

THE SISTERS OF CHARITY NOTRE-DAME d'EVRON

Although the Sisters no longer reside in Vegreville, they continue their missionary work in Peru and Africa, and most recently Ft. Chipewyan, Alberta. The Vegreville Associates continue to meet with the Sisters regularly, receive spiritual support, and in turn, provide the Sisters with support and assistance.

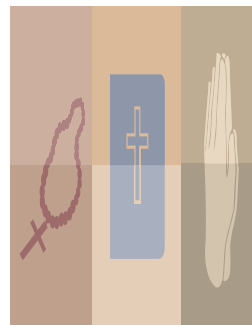
The Sisters accept tax deductible donations at any time of the year. All donations are used 100% for Missions. No portion goes towards administration or advertising. Donations to the Sisters' missions can be made in memory of someone who has passed away instead of to a charity where a good portion goes to administration or advertising. Information bulletins/envelopes are available at the Message Centre in the Ushers' area of St. Martin of Tours Church.

Please make all cheques payable to: The Sisters of Charity d'Evron. Mailing address: The Sisters of Charity d'Evron, Finance office: 8537-89 Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6C 3K4.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – VEGREVILLE

"Love the poor and your life will be filled with sunlight-and you will not fear the hour of death". The monthly collection for our Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next Sunday December 4, 2016 at Mass. Donations of non perishable food items or contributions to the poor box are gratefully accepted. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.



DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Rosary

1st Monday of the Month	6:15pm Vegreville St. Michael's Manor
2nd Monday of the Month	6:00pm Vegreville Heritage House
4th Monday of the Month	6:30pm Mundare Fr. Filas Manor
1st Tuesday of the Month	11:15am Vegreville Care Centre
Every Wednesday	1:00pm Mundare Fr. Filas Manor
Every Thursday	6:00pm Mundare Mary Immaculate CC

**Roman Catholic Churches of St. Martin of Tours
Holy Heart of Mary and St. Gregory**

Pastor: Fr. Luan Vu

Secretaries: Denise Komick, Gyna Quintos

**Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
9:30am to 3:30pm**

Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:30 pm
1st & 3rd Sunday: 9:00am
2nd & 4th Sunday: 11:15am
5th Sunday: 11:15am

Weekday* Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9:00am
St. Joseph's Hospital
Wednesday: 9:00 am
*may change, please check monthly calendars

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by appointment.

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday Mass, except July and August.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Friday of each month

Holy Heart of Mary

5208 54 Avenue
Viking, AB T0B 4N0
Phone: (780) 336-3382
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Weekend Mass Times:

2nd & 4th Saturday: 6:30pm
1st & 3rd Sunday: 11:15 am
5th Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday* Mass Times:

3rd Thursday/Lodges

St. Gregory

4824 49 Avenue
Holden, AB T0B 2C0
Phone: (780)688-2465

Weekend Mass Times:

1st & 3rd Saturday: 6:30 pm
2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:00 am
5th Saturday: 6:30 pm

Weekday* Mass Times:

2nd Tuesday 2pm at Lodge

Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

1st Thursday 4:00pm

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Yearn for Christ's coming into your everyday life.

The eternal life of heaven is utterly different from our life here and now. Nonetheless, Christ plants in our hearts a great longing for this eternal life with him. Advent is a season for us to grow in our desire for Christ to come and lead us to this eternal life.

***Week-day mass times may change, please check the bulletin or the monthly calendar**



If you are new to our parishes please fill out a **New Parishioner Form**.

We continue to pray for: the needs of all parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, Holy Heart Of Mary and St. Gregory The Great and especially the aging, the elderly, the sick and the suffering, may they have faith and trust in Christ's healing mercy.

Upcoming Week Mass Intentions

Tues. Nov.29, 9:00am Vegreville	†John & Maria Stefancik
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Wed. Nov.30, 9:00am Vegreville	†Frank & Susanna Senz
Thurs. Dec. 1,4:00pm Holden	Jack Webb
Sun. Dec. 4, 11:15am Vegreville.....	†Annie Komick
Sat. Dec. 3, 6:30pm Holden	†Bertha Ehler
	†Vernon Ozubko
Sun. Dec. 4, 11:15am Viking	†George Klontz

And continue to pray for the Holy perseverance of the Seminarians in our Archdiocese

Let us remember in our prayers, our priests who have died during the month of November.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH

1st Reading: Isaiah 11. 1-10
2nd Reading: Romans 15. 4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3. 1-12

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Thursday December 1, 2016	4:30pm-Mass-Holden
Tuesday December 6, 2016	5:00pm-Penitential
Wednesday December 7, 2016	7:00pm-Viking.
Tuesday December 13, 2016	7:00pm-Vegreville
Wednesday December 14, 2016	7:00pm-Provost
Thursday December 15, 2016	7:00pm-Wainright
Tuesday December 20, 2016	7:00pm-Lloydminster
	7:00pm Vermilion



The Advent Penitential Services and Christmas Mass schedule are now available for pick-up at the back of the church. Please pick up your envelope to defer the cost of postage.



MUSIC PRACTICE-VEGREVILLE

There will be a music practice for Christmas Liturgy held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 5pm here at the church. All voices welcome.

ADVENT

"The First Sunday of Advent is the Church's way of announcing the beginning of a new liturgical year — and this Sunday the beginning of the three-year cycle of readings. Today's readings give us a recipe for how to "get it right," not just for ourselves but for the whole world.

Advent is a time of expectant preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We observe it as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance — the ways Christians "start over."

Patrick M. Doyle, Carleton Place, ON

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

There is much symbolism in the materials used to make an Advent wreath. The wreath itself is usually formed in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end so provides us with a good image of our life with God - everlasting, beginning, always, now. The candles representing the light "shining in the darkness", are usually four in number representing the four Sunday in advent. Traditionally 3 purple and 1 pink or 3 blue and pink seems to be the choice of candles used. The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent.

- Purple: symbolizes penitence
- Pink: joy of God's forgiveness
- Blue: symbolizes hope (another purple candle is generally used)

On Christmas Eve, place a tall white candle in the center of the wreath. This is the "Christ Candle" of celebration and is lit on Christmas Eve.

The evergreens are used because they remind us of the life and growth that always exists in Christ.

