**January 16, 2022**

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Weekday masses**

**Weekday masses – (Tuesday- Friday) January 18th-21th @ 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 on Friday, January 21th (9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.)**

Mass Intentions

Friday, January 14th – **†**Einar Strand

Saturday, January 15th – **SI** Lucille Magnan

Sunday, November 16th – **†**Andre Magnan

Saturday, January 22nd –**†**Bernadette Carrera Lowe

Sunday, January 23rd –**†** Francis Berube

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

**Check out our website and check it regularly!**[**www.saintvitalparish.com**](http://www.saintvitalparish.com/)

**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 29, 30.**  Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule.

Thanks to all the Parishioners who have been supporting this effort over the months.  The needy of Leduc County thank you as well.

**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,** **March 14th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office**.**

**For those planning Marriage in 2022**

So that we are more closely following the policies of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, couples wishing to marry at St. Vital’s are to contact the Fr. Arlan at least six months prior to the anticipated marriage (Policy numbers 703-705). This is to ensure that both parties are free to marry and to allow a sufficient time period for all other pre-marriage requirements to be met. The date for the wedding will be set during the first meeting with the pastor.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS: 2021 Income Tax Receipts - will MAILED by the end of February 2022**

**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 and have a cell phone

-you changed your email

-you have a new addition to your family

**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)

Are you looking for your faith to come alive or to enkindle a new fire in your spiritual life? Join the Catholic Renewal Services on February 18, 19 & 20, each evening from 7:00 pm by Zoom for our conference, ‘Elijah Restoration’. John Connelly, a Catholic evangelist, will be our speaker and Shophar, our music ministry. Registration is $25 and for more information see: [www.ccredmonton.info/events](http://www.ccredmonton.info/events). Set this time aside and be prepared to be blessed in your relationship with the Lord.

**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**

**2022 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up. Envelope users that had numbers over 200 have been issued new numbers. Please do not use the envelopes until 2002.**

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.

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

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| **Stewardship Corner 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of January 15/16, 2022** In today’s second reading, Saint Paul makes a list of gifts dispensed to members of the Christian community by the Holy Spirit. Each gift bestowed has a specific purpose for the person for whom it is intended: Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, tongues, and interpretation. Good stewards know these gifts are not meant to be kept hidden by the recipient but to be shared with the community and beyond. As we begin a new year, let us reflect on the gift the Holy Spirit has given to each of us. Do we recognize this gift? How was it intended that we use this gift? Are we being good stewards of this gift?**LIVING IN THE WORD** Now that God's Word has become a human being in Jesus Christ, we listen with particular attention to the words spoken by the Saviour Himself. Indeed, Jesus Himself affirmed the centrality of hearing and practicing His Word for all disciples. In St. Luke we read: "Then His mother and His brothers came to Him, but they could not reach Him because of the crowd. And He was told, ‘Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you’, but He said to them, ‘My mother and my brothers are those who hear the Word of God and do it." (Luke 8:19-21). Archbishop Smith, Pastoral Letter, September 14, 2017**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is** celebrated around the world on January 18-25, which is also the dates recommended by the Canadian Conference of Bishops. This universal week of prayer encourages Christians of all denominations to meet, participate in various liturgical and other community activities and to pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires**.****WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** The students of Newman Theological College, St. Stephen's College, Anglican Student Ministry and Taylor College and Seminary invite you to join them online to celebrate the Week of Christian Unity on January 24, 2022 at 11:30 am. To register: ntcedmonton.eventbrite.ca**PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS** A new academic year has started at the St. Joseph Seminary with 30 seminarians from 10 dioceses. Twenty-six are living at the seminary, while five others on internship are experiencing a year of parish life. Each individual needs our prayerful support on their journey of discernment. We ask that you pray for each seminarian on a specific day and for an increase in vocations. Printed copies of the Daily Vocations Calendar are available at the St. Joseph Seminary reception desk or at the Archdiocese of Edmonton Mission Engagement offices. A downloadable copy is available at: stjoseph-seminary.com/Portals/8/Documents/2021- 2022-SeminarianPrayerCalendar-web2.pdf

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| **Centering Prayer Introduction & Deepening Weekend**Learn about or refresh your knowledge of Centering Prayer and deepen the experience during a weekend of quiet contemplation. Centering Prayer, a method introduced by Father Thomas Keating, focuses on consenting to God’s presence and action within. Friday January 28 (9 a.m.) to Sunday January 30 (3 p.m.)$175.00 via ZoomRegister by January 21 |

**Come and See Weekend**Thinking of becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Or just curious?Come spend a weekend at [***St. Joseph Seminary***](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001s6sljQQFB7ynPoLCYtRzZYsVyH6cQvaEd0CMY1LTX_3WiYklHLtP3n6IvIzBA-UXMb37wVXthZLb9Hsmr8zRicVLhHI7jvCs4P5DIE9Y2KKXqbfRMLjPDBh5dWJ_yUryCm_zOGj9a7P25eVPTX9QYbp-xRn7LKKT&c=swg2y-WepSqlI35bCE5dAyvzGo-cp0HqB0IMI_nQHdOLreifQwUVEQ==&ch=08BRXw1o3LKwyJcdCj0D0LDLy9Lmhp0pgC7tzz7ECjfndqhdKicAKQ==) **Jan. 28-30**. Online attendance is also possible. There is no cost. Contact your diocesan vocation director to register.**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.One winter morning, while listening to the news, Bob and his wife hear the announcer say, “We are going to have four to six inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even numbered side of the street so the snowplow can get through.” Bob’s wife goes out and moves her car. A week later, while they are eating breakfast, the radio announcer says, “We are expecting six to eight inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd numbered side of the street so the snowplow can get through. Bob’s wife goes out and moves her car again. The next week, they are having breakfast again, when the radio announcer says, “We are expecting eight to 10 inches of snow today. You must park …” then the electricity goes out. Bob’s wife is very upset and, with a worried look on her face, she says, “Honey, I don’t know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowplow can get through?” With all the love and understanding Bob can muster, he says, “Why don’t you just leave it in the garage this time?” |
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