**January 23, 2022**

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**THIRD Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sign-up schedule for proclaimers for the month of February 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 25th-28th @ 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 28th (9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.)**

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, January 23rd –(9:00 a.m.) **†** Francis Berube

Tuesday, January 25th –**†** Claire LeBlanc

Thursday, January 27th – **SI** Fr. Arlan

Friday, January 28th – **SI** MacDonald grandchildren

Saturday, January 29th – **†**Andre Magnan

Sunday, January 30th (9:00 a.m.)-**†** Eleanor Magnan

Saturday, February 5th –**SI** Madeleine Berube

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

**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**.**

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

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

**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: 2021 Income Tax Receipts have been mailed.**

**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

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.

**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?

**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.

The rules we enforce come from our Archbishop and we should be obedient to our Archbishop. Masks are required by everyone, with the exception of children under 2 and people who are unable to place, use or remove a face covering without assistance.

**Livestreamed Sunday Mass**

We invite the faithful to join celebrations of the Mass ‘virtually,’ via video livestreaming from St. Joseph’s Basilica with Archbishop Smith. Sunday Mass at the Basilica is livestreamed at 10:30 a.m. each week.

Find it on: YouTube at: youtube.com/channel/UCtU5UvOSyT2ZK5PivdhojSw, or on Facebook at: facebook.com/yegbasilica/live, or on Telus Optik TV: Channel 877

**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

**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)

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

*Climate Hope Speaker Series -* A Future We Want: Understanding What is Possible** on online evening with Dr. Melanie Hoffman of Drawdown Alberta. Saturday, January 29 at 7:00 pm. Open to the public by donation. [www.starofthenorth.ca/climate-hope](http://www.starofthenorth.ca/climate-hope)

**Bridges to Contemplative Living: Living Your Deepest Desires** an introduction to Thomas Merton and the journey toward spiritual transformation with Anita Allsopp. Nine Wednesday sessions from 1:00-3:00 pm starting February 2. Online or in-house cost $145. [www.starofthenorth.ca/bridges](http://www.starofthenorth.ca/bridges)

***French Retreat -* Cheminer avec l’apôtre Philippe** avec Sœur Catherine Grasswill. Weekend Retreat, February 4-6. Cost: Live-in $250; Commuter $180; Online $90 [www.starofthenorth.ca/philippe](http://www.starofthenorth.ca/philippe)

**The Cost of Colonialism; The Joy of Jubilee** with Steve Heinrichs. Weekend Retreat, February 11-13. Cost: Live-in $250; Commuter $180; Online $90 [www.starofthenorth.ca/jubilee](http://www.starofthenorth.ca/jubilee)

**C-YEG (Catholic Young Adults of Edmonton)**

**Ski and snowboarding social night**

Join us the night of **Tuesday, January 25** for an evening of skiing and snowboarding! Tuesday is Rabbit Hill’s weeknight special with lift tickets costing $8 and rentals costing $8. The hill is open from 5-9 pm. We will aim to arrive by 5 pm.

Be sure to be a little early to get ahead of the lines. You need to book lift tickets and rentals ahead of time online!

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND** Thinking of becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Or just curious? St. Joseph’s Seminary and the Vocations Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton are pleased to offer a Come and See experience being held in person on January 28 - 30, 2022 (with an online option too). There is no cost. If you have a sense that God may be calling you to join us in discerning a call to the priesthood, please contact your Vocations Director. He will help you with the registration process If you need the name and contact information of your Vocations Director, please call St. Joseph Seminary - 780.392.2445 or secretary@stjoseph-seminary.com

**CATHOLICS ON CAMPUS AT MACEWAN UNIVERSITY**

CCMU is back for the Winter 2022 semester. We will be running Discovery, Source, Growth, And Trust faith studies through MacEwan and the University of Alberta. To register for faith study this semester, visit ccofaithstudies.ca and select the MacEwan campus. If you already did this last semester, please do it again so we have your updated availability. If you have any questions or are interested in leading a study this semester, shoot us a message at ccmu2019@gmail.com

**Catholic Students' Association**

St. Joseph's College partners with the Catholic Students' Association to provide students with opportunities to connect in small groups, retreat settings, lectures and social gatherings all focused on the tenets of the Catholic faith.

The CSA is open to all U of A students, regardless of religious background. This week, the CSA has Rosary, Morning Prayer, and of course Student Mass.

CRUNCH ON CURIOSITY is a series that is designed to bring us deeper in faith. There is no cost. The zoom link will be sent upon registration. (All sessions, via Zoom, are Thursdays from 6-7 pm):

Jan 27 - The Synodal Process- Dr. Eugenia Pagnotta-Kowalczyk

Feb 3 - Contraception - Theresa Robinson and Dr. Mona-Lee Feehan

Feb 10 - Vatican II- Informed conscience and dissent. -Dr. Peter E. Baltutis, Ph.D.

Feb 17 - The Pope and the church-- Papal infallibility, resignation

For updates on CSA activities, please follow the CSA on [***Instagram (@uofacsa)***](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Arv5MHJJPguuB1hVMyNlbZ_4o4JwuvmfyDJbINZIvUStprEKr27ObPQB0B0LxSj4IAfFn1BOpmkwW92aAvxC1u7Hj6nuFff2Tg0xUYet4PCULpKREXUlQOnJJy-SWFTX04PxM4z9JWqLfTto42B1KrcjPnVCIVAH&c=3t1RPSiIRKRjO9Q1GNne3ODC8YHXf_rvWXEblaqoDzzCzzZAFppY3w==&ch=BOFsCxQYK1x1Fnpd4tyvmZZ_qH2ZNKjFKtrbzqf-EeqaDPDcG0J5Aw==), [***Facebook (uofacsa)***](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Arv5MHJJPguuB1hVMyNlbZ_4o4JwuvmfyDJbINZIvUStprEKr27ObPQB0B0LxSj42aacq0muInmKblwlO6b1aR7GoJrnkj6TvUIoYe2XBTcDE2Szoj0oJ9aPW9cv5OZwlPzCkSWsE2Nv6UyBu3QKCTm3QSQhzn4W&c=3t1RPSiIRKRjO9Q1GNne3ODC8YHXf_rvWXEblaqoDzzCzzZAFppY3w==&ch=BOFsCxQYK1x1Fnpd4tyvmZZ_qH2ZNKjFKtrbzqf-EeqaDPDcG0J5Aw==) and subscribe to our weekly newsletter (***sjccm@ualberta.ca***)

In the Apostolic Letter **Aperuit illis,** Pope Francis instituted the **Sunday of the Word of God,** which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to 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… Consequently,* ***I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to*** ***be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.*** *This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of* *the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity.”* - Pope Francis, Aperuit illis,2 - 3

**FEBRUARY 2022 WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL WEEKEND** Looking for an upcoming Alberta based Weekend? Grande Prairie WWME is hosting a virtual weekend on February 4-6, 2022. This transformational encounter will take your marriage from good to great! Is it time for the two of you to do a weekend renewal or encourage those in your family, social or work circle to register for the weekend? Virtual weekends make it easy to relax from the comfort of your own home. You can even invite friends from another province, state or country to join you virtually for the weekend. Visit the www.wwme.org website to register.

**Who Am I To Judge?: Understanding and Defending the Catholic Moral** **Vision**

**Saturday, February 5 | 12:00 – 4:30 pm**

**LIVE ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

What is “right” and “wrong”? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality. In this half-day workshop, you will learn how to talk about morality in a relativistic world through a series of four video talks by Dr. Edward Sri:

**Talk 1:** “Don’t impose your morality on me!”

**Talk 2:** Engaging moral relativism

**Talk 3:** “I disagree" doesn’t mean "I hate you.’”

**Talk 4:** Exposing the Mask: What relativism is often covering up.

Presented by Growing in Faith Together (GiFT) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Parish, Sherwood Park. To register and get the Zoom link, contact: Trever at tdblunt529@gmail.com or call 780-467-5470

FREE WORKSHOP – EVERYONE IS WELCOME! You do not have to be a member of OLPH Parish