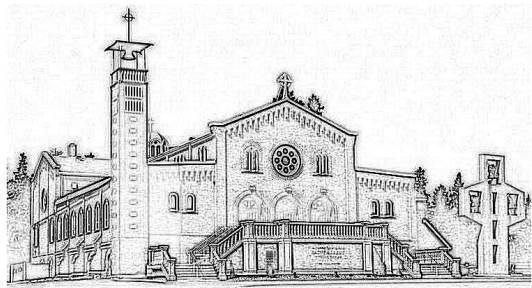


# St. Albert Catholic Parish



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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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## Support Ministry:

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

December 20, 2009



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
(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: Dec. 21-28, 2009

### Monday

### Tuesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)  
7 PM – French Choir Practice – Chapel  
7:30 PM – Mission Hill Singers  
– Decorate Church

### Wednesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)  
4:45 PM – Joyful Joyful Practice  
6:30 PM – Alive Choir Practice

### Thursday ~ Christmas Eve Eucharist

5:30PM, 8PM, 10 PM & 12Midnight

### Friday ~ Christmas Day Eucharist

10 AM & 12Noon

### Saturday: Vigil: The Holy Family

5 PM – Eucharist (Baptisms)

### Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9 AM – Eucharist  
11 AM – Eucharist (Baptisms)

**Note:** During the Christmas season, the parish office  
will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> to December 28<sup>th</sup>  
inclusive and then closed again from December 31 at  
12Noon to January 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive.

# PEACE

## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

December 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Gratitude, Generosity & Trust...** these have been the focus of our stewardship reflections the first three Sundays of Advent. Having these in our hearts we are more ready as we await Christ's coming. This coming week will be a week filled with joyful anticipation. Good stewards live in anticipation of fulfilling, doing, and sharing in the Master's work.

Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Edmonton  
stewardship@edmontoncatholic-church.com

**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.

*In Jesus, the firstborn son of Mary of Nazareth, God comes to live among us. God sent His Son to show us how much God loves us and how special we are in God's eyes. Jesus comes to share with us very special gifts that can help us on our journey through life. May we always have our hearts open to accept these gifts and share them willingly with others. May the joy of Christmas fill your lives. May the peace that Jesus brings be always in our world, our country, our families and in our hearts. Wishing you all a blessed and very **Merry Christmas!***  
*From the Parish Team*

### Christmas Celebration Schedule

#### 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

### RCIA Rite of welcoming Candidates for Confirmation and Eucharist



On November 29, 2009 we celebrated the Rite of Welcome, with eight people who are preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic church or preparing to complete their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Natasha Gunderson was baptized in the Presbyterian Church. Cameron McFadden was baptized in the United church. Trevor Maj-Pfleger and his son Aulden were baptized in the Anglican Church. Nicola Wolbert was also baptized in the Anglican Church. John Zee was baptized in the First Christian Reformed Church. All six are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. Virginia and Terrence Maxfield were baptized Catholic and will complete their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Please welcome these candidates and pray for them as they continue their faith journey.

### RCIA Rite of Acceptance

On Sunday December 6, 2009, we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance with two enquirers, Jessica Hewitt and Christopher Wirblich. This is the first rite that is celebrated with those who are preparing for baptism at Easter. Through this rite the enquirers affirm their first acceptance of the Gospel and we, the assembly, commit to supporting them on their journey of faith. This is the "getting serious" part of the RCIA. These three will no longer be called "enquirers" but will be known as "catechumens." Please welcome them and pray for them as they continue their journey.

Office of the Archbishop ...

**Liturgical Restrictions Lifted:** With the advice of Alberta Health Services that the recent wave of the H1N1 pandemic has largely subsided in our region, Archbishop Smith has announced the lifting of the temporary liturgical restrictions that were imposed on September 24. Specifically, we are now invited to:

- ~Resume offering the chalice to the faithful during Eucharistic celebrations.
- ~Resume distributing the host on the tongue for those communicants who prefer it.
- ~Resume the practice of shaking hands during the Sign of Peace and when greeting parishioners.
- ~Fill the holy water fonts.

These changes take effect immediately.

Risk of infection still exists, of course, and so it is important that we remain vigilant about the good hygiene practices that have been recommended: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should use hand sanitizer immediately before receiving Communion themselves and avoid touching other surfaces such as handrails before distributing Communion. The sanitizing solution must not be wiped off, as it needs to stay on the skin for 10 seconds to achieve any antibacterial/antiviral effect.

Parishioners who feel ill should be encouraged to stay at home out of respect for their brothers and sisters.

The members of Development and Peace wish to thank all the parishioners who took the time and effort to sign the cards asking the Prime Minister to consider the Hungry in the world at the G-8 meetings. We received 177 signed cards, which represents about 20% of the parish. We know that the weather contributed to lower attendance last weekend and many people were rushed. However it is imperative that we speak with a loud voice and not a little squeak to have the politicians throughout the world consider seriously and take action to share the food system throughout the world and work at the problems contributing to the disaster. One Billion people without adequate food cannot be passed over. We must speak out. Please pick up a card sign it and return it to the back of the church or drop it off at the parish office. It is not a matter of choice it is a matter of justice. Please cry out for those who cannot be heard.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parish for the generous response to their annual fund raising appeal. The number of calls for help is increasing and we rely on your generosity to help us do our work.



**CWL Connection:**

We would like to introduce our new 2010-2011 executive: President: Huguette Van Halst, Past President: May Carline, President Elect: Claire Bremault, Secretary: Joan Stang, Treasurer: Elaine McCracken and Convenors: Laurel Lutes, Dee McMorris, Kathy Thackery, Judy Victoor, Anne Buccini, Rose Hornsberger. Thank you to everyone who allowed their name to stand for nomination. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and may Christ Bless you in 2010.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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](http://www.blood.ca)

The parish community is invited to gather at the Arden Theatre to participate in the St. Albert Arden Carol Sing on Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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
- Webmaster .....Ray Schmidt  
webmaster.stalbertparish@gmail.com

<b>New to the Parish / Change of address or marital status:</b>	
Please fill in the form below and drop it in the offering basket or submit it to the parish office.	
<p style="text-align: center;">__ Please include my /our name as a member of the parish community</p> <p>__ Change of Address</p> <p>__ Newcomer</p>	
<p>(Family Surname)</p>	
<p>(First)</p>	<p>(Spouse)</p>
<p>Children:</p>	
<p>(Name) (Date of Birth)</p>	
<p>Address:</p>	
<p>(Postal Code) (Telephone)</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with offering envelopes</p>	