



# Saint Vital

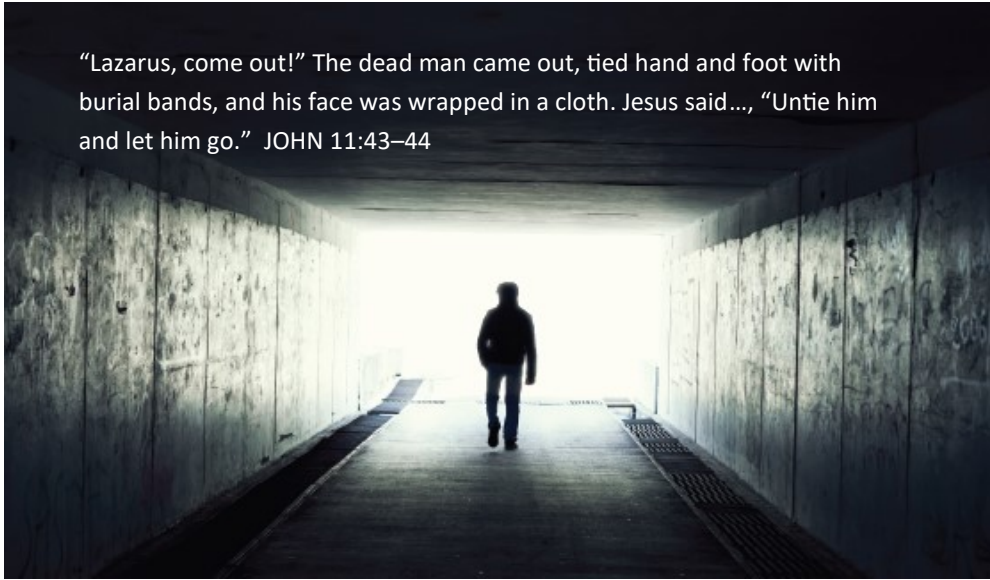
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Mission— 1861*  
*Parish—1914*

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**LORD'S DAY MASS TIMES: SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM & SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 8:00 PM**

"Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said..., "Untie him and let him go." JOHN 11:43-44



## 5th Sunday of Lent

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or [candace@stvitalparish.ca](mailto:candace@stvitalparish.ca) for more information.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Sundays from 1:00pm–2:00pm OR by appointment

### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

### **FUNERALS:**

Please contact one of our priests at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

**March 26**  
**2023**

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## Called from the Pits

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**hen I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, *I need to go care about someone else*. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, *Why didn't I do that sooner?* The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deadlier than dead, but then someone or something calls

you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth? ●

### Reflect

***Have you ever experienced something that seemed terrible at the time that turned out to be a blessing in disguise?***

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

4PM † Veronika Tralic  
(family)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

9AM † John Mascarenhas

11:30AM † Romal Cairo  
(Josephine Cairo & family)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH

7PM † Deceased members of Chmielewski & Kowalik  
family (Margaret Chmielewski)

***No Daily Mass Wednesday - Friday  
until after Easter***

*The following Mass intentions will be sent to the parish in Neepawa so as to have them offered in a timely manner:*

† Ramon Roberto  
† Ruby Maxwell  
† Gerald Cormier

# Dear Padre,

## Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (*Leadership Conference of Women Religious*, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! ●

**Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org**



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## Parishioners of St. Vital Parish

This past year has been a great example of faith as we weathered the trials of transitioning our parish community back to in-person Masses while still dealing with COVID and challenging economic times. As shown in our Financial Report, our contributions grew and we continued to pay down debt. Even in the midst of our trials, our church has remained strong and healthy. As we enter a new year, we faithfully move forward to welcoming you with open arms and optimism. **The 2022 Financial Report is available for viewing on our website @ stvitalparish.ca.**

Parish Finance Council and Fr. Mark Tarrant

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. - Luke 6:38*

### Stewardship of Treasure - Financial Gifts to God Thank-you for your Stewardship : March 19 '23

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Regular Offertory   | \$ 7910.30 |
| Social Justice      | \$ 219.50  |
| Sharing God's Gifts | \$ 235.00  |
| Parish Debt         | \$ 600.25  |

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

**Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death. Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.**

## Triduum & Easter Schedule –APRIL 6TH to 9TH

Holy Thursday - 7:00pm

Good Friday - 3:00pm

Easter Vigil - 7:30pm

Easter Sunday - 9:00am & 11:30am

## *Lent 2023*

There will be stations of the cross on Tuesday evenings through Lent starting at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7:00pm  
Adoration & Confessions will continue to be  
Sundays from 1:00pm—2:00pm

## Join the Dialogue

-Listening to Indigenous Voices -

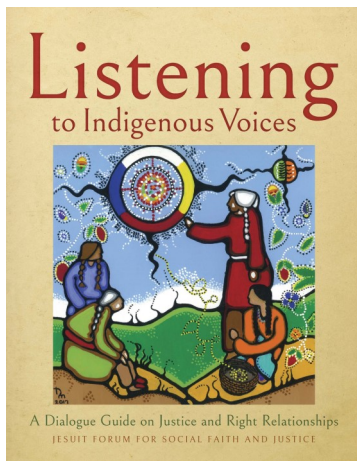
St. Vital Parish would like to invite you to register for this 8 week workshop

When: Wednesdays, starting April 12<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00pm

Listening to Indigenous Voices explores Indigenous worldviews, examines the history of colonization, and concludes with sessions on righting relationships, decolonization, and indigenization.

We ask that you come with an open heart and listen deeply to what Indigenous Peoples are saying, open yourself to be transformed by their words, and act based on what they are telling us so that we can begin to address injustices, heal relationships, and bring about a post-colonial Canada.



To register or for more information please contact

Candace at 204-453-0933 or email

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**\*\*Limited spaces available\*\***

As the Truth and Reconciliation Commission reminds us, “reconciliation is not about ‘closing a sad chapter of Canada’s past,’ but about opening new healing pathways of reconciliation that are forged in truth and justice.” This process entails “awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behaviour.”

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!

If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!