



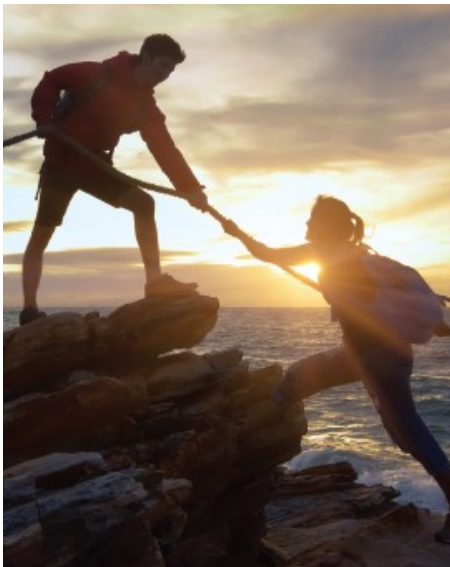
# Saint Vital

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**



[Jesus said,] “This is  
how all will know that  
you are my disciples, if  
you have love for one  
another.”

JOHN 13:35

May 18  
2025

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### 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:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm—6:45pm 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.

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## The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**W**e have an instinct to love; this is something woven into the foundation of human life. It's also a godly instinct, for anything embedded into the human spirit with such intensity must surely be of God. In fact, it is how God is creating a new heaven and a new earth, thereby making all things new as is written in the Book of Revelation. So intense is that inclination to love, we read in the first letter of John that God is love.

While our culture tends to romanticize love, the reality is that, all too often, if we are seriously committed to loving someone, it can also be a lonely effort. Love is not always romantic or satisfying. At times, it can be demanding and even harsh. One day, when I was meeting with an engaged couple in preparation for their marriage, I asked them, as I often do, for their definition of love. Usually, couples are tongue-tied when I ask that question. They know they're in love, and, to them, that seems to be enough. This time, however, the young groom-to-be did not hesitate. He said that love is caring for someone even when they are unlovable—an insightful definition, for it is precisely during such times that we need someone's love. It is the weakest moments of life that are in need of rebuilding, the loneliest moments of life that are in need of someone reaching out a hand, and the darkest moments of life that are in need of light. When that happens, creation is made new. ●

### Reflect

**What is my definition of love?**

**How do I live it?**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MAY 17TH

4PM † John & Leontine Boulanger  
(A. Mills family)

### SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

9AM † Emilia Bender  
(Roth family)

11:30AM † Ben Edirmanasinghe  
(Marie, Jonathan, Romaine)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

7PM † Veronica & Henry Sosnowski  
(Randy Sosnowski)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST

11:30AM Thanksgiving  
(da Costa family)

### THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

11:30AM Tomaz & Melissa Booth  
(Peter Schilling)

### FRIDAY, MAY 23RD

11:30AM Hetty Naranjit & family  
(Leslie-Maxwell-Joseph)

Please join us for the rosary on  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays  
starting at 11:00am before the daily Mass

# Dear Padre,

***I have gay/homosexual friends and coworkers. How do I respond appropriately when they announce they got married or are engaged, as we Catholics do not believe in same-sex marriage?***

Context and perspective are always useful and necessary. It is also important to remember that your beliefs can often conflict with another person's belief system. It does not change the truth of what you believe, but it can be sobering. When you offer someone congratulations, it does not mean you are giving your approval or acceptance. It just means you are engaging in respectful social protocol. Let's assume that most people are mature enough to understand the difference between acceptance and protocol. Confusion arises when some people insist that you cannot be "both/and," as they reduce everything to "either/or." With this kind of perspective, life is a battle to be fought rather than an opportunity to live a life of graciousness and thanksgiving that invites us to celebrate. Be respectful. Be gentle. Be loving. Be compassionate. Each of those virtues speak much louder than judgment, rigidity, and a posture that proclaims, "I am better than you." ●



**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / Dear Padre.org**

WINNIPEG SOUTH YOUNG ADULTS  
GROUP PRESENTS

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## FAITH FORMATION FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Fellowship, Discussion on Hope, and  
Pizza

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**SATURDAY MAY 24**  
**7PM-9PM**  
**HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**510 RIVER AVENUE, WINNIPEG, MB**

Ages 18+

*Feast of Corpus Christie*  
**Procession  
and Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, June 22'25**

- Join in the procession with the Blessed Sacrament following the 11:30am Mass
- Parish picnic to follow in the school yard
- Knights of Columbus to BBQ
- Families asked to bring a dish to share
- Please sign up in the gathering space

For more info contact the parish office

**Bring a  
Lawn Chair**



# Weekly Stewardship Report

## Thank you for your donations! May 11, 2025

Sunday Collection May 11, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 6676.88	\$ 7307.69	- \$ 630.81	\$ 4025.51

Parish Debt collected—May 11'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—May 11'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 222.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 829.80	\$ 304.00	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 802.67

## Message from the Archbishop—Most Reverend Murray Chatlain

Dear Friends,

It is with immense joy and a profound sense of hope that I congratulate His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, as the 267th Bishop of Rome and successor to Saint Peter.

Born in Chicago, USA, in 1955, Pope Leo XIV was ordained a priest of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in 1981. Since then, he has served in various roles, including Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Prevost as prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Pope Leo XIV assumes the Chair of Peter at a critical moment in the history of our Church and our world. His experience, humility, and missionary heart will serve him well as he leads us in faith, unity, and love.

As Archbishop of Winnipeg, I offer my wholehearted support and prayers for Pope Leo XIV as he embarks on this sacred ministry. May his leadership strengthen the bonds of communion within our Church, promote dialogue and reconciliation among all people, and inspire us to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ more fully in our daily lives.

I urge all the faithful here to join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV. Let us pray that he may be granted abundant health, strength, and the constant guidance of the Holy Spirit in his service to the universal Church. May his pontificate be a time of great renewal, peace, and grace for all.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Murray Chatlain  
Archbishop of Winnipeg

A parish to call home! If you are new - WELCOME!  
If you have been away - WELCOME HOME!