

St. Vital Catholic Parish
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APRIL 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, 9:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. (bilingual) 11:00 a.m. (English)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, April 30th @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 1st @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday & Friday (May 2nd & 3rd) @ 9:00 a.m.

First Communion Mass – Sunday, May 5th @ 2:30 p.m.

ADORATION-

Friday, May 3rd (9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

May 4th - 11:00 a.m. – noon or by appointment with Fr. Les

ST. VITAL FEAST DAY – APRIL 28, 2024

POTLUCK AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. Mass

On **Saturday, May 4th**, St. Vital CWL will be hosting a **Spring Tea fundraiser** in the church hall downstairs from 2-4 p.m. Mark this event on your calendar and join us for tea and goodies.

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

Loan Balance March 31, 2024 \$414,059.74

The Pope's Monthly Intention: April 2024

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of the discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Grocery Gift Cards

Our Lady of the Hill Council is selling Sobeys and No Frills grocery gift cards before and after all the weekend Masses. All parishioners are encouraged to support this effort. Proceeds from the sales go toward supporting the Knight's charitable work and donations. We accept cash, cheque and e-transfer.

Soap Box Derby

Sign up early for this year's Soap Box Derby sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Council 13064. This fun event takes place on the **Saturday (May 25)** of the City's Beaumont Days celebration. Kids ages 8 through 13 are eligible to race. Entrance fee is \$10.00 which guarantees each youngster a minimum of three runs down 50th Avenue hill. Registration forms as well as Rules & Regulations which further explains the event are available on the K of C link on the Parish website as well as on the City of Beaumont website. Call Paul Weisenberger with any questions, 780-929-5150.

KEVIN KERRIGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP -This scholarship, sponsored by Our Lady of the Hill Knights of Columbus Council is open to year 2024 graduating high school seniors who attend St. Vital Church as well as a members of the Parish that are attending post secondary schooling at any level. Preference will be given to a graduating high school senior. The scholarship has a value of \$500. and will be awarded on the basis of all round achievement rather than for strictly academic performance. Achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, the arts, school, community and church involvement will be considered as well as the question of financial need in determining the successful candidate. **Deadline for applying is May 31, 2024.** Applications are at the back of church and online at the Parish website (see KofC link).

K of C Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly food drive in support of the Leduc Food Bank the weekend of **April 27-28, 2024**. Please drop your donation in the bin in the Church vestibule. Thanks to all the Parishioners who have been supporting this effort over the months. The needy of Leduc County thank you as well

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 courses which will be held on **Monday, May 13th, at 7:00 pm**, please call the parish office

ALBERTA MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY

The annual Alberta March for Life Rally will be held on **Thursday, May 9** beginning with the Pro-Life Mass at 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Basilica (10044 - 113 St. NW), followed by the March at 12:30 pm at the Alberta Legislature (10800 - 97 Ave., Edmonton). The March for Life is a peaceful and inspiring demonstration that gives witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The right to life is a basic human right. In the defense of that right, every year women, men, young people, and children gather to celebrate life. We celebrate God and His goodness in giving us life from conception to last breath and resurrection. The Rose Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm at the Polish Hall (10960 - 104 St. NW) with keynote speaker Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King. For more info: albertamarchforlife.com



The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are partnering to organize a wonderful pro-life event in the parish hall on **Friday, May 10 (6:30 start time)**. Gabrielle Johnson, Executive Director of Alberta Life Issues Educational Society (ALIES), which operates The Back Porch, will be the guest speaker. Gabrielle will speak about what the organization does, how they provide education and support in a compassionate, empathetic way to vulnerable women, pro life apologetics, and all the exciting things happening at ALIES.

After the talk, we will show a pro-life, faith-filled, family-friendly movie called *LifeMark*. The trailer for this movie can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZl9ziz8Azw>. Snacks, popcorn, drinks will be available. The movie is an hour and 45 minutes long, with a ten-minute intermission / needs break in the middle. The evening should conclude around 9:15 pm.

All are welcome and the event is free to attend. We kindly ask for donations to help cover the cost of the event. Donations to the Alberta Life Issues Educational Society will also be accepted and can also be made online (<https://www.alies.ca/>).



Pilgrim Icon Program

May 1, 2024

Since 1979, the Knights of Columbus has selected icons for us to pray with. They travel from parish to parish throughout North America, inspiring the faithful to follow Jesus more closely and to model our lives after those of the Holy Family. Over the years, most of these icons feature Blessed Mary or, on occasion, the Holy Family. This year the chosen icon is an image of St. Joseph. The beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and provides a window into the life and mission of St. Joseph.

Joseph was chosen by God to be Mary's beloved spouse and to be the foster father of God's Son, protecting and raising the Child Jesus. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, Canada, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people, among others. Furthermore, St. Joseph serves as a fatherly example for us and a model of quiet strength, humility, and fidelity.

On **Wednesday, May 1**, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, our parish has the privilege of praying with this icon of St. Joseph. At **7 p.m.** we will gather for the celebration of the Eucharist. (The 9 a.m. mass that is usually scheduled will now be celebrated at 7 p.m.) After Mass, all are welcome to stay for the recitation of the rosary and a Litany to St. Joseph.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Stewardship Corner Fifth Sunday of Easter Weekend of April 27/28

Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement in today's Gospel reading: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Jesus Christ offers us the fullness of eternal life. Do our lives reveal that this is what we want? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding we not only produce "good fruit," but abide in the very life of God?

CALLED TO PROTECT WORKSHOP

Our next "Safe Environment and Abuse Prevention" training sessions, "Called to Protect", by zoom is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. The 2.5 hours session will be from 1:00 - 3:30 pm. **This is a requirement for all volunteers and employees in the Archdiocese 18 years and older.**

For registration, please click the link below: <https://forms.gle/Gmhh7GzEfTxsrd8p6>

St. Vital Saturday Sports Camp

Date: May 5, 11 & 25 and June 1, 8 & 15 (Saturdays)

Families are invited to participate in an hour of fun sports activities including soccer, capture the flag, and more. Meet in the St. Vital Parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

For more information contact K of C Family program chairperson Gerard McLarney at t.mclarney12@gmail.com.

Bring a water bottle and good footwear.

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY SUMMER CAMP

Encounter CHRIST

Encounter COMMUNITY

Encounter CREATION

July 6: Summer Kick-off BBQ

July 7—July 11: High School Week (Grades 10-12)

July 14—July 18: All Ages Week 1 (Grades 4-9)

July 28—August 1: Elementary Week (Grades 4-6)

August 4—August 8: Junior High Week (Grades 7-9)

August 11—August 15: All Ages Week 2 (Grades 4-9)

For more information, or to register/donate, please go to: **OLVCAMP.COM**

2024 OLVC WORK BEES

Help clean, repair, and build Our Lady of Victory Camp in preparation for the summer! Help is needed with everything from maintenance to hospitality. OLVC is seeking 100 volunteers to help on **Saturday, May 11** and **June 1** to help ensure the campers can enjoy safe and life-changing summers at OLVC for years to come. To volunteer or for more info: Cody - 587.447.2837 or Cody.Parr@caedm.ca

Yard Maintenance Announcement

April 2024

Greetings, everyone! Spring has arrived, and with that comes yard work and lawn care, both at home and at church. Every year there is a group of people that tend to the cemetery and the area around the church, the parish office, and the rectory. The lawn needs to be cut with ride on mowers, push mowers and line trimmers. If the grass is long when it is cut, raking is required to keep the lawn beautiful. Sometimes grass has to be swept or blown off of headstones and the artificial flowers near the headstones need to be tidied. There is always garbage to be collected and flowers to be tended.

We do all of this work for the sake of our beloved dead and for the beauty of our church property.

You can see, however, that there are many tasks, and the work is time-consuming when only a small number of people are committed. And so we are asking for your help. We all have our own properties to look after, but if several parishioners are willing to give a bit of time, we can maintain our church property as well. It could be just an hour a week or a couple of hours every two or three weeks. The more people involved, the less time required. Last year, close to twenty people volunteered to help with yard maintenance. It's a big job but, when the work is shared by many, it is manageable and rewarding.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church on the table to the right as you are leaving. If you think you could give of your time in this way, please put your name, phone number and email address on the list, and indicate what you would like to do. Perhaps you will commit to cutting lawn, sweeping grass off of headstones or simply picking up garbage around our property.

We will contact you and organize a schedule, beginning in mid-May and ending in mid-September. For those of you that need training with the power equipment, someone will help you learn how to use the mowers and trimmers safely.

Thank you for considering this gift of service in our parish. God bless.

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