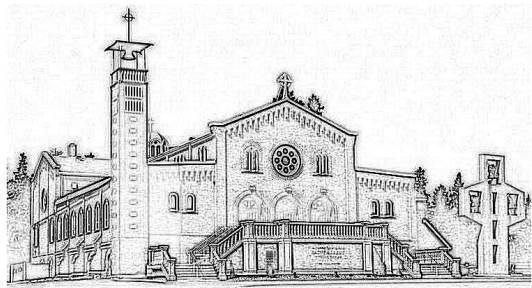


St. Albert Catholic Parish



December 6, 2009



*Second 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. 7-13, 2009

Monday

7pm – Advent Penitential Celebration

Tuesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 PM – Missionary Oblates Feast Day Mass
7 PM – French Choir Practice - Chapel

Wednesday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
4:45 PM – Joyful Joyful Practice
7 PM – Holy Hour for Vocations
7PM – RCIA (Lacombe Rm.)

Thursday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30 PM – Liturgy Mtg. (Boardroom)
7:30 PM – Celebration Singers Practice

Friday

8:30 AM – Eucharist (Chapel)

Saturday: Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent

5 PM – Eucharist

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9 AM – Eucharist
11 AM – Eucharist



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Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7
 Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

December 6th – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Generosity... authentic generosity is born out of an attitude of gratitude. How generous are you with your time? Advent is a time of preparation. A generous portion of our time given to prayer and to the service of others is a good way to make Christ's presence among us known. Stewardship is living generously. **Thank you** for your generosity this past year. 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

Advent Penitential Celebration will be held Monday, December 7th at 7pm – a time to join your fellow parishioners for a communal celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Reception to follow in the parish hall – bring a plate of goodies to share.

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



Christmas Eve Eucharist:

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

Christmas Day Eucharist: 10am & 12Noon

New Year's Eve Eucharist: 7pm

New Year's Day Eucharist: 11 am

UPCOMING SACRAMENTAL PREP MEETINGS

Confirmation (second meetings)

On Justice and Service 6:30-7:30pm, December 9 & 10 (Choose one). If you are unable to attend these meeting times, please contact Brittney ASAP.

Young Adults (18-38) interested in going to **World Youth Day** Madrid Spain in 2010? Next meeting will take place Tues., Dec. 8 at 7:15pm in the Library. For information contact Pierre Ducharme, OFM 780-459-6691 or mrpducharme@hotmail.com



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: _____



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

Catherine Leonard, Jean Paul Fournier

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Your Knights of Columbus, Council 4742, again thanks you for supporting our Grocery Card Fundraiser. We have now attained a profit of over \$10,000, all of which supports the many Knights' projects in and around our parish. At our last pancake breakfast alone, \$7,000 of sales was made. An 8% return/profit therefore was \$560.00. As we approach the Christmas season, we again are asking for your continued support. These grocery cards would make a great Christmas gift, perhaps a "stocking stuffer, or as one of our supporting companies has done, a gift for your employees instead of the traditional turkey. The next pancake breakfast will be held on Dec. 6 following the 9 & 11am Masses. Please mark this date on your calendar and join the Knights for this special event and at the same time pick up a grocery card or two. You do not need to wait for each special breakfast. If you are in need of a card, simply call Gerry at 780-459-7384 and we will arrange to get the card to you. God bless you all today and always and our best wishes for a blessed and happy Christmas season.

GUATEMALA OBLATE MISSION

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR ALL SPONSORED CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN BY DECEMBER 10, 2009 BY 4:00 PM.

PLEASE DROP CARD AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR IN THE COLLECTION BASKET WITH YOUR SPONSORED CHILD'S NAME. INCLUDE AN ENGLISH MESSAGE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TRANSLATED - WE WILL DO THAT AND ENTER IT INTO THE CARD. MANY BLESSINGS.

NEXT **GUATEMALA COMMITTEE MEETING**

DECEMBER 10 7:30 PM PARISH HALL
APPETIZERS AND COFFEE PROVIDED ©
CONTACT BRITNEY FOR INFO

SPONSORS PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS UPDATE VIA MAIL. If anyone outside of the sponsor program would like updates please email Britney a request for this and it will be sent out.

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!

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 Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton

Office of Vocations

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year as the Jubilee Year of the Priest. In celebration of this, Fr. Patrick Baska as Director of Vocations will be leading a **Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Albert Parish**. The format will be simple with a combination of song, scripture, reflection, intercessory prayer and benediction. The upcoming holy hour will be Dec. 9, 2009 @ 7:30pm. All are welcome.

43rd **Kinette Christmas Hamper Campaign** & District 4 Foundation are seeking your assistance again in collecting non-perishable food items and new (unwrapped) toys. These items may be dropped off in the church by December 13th. Should you wish to submit the name of a family or in need of a Christmas hamper, contact the parish office.

Sign of Hope – Because Catholic Social Services believes in and defends the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception, it left the United Way of Edmonton & area with the admission and funding of Planned Parenthood—an abortion counseling and/or referral Agency. This decision by Catholic Social Services in 1984 made it necessary to recoup the lost funding dollars through the creation of the annual Sign of Hope Campaign. Please give generously.

SACRED CONCERT! St. Joseph's College presents...The Greenwood Singers in an **Evening of Hymns and Readings** for Advent and Christmas at St. Joseph's Basilica on **Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.** (Reception to follow).
Tickets: **\$10/person** available at the door.

Nothing More Beautiful: A friend and former Shepherd returns to St. Joseph's Basilica for the second encounter in this year's Nothing More Beautiful series, 7 p.m. on **Thursday, December 10**. Archbishop Thomas Collins of Toronto will teach on the evening's theme "Jesus Christ: the Way, Truth and Life." Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, Superior General of the New York-based Sisters of Life, will give the witness presentation. Their talks take place in the context of Evening Prayer and beautiful music – a wonderful event for this Advent season. For more information visit <http://www.caedm.ca/beautiful>

On TV and Web: Presentations from December 10 *Nothing More Beautiful* will be aired on Salt+Light TV (online at www.saltandlighttv.org or on Shaw Digital Cable or Bell ExpressVu satellite TV) at the following times: Saturday December 19 at 7 p.m. MT and 10:30 p.m. MT Sunday December 20 at 11:30 a.m. MT Tuesday December 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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please include my /our name as a member of the parish community <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer	
(Family Surname)	
(First)	(Spouse)
Children:	
(Name)	(Date of Birth)
Address:	
(Postal Code)	(Telephone)
<input type="checkbox"/> Please provide me with offering envelopes	