

St. Vital Catholic Parish

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November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Weekend Mass Times

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, November 28th – Friday, December 1st @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's - 11 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

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

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Thursday, December 14th @ 6:30

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

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

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

Loan Balance October 31st, 2023 \$521,334.59

SCAM ALERT – 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

PARKING

Avoid receiving a ticket. Parking is prohibited east of 50 St. on 50 Ave. where the curb is painted yellow

ST. VITAL CWL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK – Dec. 2nd and 3rd, after all the weekend Masses.

We'll bring the cookies, you walk around and buy them!

\$2.50/ bag of 6 delicious homemade cookies! Please join us!

*anyone willing to bake and donate cookies for the sale, please bring them to the church Dec. 2 before the 5 pm Mass.

Thank you! Questions? contact Megan Testa 780-278-6253

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL offers women of our parish the gifts of faith, friendship and support while offering opportunities to develop leadership skills & confirmation of our Catholic values. We invite all women of our parish to share with us your own gifts and make a difference by serving God and Canada in our CWL parish council. Next **General Meeting** will be on: **Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

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.


Carmelite Monastery
Craft Sale

Gracious thanksgiving for the generous support from Fr. Les and St. Vital parishioners. \$916.50 funds were collected which I delivered to the monastery this afternoon. The sisters were extremely grateful.

Thank you very much and God Bless.

Michelle Lamer

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity Play (4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sign up sheets will be available next weekend. Practices will be after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Masses starting in December.

MUSIC AT ST. VITAL'S

Beaumont Society for the Arts Christmas Concert – Friday, December 15th @ 7:00 p.m.

Edmonton Swiss Men's Choir – Sunday, December 17th @ 3:00 p.m.

Admission is free, however, donations to the Beaumont/Nisku Christmas Elves are accepted as either unwrapped toys, food donations or cash donations.

Stewardship Corner Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Weekend of November 25/26

In today's Gospel, Saint Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Good stewards recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ's active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: Our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care?

CONFIRMATION 2024

St. Vital Parish is beginning its sacramental preparation program for all children in Grade 6 and up who are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Registration deadline: Thursday, November 30.** Please drop off completed registrations to Mother d'Youville Catholic School, École Quatre-Saisons, or St. Vital parish office by **noon on Thursday, November 30** during opening hours. If your registration form is not submitted to the parish office, Mother d'Youville School, or École Quatre-Saisons by Thursday, November 30, please contact the Confirmation team at stvitalconfirmation@gmail.com and share your email address. This will allow us to promptly begin communicating with you by email.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study THE EUCHARIST – every second Monday – November 20, December 4 – Christmas Break – Bible Study resumes on January 8th, 2024.

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

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.

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Burning aglow with the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:11)

Wanted: Fully equipped prayer warriors

The Catholic Renewal Services of Edmonton invites you to participate in the LSS to be given at St. Emeric's Parish, 12960-112 St. NW, Edmonton, on **December 1 beginning at 6:30 PM** and continuing to **December 2nd from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM**. A free lunch will be served on Saturday if registered by Nov. 28.

Seminar fee is \$20.00 including the free lunch when you register on time.

Come and be baptized anew in the Holy Spirit ---- and receive a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit! Rev. 22:17. For more information and registration visit: www.crsedmonton.ca

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for the first time. The contest is open to Grades 8 through 12 students. The essays are to be 500-750 words on the topic: "How Can the Church Evangelize in the Digital Age?" Judging is based on a point system up to 100 based on Content, Grammar and Style. We will be offering 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes of \$100.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00 respectively. Winners will be eligible for further District, National and International competition. Contest Entry Forms are available at the back of Church and on the Parish website under the Knights of Columbus tab.

Final submission date is January 15, 2024.

The **Star of the North Retreat Centre** invites you to join us in gratitude for our **70th Anniversary on December 7th @ 6:00 p.m.** This will be a time of gathering, socializing, briefly remembering stories of history, present vision and offerings, and future dreams, while sharing a family style meal with food prepared by our chef and kitchen staff team and enjoying light piano entertainment. Come for a delicious dinner and valued community ties. We look forward to hosting you. For more details and to register call 780-459-5511 or register online at <https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/70-years-317/>

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



Come and See Weekend at St. Joseph Seminary



Are you thinking of becoming a Priest? Not sure about your vocation? Or just curious? Here is your opportunity to have a live-in experience at St. Joseph Seminary on your discernment journey.

We are hosting this annual weekend on January 26-28, 2024.

To register please contact Father Kris Schmidt, the Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Edmonton, first at Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or by calling 780-672-1131 Ext. 3.



St Joseph's Basilica



Wednesday, December 20th | 7pm.

Join us to celebrate the Birth of Christ at St Joseph's Basilica with Advent and Christmas carols sung by the Schola Cantorum. The whole community is welcome to join us for this joyful Christmas celebration!

Goodwill Donations Accepted.