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**November 28, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sign-up schedule for proclaimers for the month of December weekends is at the back of the church. Please sign up for a mass you will be attending.**

**Weekday masses**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday @ 9:00 a.m.

**Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Sunday 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

Reconciliation – Saturday 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**ADORATION**

**Friday, December 3rd – 9:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m**.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 27th  **†** Ron West

Sunday,(9:00 a.m.) November 28th –**SI** Lucille Magnan

Tuesday, December 2nd – **SI** Rose Jubinville

Saturday, December 4th – **†**Andre Magnan & **†**Sherlita Oguan

Sunday, (9:00 a.m.) December 5th – **SI** Lucille Magnan

Tuesday, December 7th – **†** Real Berube

Thursday, December 9th – **†** Andre Magnan

Friday, December 10th - **†** Marcellin Gobeil

Saturday, December 11th – **SI** Lucille Magnan

Sunday, December 12th – **†** Einar Strand

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

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of 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. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

**Advent Penitential Service**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL EVENING

All parishioners are invited to come and experience the joy of God’s love and mercy!

**Wednesday, December 1st @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Attention Snowbirds** Please consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Debits before you head south for the winter. You can register in person at the parish office or fill out the Pre-Authorized Debit Agreement (available in the church) and put it in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Vital.

**Attention Parishioners**

On Sept. 15, the Alberta government declared a local state of public health emergency. COVID cases and hospitalizations are increasing, putting extreme pressure on the health system. The Alberta government has mandated new, temporary measures to curb the spread of COVID. Therefore, the following measures are to be implemented as of this date unless stated otherwise. Here is what’s new. New measures have also been highlighted. What’s new?

• **Masks are mandatory**

• Capacity is limited to one-third fire code occupancy

 • Attendance at baptisms is allowed for up to 50 people or 50 per cent of fire code occupancy, whichever is less.

• No social gatherings are permitted in parish halls and facilities.

• Each parish will implement previous protocols to determine attendance (At the present time St. Vital will use first come, first served)

• The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues for dioceses in the Province of Alberta.

**PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES**

 Parish support is essential to the church’s mission and individual Christian growth. Regular and planned weekly giving enables effective and community ministry to develop and flourish. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to use parish-offering envelopes.

If you are interested in receiving a box of collection envelopes for the 2022 year or would like information on Auto Debit for your donations, please call or email the parish office @ 780-929-8541, or St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca. If you used envelopes in 2021 you will automatically be issued a new one in the new year. There is no need to call.

Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus will be selling Sobey and No Frills gift cards after all masses on the weekend.

**Tourtière Sales 2021**

LAST day to buy your French Canadian meat pies is this weekend, Saturday, November 27th . Sales start at 9 AM sharp. Arrive early to avoid disappointment. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Bazaar Chairman Carmen at her home at 780-929-8320, by call or text to cell 780-908-5328 or by email at carmen.grayson@telus.net.

**Books of Remembrance**

The Church devotes the month of November to prayer for the Holy Souls, those who have died in grace yet failed to make satisfaction for all their sins. Praying for the Holy Souls is a Christian obligation. Please write the names of your family and friends in this book, praying for them as you inscribe their names. If you are not attending mass at the present time and would names written in the book, please e-mail St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca and we will include those names. We will pray for all those named throughout the month. If you wish to offer a Mass for family or friends who have died, visit the parish office.

**Star of the North Retreat Centre,** [**www.starofthenorth.ca**](http://www.starofthenorth.ca)**, 780-459-5511**

* **Ron Rolheiser Public Lecture: *Blessing Our Way to Wholeness*** Friday, December 3 at 7:00 pm (MT). Cost: In-house (limited seating) - $25; Online - $25 <www.starofthenorth.ca/blesssing>
* **Ron Rolheiser Weekend Retreat: *Keeping Christ Incarnate - The Stunning Implications of the Incarnation***December 3-5. Limited capacity—register today. Cost: Live-in - $250; Commuter - $180; Online - $90. <www.starofthenorth.ca/rolheiser>
* **Advent Mission: *The 4 Quarters of Advent – Turning Our Humanity to the Presence of the Lord*** with Fr. Mark Blom, OMI. Saturday, December 18. Cost: In-person - $90; Online - $40 <www.starofthenorth.ca/advent>
* **Aurora Living: Formation Through Word & Creation.** Why not make our winter module—***Wilderness: From Slavery to Freedom****—*a part of your Lenten journey? Join a community at the intersection of faith & contemporary issues: creation care, social justice & reconciliation. Opening retreat: January 7-9. <www.starofthenorth.ca/wilderness>

**Hear the Word of God and Do it**

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| 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):* [*caedm.ca/letter*](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-UE6w3bviMimlRZW_wWaaSzElFKbSZ6aLKzwJzl7nzzZmD6972hHYf_zbwvIumMICl08j9cl4a564SykuymYRvHUPVgQ8upmxwfxpyPUbPK8pB6XDVEuedAfatSSgK4f2dznGr52Jnmh_a43ThMqrQ==&c=FFyaT5MGRIhAJp6ydOiUPHVFZiS5tKXute0f7oM76DNak4l-fxgmBQ==&ch=3aQw_JusQ6Ou0jR4o2sN6lL3KJ3yQ5J-BBZy6A2hrJBHVSHkv_EaxQ==) |

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**Beaumont Nisku Christmas Elves**

**Donate Today**

**Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule.**

They accept a variety of food donations, new toys, gift cards, monetary donations.

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| Cost: ~$50 for Study Guide. The course is free.PLEASE REGISTER NOW to ensure we order enough Study Guides for January.To register or for more information, contact: Alana at ***alaperle@telus.net*** or call the parish office at 780-467-5470Presented by [***Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish***](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-UE6w3bviMimlRZW_wWaaSzElFKbSZ6aLKzwJzl7nzzZmD6972hHYYjr62XGWC0HB4lAd7vnnOASglO77o5Q-J26pWr8TxP0XuQNTOvWwYb34tw1n1_52IZIg646Q0Ns2rAXoFz8TIM=&c=FFyaT5MGRIhAJp6ydOiUPHVFZiS5tKXute0f7oM76DNak4l-fxgmBQ==&ch=3aQw_JusQ6Ou0jR4o2sN6lL3KJ3yQ5J-BBZy6A2hrJBHVSHkv_EaxQ==), Sherwood Park. EVERYONE IS WELCOME! You do not have to be a member of OLPH to participate.Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Starts January 3 OR Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Starts January 8***Live online via Zoom***Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult.The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline makes it easy. In this 23-part study, presenter Jeff Cavins takes you on a journey through the Old and New Testaments, giving you the keys to understand the amazing story woven throughout Scripture |

**C-YEG: A new young adults ministry**

The Catholic Young Adults of Edmonton (C-YEG for short) will promote special young adult events as well as events from other organizations for those who are thirsting for a faith community. Young adults are invited to the C-YEG Mass on the third Sunday each month at [***St. Charles Parish***](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-UE6w3bviMimlRZW_wWaaSzElFKbSZ6aLKzwJzl7nzzZmD6972hHYUkcZ-LBk6u8O1l8iQ9Vp-AjfS7eKQdrX9IIYcPY4kkD6PFrmY-8Wifu-JizleAXS_YxAkiGWzloyrVvwuiWl9TdO1ZYBbKpHg==&c=FFyaT5MGRIhAJp6ydOiUPHVFZiS5tKXute0f7oM76DNak4l-fxgmBQ==&ch=3aQw_JusQ6Ou0jR4o2sN6lL3KJ3yQ5J-BBZy6A2hrJBHVSHkv_EaxQ==) at 4 p.m.

C-YEG was born out of a great desire to have a citywide space for young adults to gather. We come from all over, grow in faith together through fellowship and experience who Jesus says we are and calls us to be.

Come for Mass and stay for socializing. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

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

**\*Masks are mandatory**\*

**Christmas Eve**

Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children’s nativity play

4:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Mass

9:00 pm Mass

Midnight Mass (12am)

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

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am Mass

**You must pre-register to attend the Christmas Masses.**

Registration will be available on St. Vital website (Everbrite) starting December 8th