

St. Vital Catholic Parish

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November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Times

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Thursday, November 9th @ 7:00 p.m. (Memorial mass for deceased members of the K of C)

Friday – November 10th @ 9:00 a.m.

NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS - Fr. Les will be away during the Mid-Term Assembly of Priests (November 7 - 9 inclusive).

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, November 4th- 11:00 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

No confessions on Saturday, November 11th

Adoration – Friday - 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE TO PARISHIONERS The office will be closed Monday, November 13, 2023.

Check out the website www.saintvitalparish.com and check it regularly for updates.

Loan Balance September 30, 2023 \$532,208.86

2023-2024 Living with Christ Sunday Missals are for sale (\$6.00) at the back of the Church.

SCAMALERT – No one from St. Vital Parish will EVER send you emails asking for money or gift cards or other favors. Beware of fake email address pretending to be someone from the parish

ST. VITAL PARISH MISSION

Jim Murphy, a Catholic evangelist from Michigan, will be here to serve as the Retreat Master *for a Parish Mission which will run from Nov 12 – 14th*. The theme of the Retreat is entitled “Healing Our Wounds”. Each evening, there will be a service that will be held in St. Vital Church and all of them will begin at 7:00 pm. The Sacrament of the Sick will also be administered at a Liturgy of the Word service which will be held on Monday, Nov 13 at 1:30 pm. Please join us as we try to make this Mission a highlight of our parish year.

Tourtière Sales 2023

Volunteer helpers are still required for both mornings & afternoons. The AM work would be approximately 2 hours whereas the afternoon may be closer to 3 hours.

Any questions can be directed to our Event Chairperson 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. All work will be done at École Mother D’Youville School.

The following are the scheduled dates for the preparation of the tourtières.

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON
Saturday, Nov 4th	8:30 am	Sales
Monday, Nov 6th	9 am	3:15 pm
Thursday, Nov 9th	9 am	3:15 pm
Saturday, Nov 11th	8:30 am	Sales
Monday, Nov 13th	9 am	1 pm
Thursday, Nov 16th	9 am	1 pm
Saturday, Nov 18th	8:30 am	Sales
Monday, Nov 20th	9 am	3:15 pm
Thursday, Nov 23rd	9 am	3:15 pm
Saturday, Nov 25th	8:30 am	Sales

The morning times [AM] are for the preparing the filling/cooking the meat. The afternoons [PM] will be pie making & storing. Please note that there are 2 days with different afternoon times – see large poster. We would also need individual(s) to peel, cook potatoes for the mornings & onions will have to peel & chop.

If you can offer 3-4 hours of your time on any day at a given time please SIGN UP today. **Thank you!**

CONFIRMATION

A parent information night is scheduled for **7 p.m. on Thursday, November 16** in the basement of the church.

Please plan to attend, as important information regarding Confirmation will be provided and any questions you have will be addressed.

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

Baptism Preparation for children under 7 years of age

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).** Parents wishing to register for the **next course** which will be held on **Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

The Removal of Snow

Over the years, the parishioners of St. Vital have saved us an immense amount of money by taking care of the grounds in the summertime and clearing the snow in the winter. The time of the year is approaching when we will need to remove the snow from our sidewalks for the purpose of safety. If you are willing to serve as a volunteer to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk and the ramp around our church, then please contact us at the parish office (780) 929-8541, leaving your name and phone number. It would be wonderful to have an army of volunteers working on this need so that we will not be putting too heavy of a burden onto a handful of people. Thank you for any help that you may be able to give to us.

Red Sand Prayer Service hosted by the Catholic Women's League

Please join us **after the 11am Mass, Sunday, Nov. 5th** in the church parking lot to participate in a short prayer service raising awareness about Human Trafficking- an atrocity happening even here in our province! Red Sand will be poured into the cracks in the sidewalk as a symbol of people who've been exploited by the evil that is human trafficking—those who have 'fallen through the cracks'. The Red Sand also represents the blood of Christ, poured out for all His children.

For more information, contact Teresa Ruzycycki 780-907-7935

www.iwininitiative.ca

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study has resumed we will be meeting every second Monday. The next Bible Studies will be Nov. 20th. The Bible Study we are doing is THE EUCHARIST a Bible Study for Catholics by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. We meet at the Church Office from 10:30-12:30.

For information please call Claire Connell 780-887-0468.

In November We Remember

We Remember Our Loved Ones

Parishioners are invited to write the names of their departed loved ones in the **Book of Remembrance** from November 1 (All Saints Day) until November 30. AS A PARISH, we are asked to remember all the faithful departed in our prayers. If you are not attending church at the present time and would like names of your departed love ones inscribed in the book please email St.vitalchurch@shaw.ca and we will insert the names.

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.

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Centering Prayer: An Introductory Workshop on Contemplative Silence This workshop, a full Saturday followed by four Tuesday evenings, provides background on the 4 guidelines of centering prayer, alongside time to practice and to learn from the teachings of Fr. Thomas Keating and others. November 25 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Early Registration: \$110. Register at 780-459-5511 or at www.starofthenorth.ca/centering

Formation Toward Transformation – Aurora Living is now accepting early applicants for our winter module—*Communion: Words for a New Community*— starting January 19, 2024. Come join a formation community growing in scripture, creation care and reconciliation! Each 3-month module includes an opening retreat weekend and two Saturday retreats, smaller Wisdom Circle gatherings, monthly online resources and optional spiritual direction. Our presenters for this module include Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, Lewis Cardinal, and Ron Rolheiser. Find out more at www.starofthenorth.ca/communion

Bridging the Gap: Beyond Polarization in Church & Society — Join us on Friday December 1st from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, for a public lecture with internationally acclaimed author and theologian, Ron Rolheiser. Everywhere in the church and in the world we find ourselves divided: politics are stalemated, churches are splitting, and families struggle to sit down at a common table. How can we, as faithful Christians, begin to bridge this unbridgeable gap? Registration: \$30. Register at www.starofthenorth.ca/gap or call 780-459-5511.

Understanding the Complex Fire Within: A Theology and Spirituality of Sexuality — Evidence suggests that more people struggle religiously with the issue of sexuality than with any area in their lives. What is sexuality? Why is it so powerful? Award-winning author and theologian Ron Rolheiser will attempt to articulate a healthy anthropology, theology, and spirituality of sex. Weekend Retreat, December 1-3. Registration: Live-In \$395 | Commuter \$325 | Online \$270. Register at www.starofthenorth.ca/rolheiser or call 780-459-5511.

Advent Retreat with Bob & Joan Williston — What if we could get off the busy highway of the Christmas rush, and take a day in prayer, reflection, and music to breathe? *You, Who Are On the Road* is a retreat day that could allow our souls to catch up with us. In the stillness of the desert, a message awaits. Prepare the way of the Lord! Saturday, December 9th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Early registration (before Nov. 15): \$205. Register at www.starofthenorth.ca/advent or call 780-459-5511.

Claiming God's Love Retreat Join a retreat celebrating the release of Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie's latest book, *Claiming God's Love: Drawing on the Wisdom of Henri Nouwen*. Through stories, reflections and scripture, discover insights into how to journey into self-awareness and step into greater self-love. December 15 & 16. Early registration (before Nov. 15): Live-In \$220 | Commuter \$190 | Online \$160. Register at www.starofthenorth.ca/love or call 780-459-5511