**Mass Intention**

Saturday, January 18th –**✞** Margaret Hatfield

Tuesday, January 14th – **✞** Ryan Gillis

**K of C Food Drive**

The Knights of Columbus will hold its **monthly food drive** in support of the Leduc Food Bank the weekend of **January 25 and 26.**  Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule

On **Sunday January 19 the** Knights of Columbus will be having their **pancake breakfast**.  We will be having sausages, scrambled eggs, pancakes with strawberry, tea, coffee and juice.  Come join us.  See you all there.

**Breakthrough in the Spirit’s Power Conference**

Breakthrough in the Spirit’s Power is a three-day conference on the weekend of February 7-9 at St. Theresa’s Church in the hall downstairs. Keynote speakers are Father Trevor Nathasingh from Trinidad, an evangelist who has travelled the world, and Robert Canton from California, who operates a healing ministry also throughout the world. This program features praise and worship, preaching, testimonies and a Mass with healing service. Come and be surprised by the Holy Spirit! Sponsored by Catholic Renewal Services Edmonton. Register online at [*ccredmonton.info*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hzaXu-nubiPxBDN2xjOa1Iv2ZP_tkP8AcUYVfSQAFvl9ZzQQUwpPOBBRthWTF_NQ602Widw1bE8kNXUroXV9pabz5WLLzFrUdyY5oL8JUHsEa3uRQGOeCfHR95pcFgZ__c2bRH6Z9fNnWndCLEcsB3zG5C835gC2wwy_6c6xgxJKlID20i_GHiLg9HRKtLJvwInWeF5YCtVarCGZ_PLMCQ==&c=lj0GUew2_8nwQncl44o3Pzek0MehtUM7bNP3rbyEkCEB5RQTldEVow==&ch=s2G0jaeykapEN7MLL-B2NVPdSJyN-JVJbc7P616_D4rDS3DZGj8HbQ==).

**Paperless Bulletin**

Are you looking for ways to increase your care for the environment? Reducing the amount of paper that is used to produce our bulletin is one way that you can contribute. To receive your paperless bulletin email St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca

**2020 Donation Envelopes**

Sunday Offering Envelopes for the new year (displayed alphabetically) are now available for pick up by parishioners. Weekly contribution envelopes are only good for the year they are printed as numbers may change. Therefore, please **DO NOT USE YOUR 2019** **ENVELOPES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE IN 2020**. 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) (Forms are at the back of the church)

**NOTE TO SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPE USERS: Please put your name and address on at least one 2020 Sunday donation envelope so we can ensure we have the correct information in our database.**

**Baptism Preparation Course**

Are you expecting a child in the near future? Consider taking Baptism Preparation while you are waiting for the birth of your child. The classes are for parents and 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 be held on **Monday, February 10th**. Please call the parish office to register.

The **Parish Knights of Columbus and CWL** are **hosting a pie sale** after the masses on **Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2** in the basement of the church. We invite all parishioners to support this event by purchasing one or more of the pies that will be for sale. Proceeds from this pie sale will be going towards the works of the parish Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League. Pies are $10 each. If you have any questions please contact Joe Halbach 1-780-808-3149 or Belinda Halbach 780-236-0057.

**First Reconciliation Class 2B – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22nd**

**First Reconciliation Rehearsal - January 25th 9:00-10:30 a.m. OR 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Pope Francis sets special day to honour, study and share the Bible**

The newly established “Sunday of the Word of God” is an invitation to Catholics across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his word, Pope Francis said. By papal decree, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 26 this year – is to be observed as a special day devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.” A day dedicated to the Bible will help the church “experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”

**Living in the Word ̶** ̶ Central to the disciple's rhythm of life is the Word proclaimed on Sunday at mass. By means of the homily, the priest or deacon helps us understand the message of Sacred Scripture and apply it to our daily living. By what means do we carry that message forward into the events of our week? One way to do so is to make time as a family to discuss what was heard at mass and share together how each one will allow God's Word to direct their thoughts and behaviours throughout the week.

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

**Pastoral Care Formation Program**

**Friday-Saturday, February 28-29**

The Ministry of Pastoral Care: Certificate Program for Volunteers offers participants a better understanding of pastoral care given to hospital patients, continuing care and assisted living residents, community shut-ins and congregation members. The comprehensive 10-hour program will outline the foundations of Pastoral Care and Sacramental Ministry, Types of Ministry Visits, Dealing with Grief, Caring for the Volunteer and finishes with a certificate ceremony. All volunteers involved in Pastoral Care are required to have the certificate in order to serve effectively in this ministry. Details and registration information can be found at [***newman.edu/BenedictXVIInstitute/MinistryofPastoralCareCertificateProgram***](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hzaXu-nubiPxBDN2xjOa1Iv2ZP_tkP8AcUYVfSQAFvl9ZzQQUwpPOBBRthWTF_NQUGjhMdcvdl01BJFdTZahwG8S-f1w59y74o1Yo2bq_QmzPniPl1GyksS_9EsoEyAF0zh9dPHIQqVyJMOEEULmUX4SwAtqz3VUU3EUnnNPhsCf_fKS2VsY5gZfIVshnOA2Ce4gc-WAKchN8Wr4iqeAw6Qp5LWhP_0u&c=XTFXhf7A3W0s9yiBxWb3qUwDE5C4neMlr9C-pJniYoh1g3kYi5ygSA==&ch=WfUdObsQeTHxVXjL3SzR83yFU3g5_kgOX7zIXQb4Ri_HDLz-2hTaaQ==).

During ordinary time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord’s Resurrection. Today’s Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

***World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life***

 The Council for Consecrated Women invites everyone to join Archbishop Smith and the Consecrated persons in the Archdiocese at a Eucharistic celebration marking the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Our celebration begins at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 2, at Corpus Christi Parish, 2707–34 Street, Edmonton. It is a wonderful opportunity to join with the religious of the Archdiocese in gratitude and joy.

The annual **Men of Integrity Conference** Your Divine Mission, will be held at **Holy Trinity** **Parish in Spruce Grove** from Friday, **January 31st to Saturday, February 1st**. The keynote speaker will be Deacon Larry Oney, a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He is the author of Divine Mission; Finding Your Hope and Purpose, Amazed by God’s Grace, and many other books. To help with the planning of this conference, please register early! Cost: $50 per adult, $35 per student, $75 per vendor and includes continental breakfast, lunch, coffee, refreshments and snacks. For more information and to register, visit [*catholicministries.com*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hzaXu-nubiPxBDN2xjOa1Iv2ZP_tkP8AcUYVfSQAFvl9ZzQQUwpPOBBRthWTF_NQE6QZjuszwxbREYJU-QNVIatbuuTT0_WsBS1Bxp2LmPUV231ZRcjioL7YpMPj-sqRgFAenBSdFx2pBuSkdBFas0XA0v4DO312&c=XTFXhf7A3W0s9yiBxWb3qUwDE5C4neMlr9C-pJniYoh1g3kYi5ygSA==&ch=WfUdObsQeTHxVXjL3SzR83yFU3g5_kgOX7zIXQb4Ri_HDLz-2hTaaQ==).

***“Look there! The Lamb of God!”*** John, before he was a baptizer, was the cousin of Jesus. And though the two of them grew up in separate towns, they must have had some knowledge of each other: family news, annual reunions at the Temple in Jerusalem, gossip, if nothing else. Yet John is emphatic in this Gospel that he did not know who Jesus really was until the day of His baptism at the river. Now John, we can suppose, was a pretty spiritual savvy guy. As a prophet, his job was to be attentive to the One who sent him, and he was very good at what he did. Although baptisms were not unknown practices in the first century, only John is known as “the Baptist.”

 But all of this did not make Jesus’ identity clear to him until the day the Spirit descended before his eyes. Once he knew, he did not keep it to himself. The mere sight of Jesus had him leaping and shouting: “Look there! The Lamb of God.”

***It does not matter how long it takes us to know who Jesus is. What matters is that, once we know, we’ve got to testify.***

**Are you registered at St. Vital’s?**

 Being a registered member of the parish makes it much easier for us to help you, we are better equipped to serve you & respond to your needs. Please do not assume that you are automatically registered if your child has completed Sacramental Preparation here. To register please fill out a registration available on our website.

**Help keep our Parish database up to date! Let us know if:**

-you moved or you are planning a move

-you cancelled your landline phone

-you changed your email

-you have a new addition to your family

The owner of a small deli was being questioned by the CRA about his tax return. He had reported a net profit of $80,000 for the year. “Why don’t you people leave me alone?” the deli owner said. “I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out and the place is only closed three days a year. And you want to know how I made $80,000. “It’s not your income that bothers us,” the agent said. “It’s these deductions. You listed six trips to Bermuda for you and your wife.” “Oh, that” the owner said, smiling. “I forgot to tell you – we also deliver.”