 20th (7:00 p.m.) Beaumont Society of the Arts Concert

**Confirmation Class 1** – Monday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

**24 Hour Adoration – December 6th**  Sign up sheet in the Adoration binder.

All time slots must be filled to avoid cancellation.

**JOIN US FOR EVENING VESPERS**

**When:** Friday, December 6

 Friday, December 13

 Wednesday, December 18

**Time:**  7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

**Place:** St. Vital Church

Fellowship & refreshments in parish hall following each session

**2020 Donation Envelopes** will be available for pickup in December. If you have not used envelopes previously and would like a set, please call the parish office.

**“Keep awake.”…..“You also must be ready.”** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of expectant preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). The passage from Mathew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so wakefulness, watchful waiting and vigilance are required. Advent, as the beginning of a new liturgical year, also offers the possibility of a new creation for us. Advent invites us to spiritually wake up to the promise of “the new”, to let go of the old ways that do not work, to “put on Christ”, to be a new creation, walking in the ever new ways of God. The Gospel calls us to be alert and always ready.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS MASS TIMES**

***Christmas Eve*** Tuesday, December 24

3:30 pm Christmas Nativity Pageant

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**4:00 pm 6:30** pm **9:00** pm & **Midnight Mass** (12am)

***Christmas Day*** Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Mass

***Feast of the Holy Family Sunday,*** December 29 –

9:00 am & 11:00 am

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

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00pm Mass

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:00 am Mass

The **Beaumont and Nisku Christmas Elves** box had replaced the Leduc Food Bank Box at the Church Entrance for the next few weeks. Last year the Christmas Elves helped 73 families in our area, and we have been advised to expect an increase based on the activity at the Leduc Food Bank.

If you are able to contribute non-perishable food, toys, teen gift cards, grooming aids, it would be much appreciated by the families needing our help at Christmas.

**Snowflake Raffle 2019**

***Less than 48 hours*** to purchase your ticket(s) on a chance to win some GREAT prizes and to help the Parish pay down the debt! Draw will be held in the church basement Sunday after the 11 o’clock Mass; *please join us*.

**1st House of Cards ..................$~~750~~**

Local Merchant Gift Cards with a value of **$1,470** to ‘lighten’ your wallet this holiday season.

**2nd Elegant Table Setting .......$435**

No matter what’s on the menu, a holiday deserves a special touch. Add sparkle to your elegant place settings with a festive fresh centerpiece, tablecloth and accents. Top your menu with a fresh turkey and wonderful tourtières.

**3rd Warm Winter Quilt ..........$400**

Relax, snug and cozy with this warm winter sweater quilt!

**4th Cocktail Hour ..................$200**

Entertain this holiday season and create cocktails with the flair of a professional bartender.

## *Baby Bottles for Babies….. A CWL 40 Days for Life project*

## The St Vital CWL will be launching a project to support the Choice of Life. In doing so, we ask for your help in recycling and donating used baby bottles. NOTE: these bottles will be used to collect your offerings made over the Lenten season. Money raised will be used to support and assist women who have chosen life over abortion. Please drop the bottles off in baskets located at the entrance of the church or at the Parish office before December 15. Thank you.

Book Study – **updated times**

This advent and Christmas season, join me in studying a book that focuses exclusively on the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ life as a child,

*Jesus of Nazareth – the Infancy Narratives*

Tuesday, December 3 - Chapter 1 “Where are you from?”

Tuesday, December 10 - Chapter 2 “The Annunciations”

Tuesday, December 17 - Chapter 3 “The Birth”

Some time in January - Chapter 4 “The Wisemen”

We will meet at 1:30 to 3:00 the first one will be at Belinda’s. For more information contact Belinda 780-236-0057 beagood68@gmail.com

**POPE FRANCIS’ ADVENT MESSAGE**: “By his coming, Christ brought with him all newness. With this newness he is always able to renew our lives and our communities, and even if the Christian message has known periods of darkness and ecclesial weakness, it will never grow old. Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity.” Are we opening our doors wide for His coming?