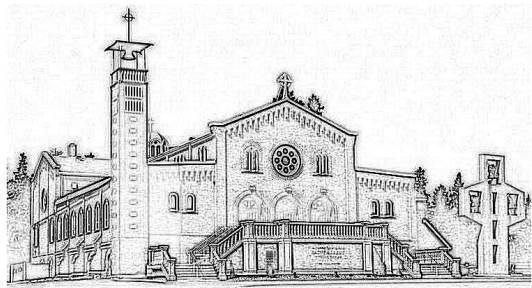


St. Albert Catholic Parish



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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9 am-12 noon/
1 pm-4 pm

Weekend Eucharistic Liturgies

Saturday

Main Church 5:00 PM
Sturgeon Hospital Chapel 6:30 PM

Sunday

Main Church 9 AM & 11 AM
Chapelle Connelly McKinley 10h (Francais)

Weekday Eucharistic Liturgies

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM (Chapel of Immaculate
Conception, 11 Mission Ave.)

Pastoral Staff and Parish Personnel

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Fr. Maynard Boomars, OMI

February 21, 2010
First Sunday of Lent
(Year C)

Mission Statement

*Daring to walk in the footsteps of those who came
before us to this mission hill, we,
St. Albert Catholic Parish,
strive to become the living presence of Christ by
being a sacramental and socially active community
of faith.*

*We gather on a prayerful journey
to nurture one another and
together with our youth we further enrich our
tradition.*

*United as God's people,
we care for the sacred universe created for the
benefit of all.*

This week in the parish: February 22-28, 2010

Monday

3:30-8PM – Blood Donor Clinic (Hall)

Tuesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
7 PM – RCIA (Lacombe Rm.)
7 PM – Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Hall)

Thursday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
7 PM – Parish Pastoral Mtg. (Boardroom)
7:30 PM – Celebration Singers

Friday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)

Saturday: Vigil 2nd Sunday of Lent

5 PM – Eucharist (School Mass with JIN)

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

9 AM – Eucharist
11 AM – Eucharist (RCIA Call to
Lenten Renewal)
2 PM – Annual General Meeting (Hall)
Everyone Welcome!



Luke 4.1-3

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: *Genesis 15.5-12,17-18*

2nd Reading: *Philippians 3.17- 4.1*

Gospel: *Luke 9.28-36*

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

February 21 – 1st Sunday of Lent

We face many temptations in our lives today. We are tempted to desire success, power, prestige, and control. Jesus did not give into the devil when tempted. His only desire was to follow the plan God had for him. True success in life is directly dependant upon how much control we allow God to have in our lives. Knowing that we are doing the Father's will is reward enough. Take some time during Lent to discern and pray about God's plan for you.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, www.archwinnipeg.ca

Notice of Annual General Meeting

All parishioners are cordially invited to join us at our Annual General Meeting next Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the church hall. The agenda includes reports from the various ministries, building and finance committees and Father Andrew. Packages containing all the reports are available for pick-up in the church foyer. We hope you will take this opportunity to review the material and come to the meeting with your questions. Highlights of our finances are included in this bulletin. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Parish Pastoral Council

Youth Ski-Trip

March 12 -14, 2010 ~ A Lake Louise Ski-Trip for Youth (Junior and Senior High). Accommodation (Canmore), transportation, meals, and lift-ticket for \$75. Contact: Pierre Ducharme, ofm, 780-459-6691 mrpducharme@hotmail.com ; for sign-up waiver.

Share Lent and World Hunger



As we begin Lent we focus on our preparation for Easter. As part of our preparation we join Development and Peace in looking at our Partners in the Global South and their attempts to be self-sufficient in their food production. The Awareness Calendar, which we received last week, asks us to reflect on the importance of the gift of good seeds. The children in the children's liturgy program will plant seeds today and will bring these plants to the altar on Solidarity Sunday as an offering. Our monetary gift during Share Lent will help small scale farmers buy good seeds and have the capacity to water these seeds to fruition. Our coins may make the difference for a farmer to be able to raise enough food for his family. Please read the information provided by Development and Peace in the coming months about the importance of Food Sovereignty in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. They see it as a solution to world hunger.



In your prayers please remember those members of our parish community and/or any extended family members who passed away recently especially...

Olivine Nadeau

Also, remember in your prayers those in our parish who are not feeling well.

These names will also be included in the prayers of our Prayer Laudators.

Young Adults (18-38) interested in going to **World Youth Day** Madrid Spain in 2011? We will be having another bottle drive on March 6, 2010 (10 am - 3 pm). World Youth Day Pilgrims would like to thank those who dropped bottles off at the church last weekend, and invite them to do the same on Saturday, March 6. Next meeting is March 9 at 7pm in the Library. For information contact Pierre Ducharme, OFM at 780-459-6691 or mrpducharme@hotmail.com

Community Blood Drive:

St. Albert Parish Hall
Monday, February 22nd from 3:30-8pm
Supported by the Knights of Columbus and
The Catholic Women's League
Call 1 888 2 DONATE to book an appointment.
www.blood.ca

P3M Holy Hour: In celebration of the Jubilee Year for Priests, the Office of Vocations is pleased to present a monthly Holy Hour of prayer for priests and for the vocation of priesthood in this third millennium. Whether you are a priest or religious, consecrated or lay, single or married, this Holy Hour of prayer is meant to celebrate the gift of the priesthood and to help us grow in our universal call to holiness and service. This month's Holy Hour focuses on the theme of Prudence. Join us **Wednesday, March 24**, 7:30 p.m., at St. Albert Parish.

Coffee House for Young Adults:

The Edmonton Archdiocesan Vocations Council invites you to an evening of reflection on the catechesis and witness presented in the *Nothing More Beautiful* series. In « Taking Beautiful Deeper, » our dialogue focuses on relationship with God and faith and how these can be integrated into daily living. Join us **Wednesday, March 3**, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Basilica Parish Hall, Jasper Avenue entrance. For more information call 780-469-1010 ext. 227.

Attention Married Couples: Consider a Marriage Encounter Weekend as your "gift" to each other. Marriage Encounter provides a conducive environment to spend quality time together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, encouraging you to focus on your relationship with each other, and your relationship with God. Marriage Encounter is a weekend of encouragement and a renewed excitement for your marriage. Good marriages deserve to be great marriages! **Date:** March 5-6-7, 2010
Venue: West Harvest Inn, 17803 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton
Registration contact: Jim and Mary Ganton, 780-418-4051 or jimaganton@yahoo.ca

Help Wanted:



**Part Time Year Round
Administrative Director (20 hours per week)
Camp Encounter**

Seeking team- playing individual for administrative duties at Camp Encounter on Lac La Nonne (faith based youth camp 25 km South of Barrhead). Ideal candidate will have a practical understanding of the Catholic faith. Duties include supervision of physical aspects of camp including Maintenance and Food service staff, and managing inventory of all supplies and resources. A/R, A/P, bank deposits, payroll, donations and monthly financial statements. Reports include Charities return, Annual Archdiocese financial statement , Revenue Canada, and Societies Annual Report and Grant applications. Reviewing and updating Policies and Procedures Manuals. Must be familiar with Simply Accounting and Microsoft Office. Closing Date March 5. Term Begins March 20. Please contact Dale at Camp Encounter, 780-967-2548.

Retrouvaille: Are you married to a stranger? Do you feel alone? Do you argue - or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you dread the drive home? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **March 19-21**, e-mail retrouvaille@shaw.ca OR call 780-577-1474 OR visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Custom Pilgrimage and Cultural Tour of Holland, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland, June 7-24, 2010 (18) days from Calgary. You are invited to join Fr. Dennis Polanco and experience the spirituality, culture and history of these four countries. From the chapel of "The Lady of all Nations" in Amsterdam, to Brussels, Cologne, a Rhine River Cruise, Heidelberg, Rothenberg. Oberammergau, Munich, Lucerne, Zurich, to Einsiedeln, the Lourdes of Switzerland, it promises to be an unforgettable journey. For an itinerary and more information, call Liz at 1-888-565-9922.

Individual Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 9:30 – 11am ~ Main Church
or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: If you have a family member who is seriously ill in the home or at the hospital and is in need of the sacrament of the sick, please call the parish office and we will arrange for a visit to receive the sacraments.

Baptism: For Infants: Parents are invited to contact the parish office to register for baptism preparation. Our next preparation sessions will take place April 6 & 13, 2010. Parents attend both evenings and are welcome to prepare during the time of pregnancy. Baptisms take place the last weekend of each month during all masses. (No baptisms throughout the Lenten Season)

Marriage: All couples: ...wishing to be married in our parish are asked to contact the parish office at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date. An initial interview with the parish priest will be set up at which time the preparatory steps for celebrating the sacrament of marriage will be explained. Because of the importance of the sacrament and of the couple, the church requires that proper preparation take place. You may contact our office for information regarding a Marriage Preparation Course.

Christian Initiation:

For older children: ...6 years old and up, the church calls for a more extensive program of preparation called “Christian Initiation of Children”(C.I.C.). For further information, contact the parish office.

For Adults: ...who wish to seek membership into our faith community, we have the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation for Children:

Parents are the primary educators of the faith of their children. To support you in this role, our parish offers meetings for parents and children beginning in September to prepare for **First Reconciliation First Eucharist**, and

Confirmation. Celebrations for the sacrament of First Eucharist take place the **2nd and 3rd weekends of each month during all masses (with the exception of the Lenten season).**

Parish Ministry Contacts/Coordinators

- Council Chairperson.....Bernie McCracken
- Liturgy Committee.....Anna Vollmer
- Finance Committee....Debra McLennan/Ken Bokenfohr
- Building & Maintenance Committee.....Ron Bokenfohr
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Coordinator.....Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
- Christian Initiation of Children (CIC)
Coordinator.....Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
- Music Ministry Team.....Carole Kube,
Laurianne Douville, Scott Venne, Jacqueline Harlton
- Children’s Liturgy.....Colleen Mahon
- Altar Server Coordinator.....Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
- Liturgy of the Word.....Jerry Moran
- Community Life Action Committee.....Rita McGregor
- Usher & Greeter Coordinator.....Joan Thom
- Arts and Environment.....Anna Vollmer
- Prayer Laudators.....Leona Plamondon
- Hospital Ministry.....Joan Brunner
- Social Justice/Development&Peace...Leslie Vandersteen
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul.....Margaret Gregson
- Oblate/ Guatemala Mission Committee...Deanne Riopel
- Pastoral Care.....Laurel Lutes
- Library.....Geneva Lander
- Catholic Women’s League.....May Carline
- Knights of Columbus.....Gerry Woodlock
- WebmasterRay Schmidt
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| New to the Parish / Change of address or marital status: | |
| Please fill in the form below and drop it in the offering basket or submit it to the parish office. | |
| ___ Please include my /our name as a member of the parish community ___ Change of Address ___ Newcomer | |
| (Family Surname) | |
| (First) | (Spouse) |
| Children: | |
| (Name) | |
| (Date of Birth) | |
| Address: | |
| (Postal Code) | |
| (Telephone) | |
| Email Address: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with offering envelopes | |