Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30th – **SI** Helgoth family

Sunday, January 31st – **✞** Jean Stefanishen

Tuesday, February 2nd – **SI** Helen Kasper

Wednesday, February 3rd – **SI** Leslie Anne Kasper

Thursday, February 4th– **SI** For conversion of those who have abandoned the Church

Friday, February 5th – **SI** Virgina Durksen

Saturday, February 6th – **SI** Spiritual and temporal blessing for St. Vital Parishioners

Sunday, February 7th – **✞** Roger Fortin

**† = Repose of the Soul** **SI = Special Intention**

**Ash Wednesday**, February 17th Masses are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

1. Masks must be worn by all the faithful as they approach to receive the ashes.
2. b. For the imposition of ashes, the faithful are to bow their heads to allow the presiding priest to sprinkle ashes on their heads. Note that the imposition of ashes this year is to be done by sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head, without touching the forehead of the faithful, and in silence as the formula of imposition is said to everyone from the sanctuary. This way of imposing ashes is allowed by the Church as is evidenced in the liturgies of Ash Wednesday presided by the Holy Father.
3. The same protocols that are followed regarding safe social distancing during communion procession must be followed during the procession for the imposition of ashes.

**NO COLLECTION OF OLD PALMS THIS YEAR**

Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be collecting old palms this year. Please DO NOT bring them to the church. You can either store them until 2022 or burn them and throw the ashes in your flowerpots or yard. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mass Registration Registrations take place ONLINE! Monday 8 AM – Friday 8 AM To register visit: St. Vital Parish website • Click on the Mass time of your choice • Enter the information required for sign in • Mark it on your calendar & plan to arrive at least 15 min. prior to the start of Mass. If you registered for mass and have to cancel please cancel your registration which would possibly allow other people to attend.

**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 30 and 31.  Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule.  Thanks for your help.

**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 **Monday Feb. 22nd at 7:00 pm.** Please call the parish office to register**.**

**FACE SHIELD’S VS. FACE MASKS - ATTENDING MASS** As face shields are becoming more readily available, some parishioners have been asking if they can wear a face shield instead of a face mask to attend Mass. Please be advised: Face masks are the requirement for participation at Mass in person. Other forms of face covering like a face shield without a mask do not follow the mandatory liturgical requirements. Parishioners who are unable to wear a mask properly (covering both the mouth and nose), are unwilling to wear a mask, or who have concerns about participating in person are always welcome to participate virtually. Thank you. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Personal exemptions are allowed in the following cases:**

* persons under the age of 2;
* persons who are unable to place, use, or remove a face covering without assistance;
* persons unable to wear a face covering due to a mental or physical concern

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

The Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton is inviting you to a six-week Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning January 28 until March 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm, every Thursday (except February 11). The seminar will be online, and the link is available only for registrants. Cost is $20.00. Do you desire an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ? Are you ready to become a new creation in Jesus Christ? For more information and registration: [www.ccredmonton.info](http://www.ccredmonton.info)

**Taking Care of Our Spiritual Home**

**Thank You for your continued financial support throughout 2020.**

**2020 Tax receipts have been mailed**

**Stewardship Corner 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of January 30/31, 2021**

In today’s Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their Baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in His name. Let us ask that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

**LIVING IN THE WORD**

From our awareness of this wondrous gift that is the Eucharist, and of the Lord's command that it be celebrated in His memory, arise some questions: Am I, in fact, putting the Word of God into practice by participating fully every week in Sunday Mass? Do I allow other activities to take priority over my sacred obligation? Do I take time to prepare for Mass by reading in advance the Mass readings, pondering the many blessings for which to give thanks, or considering the needs I wish to place before the altar of God's mercy? Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017

**Livestream Mass Edmonton Catholic Cemeteries** invites you, your family and friends to a livestream mass on Sat Feb 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. with His Grace Archbishop Smith. Let us join in celebration of faith and hope as we remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died. Check the following websites for our link to the livestream mass, closer to the date. https://www.ecc.caedm.ca/ https://www.caedm.ca/

**Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father, bless your Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton

with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians.

Give those You have called to the married state

and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world,

the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him, and through Him

we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With the virgin mother Mary we ask this through Christ your Son.

Amen

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

Archbishop Smith will celebrate the Eucharist for World Day for Consecrated Life, online, from the Chapel at the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 10:30 a.m. Members of the Council of Consecrated Women will be able to renew their commitment to Religious Life in the Archdiocese during the Eucharist. For more information on the council, see the Archdiocese of Edmonton website