**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, December 19th **+** Marcellin Gobeil

Sunday, December 20th (9:00 a.m.) **+** Marcellin Gobeil

 (11:00 a.m.) **+** Christine Laurence

Wednesday, December 23rd – In honour of St. Joseph

Sunday, December 27th **+** Marcellin Gobeil

**You must pre-register on the website for all weekend masses.**

**No weekday mass on Tuesday, December 22nd.**

**Christmas & New Year’s Mass Schedule**

\***Pre-Registration Required\* on St. Vital Parish website**

**\*Masks are mandatory**\*

**Christmas Eve**

Thursday, December 24

4:00pm Mass

6:30pm Mass

9:00pm Mass

Midnight Mass (12am)

**Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)**

Friday, December 25

10:00am Mass

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 26 - 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 27 - 9:00am & 11:00am

**New Year’s Eve (The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**

Thursday, December 31 - 5:00pm Mass

**New Year’s Day (The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)**

Friday, January 1, 2021 - 10:00am Mass

 Additional COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS came into effect at 12:01 am on Dec 13 and will be in place for at least four weeks.

**Places of Worship**

• limited to 15% of fire code occupancy for in-person attendance, with physical distancing and mandatory masks

**Gatherings**

• no indoor or outdoor social gatherings, public or private

• indoor and outdoor social close contact must be limited to those in the same household; does not apply to service visits from caregivers, health or child care providers and co-parenting arrangements

• individuals who live alone may have up to two non-household close contacts, who must be the same people for the duration of this restriction

• meetings are not social gatherings, but in-person attendance should be limited to the extent possible and physical distancing, guidance and public health measures followed

• funeral and wedding ceremonies are still limited to no more than 10 in-person attendees, and must follow all public health guidance in place; receptions are still not permitted Indoor. ***Let’s follow the restriction and keep ourselves, other parishioners and our loved ones safe.***

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

 I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (A.D. 1696-1787)

**Merry Christmas from the CWL!**

 The St. Vital Catholic Women’s League would like to extend an huge THANK YOU to the parish for their generous help with our various fundraisers during 2020.

Despite the inability to be at Easter Sunday Masses we were able to collect back most of the Baby Bottles for babies. The grand total donated to The Gianna Centre—a pregnancy crisis Centre run by Catholic Social Services—was **$3282.92!! Thank you so much for your generosity!**Also, Thanks to the donations of used goods and cash, the FUNDrive in October collected $871.25!! This money will help us support various local charities.  The St. Vital CWL is sincerely grateful for all of the contributions and continued support of our fundraising efforts.

We wish you a joyous Christmas season and may God bless you all in the upcoming year.

**2020 Snowflake Bazaar – Sale of Tourtières**

Thank you to the customers, volunteers and chairperson Carmen Grayson who made this another successful fundraiser. Profit of $4,971.18.

**Baptism Preparation Course**

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 courses** which will be held on **Mon,** **January 18th and Feb. 22nd at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office**.**

Special thanks for all the prayers during my positive COVID 19 illness.

Thank you to all who expressed sympathy, kindness, cards, floral arrangements and mass intentions for my husband Maurice who passed away on November 22nd.

God bless you all

Jeanette Gariepy

**Donation Envelopes** for 2021 were not ordered for financial reasons. You may use any envelopes from your 2020 set regardless of the date on the envelope. They are posted for the date they are received in the office regardless of what the date is on the envelope. You may also use direct deposit (form on the website under “get involved”) or e-transfers at StVital.Beaumont@caedm.ca

**Christmas Meal Prayer**

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful to all who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen