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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, February 27th to Friday, March 1st @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

ADORATION- Friday, March 1st (9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) followed by Benediction

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

Loan Balance January 31, 2024 \$441,893.72

The Pope's Prayer intention for the month of February – For the terminally ill

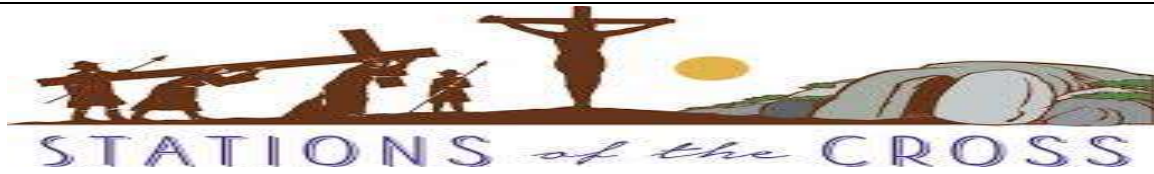
We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Please note that Lenten Penitential Service for our parish is scheduled for **Wed., March 6th** beginning at **6:30 p.m.** in St. Vital Church. A number of visiting priests will be here to help us at this time.

Blank Schedules for Holy Week are at the back of the Church.
Please sign up for the masses you are attending.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Everyone is welcome to the Knights of Columbus sponsored Pancake Breakfast which is taking place on Sunday morning, **February 25th** following the 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Masses. Come out and enjoy the food and fellowship.



Every **FRIDAY** evening during Lent, join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** led by parish groups

Friday March 1 @ 3:15 p.m.

Friday March 8 @ **7:00 p.m.**

Friday March 15 @ **7:00 p.m.**

Friday March 22 @ **7:00 p.m.**

The CWL will be hosting the **World Day of Prayer Service, Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Vital. This year the Christian women of Palestine have prepared the prayer service. The theme is: "I beg you...Bear With One Another in Love". (Ephesians 4:1-2) All parishioners are invited to attend. Following the service everyone is invited to stay for snacks and fellowship.

Grandparents Gather To Pray

The first Thursday of each month, (**March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd and June 6th**) grandparents are invited to meet in the **Conference Room (Parish Office) at 9:45 a.m.** to pray the Rosary for our children and grandchildren and to spend time in fellowship. For more information call Irma Jean Campbell at 780-737-7989.

The **Annual Men of Integrity Conference** will be an opportunity for men to gather on **March 1-2 at Holy Family Parish, St. Albert, AB**, The theme for the conference is "Setting the Captives Free". Our Guest Speakers are Fr. Michael Denk, (The Prodigal Father), Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio and Fr. Paul Moret from Holy Trinity Parish, Spruce Grove. The conference will focus on the importance, power, and methods of prayer. For further information on speakers and the schedule please check our website: www.catholicfamilyministries.com

Knight Riders

The Knights of Columbus are offering to drive, to and from church, any parishioners who wish to attend weekend Masses at St. Vital Church but are unable due to a lack of transportation.

As the Knights are using their private vehicles, they cannot offer assistance for people with mobility issues or those with wheelchairs. Neither can they accommodate car seats for babies or young children. If you think you can take advantage of this free service, contact Joe Lauer at 780-929-6056 to arrange a ride to Mass and back home and we will do our best to accommodate you. Alternate contact: Paul Weisenberger @ 780-929-5150.

REASONS TO TALK ABOUT THE CWL

HELP

The Catholic Women's League was formed in the early 20th century to help immigrants arriving in Canada. Members continue to help the most vulnerable across the country. Come and add your helping hands to ours.

St. Vital CWL

Catholic Women's League General Meeting – Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m.

SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE - MARCH 7, 2024

Our Lady of the Hill Beaumont Knights of Columbus is once again hosting this very special event on Thursday, March 7th at **7:00 p.m.** The 45 minute prayer service has three parts:

- the Holy Rosary
- A liturgy of the Word
- An Act of Consecration to Mary

Everyone is invited. What a blessing to be able to pray in the presence of these relics from our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope you can join us!

The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton has set out three **Pastoral Priorities** for the years 2024 – 2027. Those priorities are:

- (1) Formation for Eucharistic Worship
- (2) Formation for Confident Witness
- (3) Formation for Service to Marriage and Families.

By March 5, 2024, our parish is supposed to submit to the Archdiocese the NAMES of our LEADERSHIP TEAM, our PLAN for addressing these priorities and some RECOMMENDATIONS for WORKSHOPS that would help us.

We are inviting you to a preliminary meeting to address these concerns. That **meeting** will be held on **Monday, Feb 26 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall**. Your presence on Feb 26 does not commit you to anything. We just need to begin somewhere. On that evening, you might just offer us some thoughts regarding the PLAN and the RECOMMENDATIONS for an Archdiocesan WORKSHOP. We suggest spending some time thinking and praying about your suggestions BEFORE you come to the meeting rather than thinking only on the spot. Thank you and God bless.

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 course** which will be held on **Monday, March 11th, at 7:00 pm**, please call the parish office.

COR Gathering for Men in the Parish COR is a gathering of men to engage in prayer, faith formation and fellowship. The next gathering will take place **Sunday, March 10th**, beginning at **7 p.m.** Participants will need to bring a bible and a rosary. (If you don't have one, one will be provided.) The gathering will be held at the home of Louis Kloster, four miles due east of St. Vital Church (100, 50511 Range Road 234). Just drive four miles due east of the church on 50 Avenue (Township Road 505). When you reach the T intersection at Range Road 234, turn left and drive north for 400 meters. The first subdivision on the right is Arbor Estates. (Look for the sign.) Turn into Arbor Estates. Lot 100. Come and see what COR is all about

Together We Serve Annual Appeal

Dear Fr. Les,

I want to congratulate you and St. Vital Parish for achieving 100% of your 2023 Together We Serve parish target. Well done!

The mission of Together We Serve is to invite Catholics and others in the Archdiocese of Edmonton to give joyfully and generously to Catholic organizations that serve those in need at home, in Canada, and abroad, as we work together to advance the Mission of the Catholic Church.

Your achievement shows that your parishioners responded with great enthusiasm. On behalf of our Together We Serve beneficiaries, I want to "thank you" for your joyful and generous support.

May God continue to bless you and your parish family with abundant grace and mercy.

*Yours sincerely in Christ,
Archbishop Richard Smith*

Stewardship Corner Second Sunday of Lent Weekend of February 24/25

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls His stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.