Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 12th – **†** Ken Mastaler

**Blank Schedules** for Palm Sunday and Holy Week are at the back of the Church. **PLEASE** sign up for the masses you will be attending.

**Merci!! Thank You!!** To KC Counseil Lapointe for their recent donation of $11,000.00 to St. Vital Parish.

The Knights of Columbus invite all to their **pancake breakfast** on **Sunday, March 19** after the 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

**THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church going back to the fourth century when Christians went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land and retraced the last steps of Jesus’s life.

Stations of the Cross will be held at **7:00 p.m**. by different ministries on

Friday, March 17th (Knights of Columbus)

Thursday, March 23rd (RCIA – Fr. Arlan)

Friday, March 31st (Louis Kloster & The Rock)

Friday, April 7th (K4J)

**TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE**

From March 1 - April 14, 2017, our community will take part in 40 Days for Life …

a groundbreaking, coordinated international  mobilization. We pray that, with God’s

help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

**Check out https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/**

St. Vital CWL encourages parishioners to join us in Praying to end abortion.

It is a one hour time slot per person or group. But feel free to go at any time,

any day. We have chosen a day for our parish to take a stand for Life:

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 between the hours of 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

Women’s Health Options, 12409 - 109A Ave. Edmonton, AB.

**Sign up sheet in the foyer to the Church on the CWL bulletin board.**

Please, sign up for an hour and **Pray to End Abortion.**

**LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.**

Priests will be present for the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

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

**Camp Encounter and Our Lady of Victory Camp Summer registration is open online**. These camps are for campers and youth aged 8-14 with leadership opportunities for youth aged 14-18. Register online at www.olvc.ab.ca or [www.campencounter.com](http://www.campencounter.com)

**ThinkFast Retreat at Our Lady of Victory Camp** March 25-26 Ages 6 and up

To register: contact the camp office at 403-986-6582 or [info@olvc.ab.ca](mailto:info@olvc.ab.ca)

**TOGETHER WE SERVE March 11/12 – Second week of Lent** Together We Serve supports 11 different Catholic organizations and institutions. When you support Together We Serve you support Development & Peace – Caritas Canada that strives to change lives in the Global South by working in partnership with local community organizations to create greater global justice and act in solidarity with the world’s most poor and vulnerable. Thank you for supporting Together We Serve. Together, let us Live the Word.

**Do you want to fast this Lent?** ~

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

**FRIDAYS IN LENT**

In Catholic tradition, Friday has been normally considered a day abstinence, but in Lent we can formalize this practice. The Canadian Conference of Canadian Bishops asks that those between the ages of 14 to 59 abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent. If you are a vegetarian, you can give up some other favorite food in place of meat.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 12, 2017**

“Get up! Do not be afraid.” Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration. Jesus’ Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus’ glory – his Resurrection. In today’s reading, a voice from the cloud affirms that Jesus is God’s Son in words reminiscent of Jesus’ baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God’s relationship to the people of Israel. The Transfiguration also occurs in the presence of three of Jesus’ disciples: Peter, James and John. These were the first disciples whom Jesus called to follow him. They are also the three men identified by Jesus to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest. When these men returned from the mountain that day work as usual needed to be done: fish needed catching, buckets needed filling, nets needed to be mended. Their world, duties and lives had not changed and yet, surely everything had. Come with me, Jesus says, tapping each of us on our shoulder drawing us away to be alone with him on a mountaintop. We are called to answer the invitation to see Jesus with new eyes. Because no matter how well we think we know him, Jesus always has more to reveal about himself, his father and about the world and our place in it.

**SAINT VITAL PARISH** - **Friday, March 24th, 7:30 PM**  
Admission by donation.

One of Canada’s elite chamber choirs, and 2015 Grand Prize winners in the National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs, **Chronos Vocal Ensemble** presents a performance at St. Vital’s! A few of this ensemble’s recent highlights include high-profile performances at the national *Podium* festival, the release of new CD *The Simplest Way* with St. Albert composer Trent Worthington, a tour of the Prairie provinces and a performance award from the City of Edmonton. Don’t miss this exciting performance of Edmonton’s acclaimed CHRONOS VOCAL ENSEMBLE in a preview performance of “With a Voice of Triumph”:

More info at chronosvocalensemble.com

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