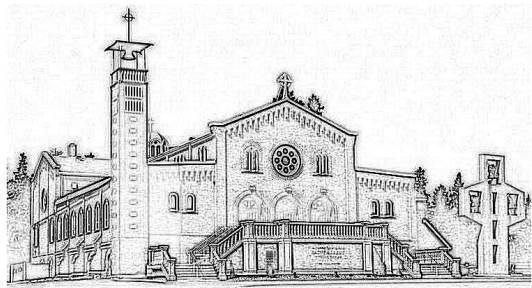


St. Albert Catholic Parish



December 13, 2009



*Third Sunday of Advent
(Year C)*

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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. Rene Belanger, OMI Fr. John Doetzel, OMI
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Fr. Maynard Boomars, OMI

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: Dec. 14-20, 2009

Monday

Tuesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
9 AM – SACHS Advent Mass
7 PM – French Choir Practice – Chapel
7:30 PM – Mission Hill Singers

Wednesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
4:45 PM – Joyful Joyful Practice
7PM – RCIA

Thursday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
7 PM – EFJ Christmas Concert

Friday

8:15 PM – VJM School Advent Mass
8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)

Saturday: Vigil: 4th Sunday of Advent

9 AM-2PM – Hands & Feet
9:30-12Noon – Individual Reconciliation
5 PM – Eucharist

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

9 AM – Eucharist
11 AM – Eucharist
8 PM – Mission Hill Singers



Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10
Gospel: Luke 1.39-45

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

December 13th ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Trust... in our increasingly secular society it is not fashionable to trust God. Stewardship means that we are grateful for our many blessings, and we are generous with our lives and our possessions. In living this way we learn to **trust more in God and less in ourselves**. Trust is the cornerstone of any relationship, and our relationship with God is no different. God trusts us to do our part and we must trust explicitly in God.

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

Notice: Our parish now has gluten free Eucharistic hosts available to those who are wheat intolerable. If you wish to receive a non-gluten host during Eucharist, please advise the priest prior to Mass.

Advent & Christmas Schedule

Dec. 19: Individual **Reconciliation** 9:30am-12Noon
(last scheduled Reconciliation before Christmas)



Christmas Eve Eucharist:
5:30pm, 8pm, 10pm & 12Midnight
Francophone Community Eucharist: 8pm
Christmas Day Eucharist: 10am & 12Noon
New Year's Eve Eucharist: 7pm
New Year's Day Eucharist: 11am

Young Adults (18-38) interested in going to **World Youth Day** Madrid Spain in 2010? Next meeting will take place Thurs., Jan. 7 at 7:15pm in the Library. For information contact Pierre Ducharme, OFM at 780-459-6691 or mrpducharme@hotmail.com

ECUADOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION

The Social Justice committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the raffle held Dec 5th / 6th to help the Ecuador Medical and Dental Mission. Through your continued support, we raised \$900 during the event. This money, along with the \$400 donation given by the Knights of Columbus, will be given to Dr. Avila to directly assist the families with relatives undergoing surgery. We had numerous raffle items which were appreciated by the parishioners whose names was randomly picked.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

St. Albert Parish (Hall) on Monday, Dec. 21 from 3:30pm to 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



CWL Connection - We will be collecting socks, mitts, toques, scarves and new underwear for the Marian Centre from the 1st Sunday in Advent (Nov. 29th) to the last Sunday in Advent. Please place your donations by the CWL tree the church entrance area.

CWL regular meeting - Please join us December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacombe Room, where we will hold our election of officers for the upcoming year, at our Christmas meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

2010 C.W.L. Membership: Our membership gives us the opportunity to be of service in many ways, in our parish and community. Membership also gives us the opportunity for spiritual development and growth in our faith, and gifts of friendship with other members are formed through our Catholic faith dedication. Memberships are now due. We appreciate your assistance in completing the form below to update our information. Enclose either \$20 cash or a cheque payable to the "**Catholic Women's League St. Albert Council**" in an envelope clearly marked "CWL" and drop it in the Sunday collection basket or mail to P.O. Box 74, St. Albert, T8N 1N2.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____
Birthdate: (Month)_____ (Date)_____
Renewal: _____ New to CWL: _____
New to St. Albert Council: _____
Transferred from: _____
Cheque: _____ Cash: _____

Ecuador Mission: We are presently collecting canes, crutches, walkers and eyeglasses for the next Ecuador Dental Mission in January 2010. To donate call Becky at 780-939-6283.

The parish community is invited to gather at the Arden Theatre to participate in the St. Albert Arden Carol Sing on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 3pm. There will be sing-a-longs of favorite Christmas carols for the audience as well as presentations by different churches. After, cider and gingerbread cookies will be served in the lobby as we continue to share and celebrate with family and friends. See you at the Arden!



Sign of Hope – Your donation to Catholic Social Services supports all its programs, but especially: individual and family counseling, SAFE HOUSE and SAFE PASSAGES for street kids, KAIROS House for persons having HIV/AIDS, FIRST STEPS for women and children affected by fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, our Elderly Adult Resource Service (EARS) for abused seniors, a Parent-Teen Mediation program, and GENESIS II – a program for youth and their families affected by drug addiction, and the Rotary Centre for New Canadians, serving immigrants and refugees. Please give generously.



Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mother of the Americas and
Patroness of Human Life

Annual Celebration of Life Mass

Come join Archbishop Smith and other priests of the Archdiocese as we celebrate the beauty and dignity of human life at the Annual Celebration of Life Mass, 7 p.m., **Monday, December 14**, at St. Joseph's Basilica (This Mass is normally offered on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe but is being held on December 14 this year due to other considerations.)

New Offerings at Newman Theological College

Christianity & World Religions: We live in a society of many religions, new spiritual movements, and no religion at all. How do Christians meet this religious mosaic? Join Father Stefano Penna in a special *Nothing More Beautiful* winter term of lectures at Newman Theological College. "Christianity and World Religions" will be offered Thursday evenings, January 14 – April 8, at a cost of \$310 for seniors and auditors, \$515 for credit. Contact the Registrar at 780-476-5858 or maria.saulnier@newman.edu

Ecumenism: The search for Christian unity was one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Come and explore a general introduction to ecumenical theology, spirituality and practice. Join Julien Hammond for a winter term of lectures at Newman Theological College. "Ecumenism" will be offered Tuesday evenings, January – April 20, at a cost of \$310 for auditors and seniors, \$515 for credit. Contact the Registrar at 780-476-5858 or maria.saulnier@newman.edu

Where is *Nothing More Beautiful*? On television and on the Web. If you missed the December 10th presentations at the Basilica, you can watch *Nothing More Beautiful* on Salt+Light TV (online at www.saltandlighttv.org or on Shaw Digital Cable or Bell ExpressVu satellite TV) at the following times: Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. MT & 10:30 p.m. MT; Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11:30 a.m. MT Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. MT

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 January 12 & 18, 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.....Susan Coates
- Altar Server Coordinator.....Brigitte Fletcher
- 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
- Pastoral Care.....Laurel Lutes
- Library.....Geneva Lander
- Catholic Women’s League.....May Carline
- Knights of Columbus.....Gerry Woodlock
- WebmasterRay Schmidt
webmaster.stalbertparish@gmail.com

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with offering envelopes	