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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, March 12th to Friday, March 15th @ 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

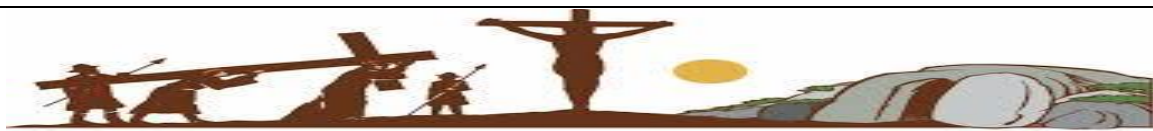
Saturday's - 11 a.m. – noon or by appointment by contacting Fr. Les

ADORATION- Friday, March 8th (9:30 a.m. – 6:30 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

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



STATIONS of the CROSS

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

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

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

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.



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY—March 28th: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Incense will be used at the end of Mass.

You are invited to visit the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY—March 29th: (FASTING AND ABSTAINING EATING FROM MEAT)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Services at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Outdoor way of the Cross (weather permitting) **2:00 p.m.** (starts at 50 Ave & 44 St.)

HOLY SATURDAY—March 30th: EASTER VIGIL - 9:00 p.m.

(NO 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES March 31st - 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass

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



Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

March 12th to December 12th.

To register and receive notifications please go to:

novena.cardinalburke.com

LADIES! You need a night out because it's vital. Join the monthly Vital Ladies Night.

When: *Friday, March 22nd*

Time: 7:30pm till 10:30pm

Where: Michelle's home in Beaumont

Who: Any adult Lady

What: It is a wholesome Christian social time away from all of our life's expectations.

What to bring: Anything or Nothing. If you want to bring something, you can bring a snack or drink or game.

Contact: *Michelle Felix (780)239-7703*

The Catholic Renewal Services of the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting their next **Mass with Healing Service** on **Saturday Mar 16, 6:30 pm** start, with Fr. Matthew Hysell presiding. It will be held at St. Emeric's Hungarian Catholic Church (12960-112 St NW, Edmonton). Reconciliation on Saturday, with Fr. Matthew, will only be available between 3:30-5:00 at St. Emeric's. Jesus said, *"I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to Me will not hunger and he who believes in Me will never thirst."* John 6:35

www.crsedmonton.ca/events

Stewardship Corner Fourth Sunday of Lent Weekend of March 9/10

This weekend is the Gospel story of Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader of the Jews who comes to Jesus by night, recognizing Jesus as a teacher from God, but coming in secret for fear of being put out of the synagogue. Jesus rebukes him for his lack of understanding. Good stewards realize that for the sake of this world, God gives His most cherished beloved Son. And so they are willing to confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior in a public way. They do not keep their faith to themselves, in darkness. The Gospel reading challenges us to profess our faith in word and deed publicly, not to hide it away. Are we willing to accept the Gospel's challenge? Are we willing to get out of our personal "comfort zone" and confess our faith in Christ Jesus in an open, tangible way?

CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOPS

The Archdiocese of Edmonton uses the *Called to Protect for Ministries* program to provide training for all clergy, employees and lay volunteer leaders. ***Called to Protect (CTP) training is mandatory for all clergy, archdiocesan and parish employees and camp staff*** in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. It is **also required for all volunteers**.

The next workshop is March 20th 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Here is the link to the registration for this March 20 Called to Protect Workshop:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GAobpmjacMse-yyLCr4xoEuiNmphJkJFxiIxP07r2Eg/edit>

Hello my name is David Urda, I live in Beaumont and have been attending St. Vital Parish with my family since 2013. I have recently had the blessing to be invited by Yaroslav Zidek, who was the manager of Jaromir Jagr for two decades and go practice with him and other top coaches from Sparta Prague, Pardubice, and Plzen, in Czechia for 3 weeks, who pick players for the World cups national teams. However, to achieve this goal of playing in Europe, and begin towards playing for national hockey teams I need to raise \$6000 for this great opportunity.

I practice 15 to 21 hours a week, perfecting my skills with the following results, so far:

- Identified by WHL testing as an elite player / national competition of 20,000 hockey players, aged between 14-21.
- Top 10 league points / U16AA (300 players).
- Elite skating / 14.7s around NHL size arena.
- 50x Stick & Puck drills / top time results by a personal trainer coaching NHL players.
- Agility: 2000 squats and 58 push-ups in a row, 5km run / 20 minutes, 30km bike-ride / 66 minutes, 108lb bench press, etc.
- Shooting / 23 out of 30 shots on 6 inch diameter five holes.

With your help, I want to play hockey to the best of my abilities.

If interested please E-transfer to: katarina.urda@gmail.com

God bless!

Pastor's Note

Some people may think that we should have not put David's request into our bulletin as it is not a religious cause. There is something to be said for that. I have endorsed the cause because David is such a fine young man and because the Urda family have been an important part of our parish family for many years. It is also important to note that the Urda family are keeping track of the donations and if for some reason David is unable to make the trip to Europe for this program, the money will be returned in full.

Please DO NOT see this as a request from St. Vital Parish. I am just personally endorsing this request for the sake of friendship and support. The decision is totally yours. Thank you and God bless.

Father Les