

St. Vital Catholic Parish
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January 12, 2025 -Baptism of the Lord

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (English)

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, January 14th Liturgy of the Word at Mother d'Youville School @ 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 15 - Friday, - January 17th @ 9:00 a.m.

Adoration

Friday, January 17th – 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, January 18th – 11:00 a.m.– noon or by appointment with Fr. Les

Loan balance December 31, 2024 \$279,129.99

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

If you would like to receive the bulletin by e-mail please email or phone the parish office

2025 Donation Envelopes

Sunday Offering Envelopes for the new year are now available for pick up by parishioners. If you currently do not use envelopes and wish to do so, please contact the parish office by phone or email. Parishioners also have the option of donating thru automatic bank withdrawal (once a month) or e-transfer at StVital.Beaumont@caedm.ca.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS? If you have recently moved, please contact the parish office with your new address. Any tax receipts not picked up at the parish will be mailed to the address on the database.

PLEASE DO NOT put foreign coins, tokens, etc in the collection basket or candle stands. The bank does not accept foreign loose coins. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly **pancake breakfast** after the 9:00am and 11:00am masses on **Sunday, Jan. 19th** in the church basement. Come down and join us.

RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER

Father, we pray that the Manifestation of the glory of Christ, in whose image all people are created, will inspire our nation to recognize the sanctity of human life and protect every life from conception to natural death.

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 **Mon, January 13th at 7:00 pm** please call the parish office.

CONFIRMATION 2025

If you missed the information registration meeting held on January 6th and would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office. ***Late Registrations will be accepted until January 20th.***



2L Milk or Juice Cartons Needed

2L milk cartons or juice cartons (not plastic) are needed for an upcoming activity for our Faith in a Box program. If you purchase milk or juice in 2L cartons, like the one in the picture, please rinse it out when you are finished and bring it to the church. There will be a marked box under the table at the back of the church (on the right hand side when you enter) for you to deposit them. Many thanks.

Kathleen Nguyen and Louis Kloster

PARISH MISSION

Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie (OMI) will be here to serve as the Retreat Master for a **Parish Mission** which will run from **February 23 – 25**. All of the Evening Services will begin at 7:00 and all of them will be held in St. Vital Church. There will be no Celebrations of the Eucharist at the Evening Services. Archbishop Lavoie will deliver the homily at all of the weekend liturgies on Feb 22/23 and there will be Celebrations of the Eucharist on Monday and Tuesday at 9:00 am. The theme of the Mission is: “Finding Hope Through the Seasons of Lent and Easter”. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

FAITH IN A FOLDER for the month of January can be picked up from the bin at the back of the church. One folder per family.

Seminary Come & See weekend

Do you know of a young man in your parish who displays signs of a call to the Priesthood? St. Joseph Seminary will be hosting a **Come and See weekend January 24-26, 2025.**

Interested men are asked to contact Fr. Kris Schmidt prior to submitting the registration for the weekend: Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or 780-995-3930

The Pope's Prayer Intention

For the right to education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

The year which is just running out was good,
yes, it was precious for heaven,
and may the one that will follow resemble it!
... Let us not waste our time;
soon eternity will shine for us.

St. Therese

Stewardship Corner The Baptism of the Lord Weekend of January 11/12, 2025

In today's reading from the Gospel of Luke we hear the proclamation of the Baptism of Jesus with "all the people." Indeed, "heaven was opened," and the Father announced His special favor. Whenever we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, heed His call in our daily lives, share His Good News, become instruments of His transforming justice and peace, heaven is opened to us, and through the Holy Spirit, the Lord announces His special favor on us as well. A good stewardship reflection this week might be this: How, or in what ways, have we personally experienced God's special favor in our lives?

Announcement Re: Spaghetti Dinner

The Knights of Columbus is once again holding a spaghetti dinner, which is scheduled for **Sunday, February 16 at 5 p.m.** The menu will remain the same: spaghetti and meat sauce, buns, and ice cream. A gluten-free spaghetti is also available.

The spaghetti dinner will once again be held at the Beaumont Community Centre. Tickets are \$10.00 a person, and \$40.00 per family (living in the same household)s. Beginning on the **weekend of January 25/26, tickets are available** at the Knights of Columbus gift card table at the back of the church.

We are blessed to have the Freedom Band, a local worship band, provide entertainment before and during the meal. Following the supper, there will once again be 'A Night at the Races', a fun event that has been particularly exciting for the children over the last two years. The hall at the Community Centre can hold up to 150 people, and we would love to fill the space. Not only is this a fundraising event, but it is an opportunity to gather as a parish community on the Family Day long weekend. Please come and join us. Thank you.

GRATITUDE

Last December, a CRAFT SALE was held in St. Vital Church with the proceeds going to the Carmelite Sisters. The amount raised in the sale was \$787. A considerable amount was also simply donated to the Sisters but we do not know how much that amount was. The Carmelite Sisters are sending their gratitude to us.

The 3rd Annual **Edmonton Archdiocese ELEVATE Youth Retreat** led by *FacetoFace Ministries* will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Sherwood Park on **Saturday, January 25, 2025**. OLPH Parish is located at 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood park AB.

Elevate is a Youth Retreat for grades 6-8! Come to encounter the Lord, have fun, and be empowered to become a modern-day saint!

The conference includes lots of fun, keynote talks, praise and worship, Adoration, and more.

<https://ourladyofperpetualhelpsp.flocknote.com/signup/151904>

Registration fee includes lunch, all supplies and activities and covers the cost to bring in FacetoFace Ministries.

Early Bird Registration Deadline with payment is **Friday December 13, 2024**. (Early Bird price \$40, After **December 13** price is \$50)

Doors open for check in at 9:15 am

Retreat 9:30 am - 4:15 pm

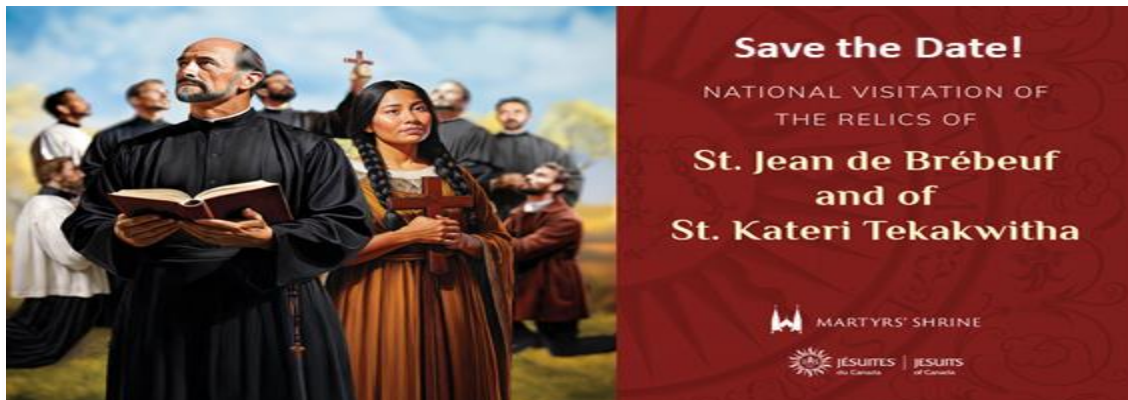
(Parent/Guardian/Group Leader must sign child in and out)

Options for payment are:

1. EFT to OLPH.etransfer@caedm.ca with "*Child's Name* - Youth Conference" typed in the note.
2. Pay in person with Cash/Cheque/Debit/Credit Card at OLPH Parish Office.
3. Mail cheque payable to OLPH Parish to 13 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park AB, T8H 1Y7 (write "*Child's Name* - Youth Conference" on the bottom of cheque)

Make sure to invite a friend to this incredible retreat!

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Wednesday, January 22, 2025

9:00 am-12:00 pm | Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, 10821 96 Street NW, Edmonton

2:00-8:00 pm | Corpus Christi Parish, 2707 34 Street NW, Edmonton

