

# 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



Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

March 15  
2026

## 4th 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:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-6:45pm

### 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.

#### PASTOR

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext. 270

#### SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANT

Fr. Michel Nault

#### PASTORAL ASSISTANT/ PARISH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Candace Anthony ext.281

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lynne Pelland ext.284

#### FAITH FORMATION

Cindy Cordeiro ext.287



## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

9AM Missa Pro Populo

11:30AM Fr. Wayne  
(CWL)

8PM Fr. Michel  
(CWL)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

7PM Reinhard Schilling  
(Peter Schilling)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

10AM † Suri & Hale families  
(K.E. Suri)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

10AM † Vladimir Hamin  
(Jasna Tralic)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

7PM Violette da Costa  
(da Costa family)

Please join us for the rosary on Wednesday and Thursday morning  
at 9:30am before the daily Mass.

## Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**oday's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



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### Reflect

***This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.***

# Dear Padre,

***I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?***

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the “hook-‘em horns” sign. You wouldn’t give the “thumbs-up” sign instead. It would be confusing.

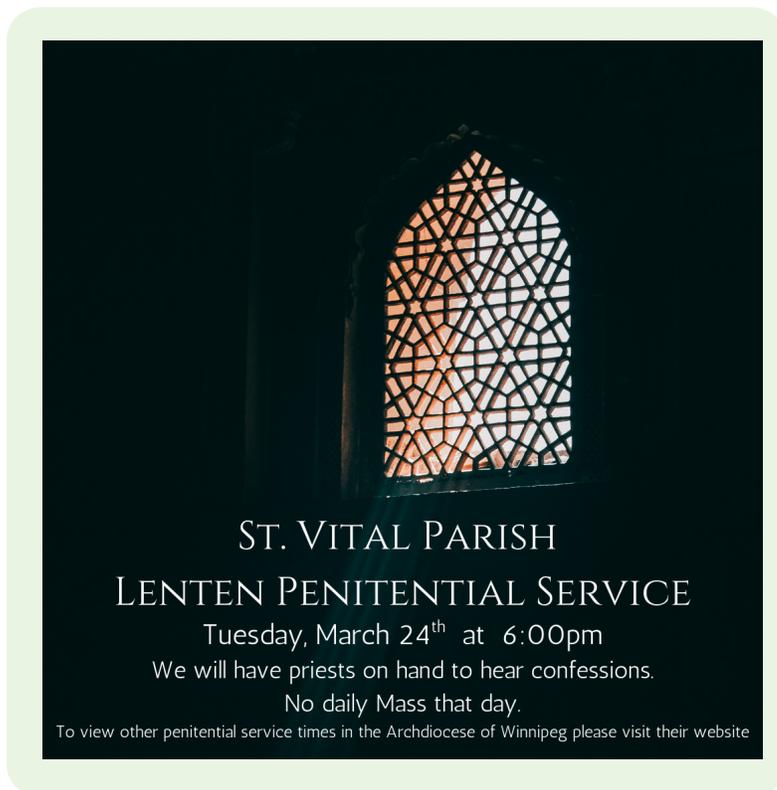
It’s true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word “sinister” is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning “left.”

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●

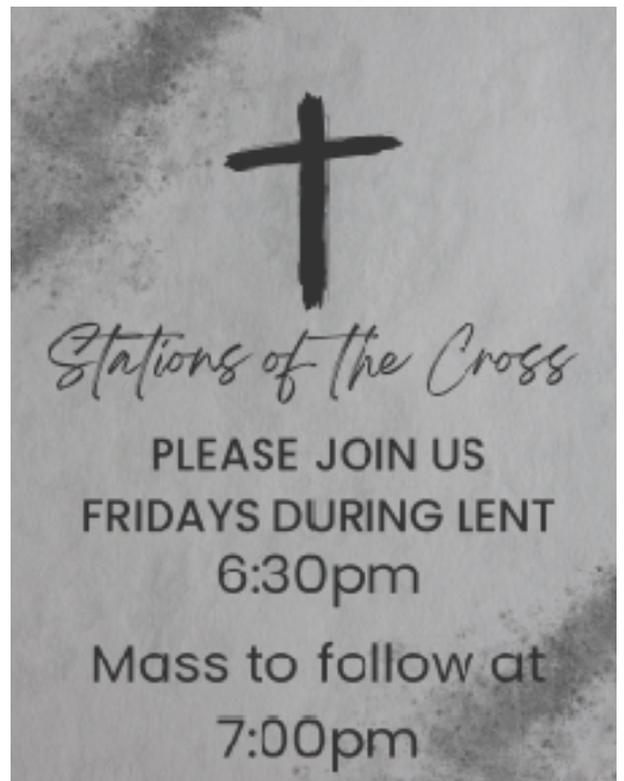


ALFONSO / CATHOPIC

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**



ST. VITAL PARISH  
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE  
Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
We will have priests on hand to hear confessions.  
No daily Mass that day.  
To view other penitential service times in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg please visit their website



Stations of the Cross  
PLEASE JOIN US  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
6:30pm  
Mass to follow at  
7:00pm

# Weekly Stewardship Report

## Thank you for your donations! March 8, 2026

Sunday Collection Mar.8, 2026	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7152.10	\$ 7636.00	- \$ 483.90	- \$ 744.54

Parish Debt collected—Mar.8 '26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar.8'26	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 165.00	\$ 1053.00	- \$ 888.00	\$ 355.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 751.67

### CWL General Meeting

The next general meeting of the  
Catholic Women's League will be  
Monday, March 23rd at 7:00pm  
Vianney Room

*We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because  
by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world*

## HOLY WEEK

### MASS SCHEDULE - ST. VITAL PARISH

**Palm Sunday - March 28 & 29:**  
Sat. 4 PM ; Sun. 9 AM • 11:30 AM • 8 PM

**Holy Thursday - April 2:**  
7 PM (Adoration until 10 PM)

**Good Friday - April 3:**  
11 AM • 3 PM

**Easter Vigil - April 4:**  
7 PM

**Easter Sunday - April 5:**  
9 AM • 11:30 AM • 8PM

### TRIVIA NIGHT UPDATE



A huge thank-you to everyone who supported our *Snow Much Fun Trivia Night!* The enthusiasm and generosity of our parishioners and business community helped make the evening a huge success! The CWL and the Knights of Columbus are delighted to donate the event proceeds of over \$5,100.00 to the St. Vital Parish Debt.

What a joyful reminder of how much we can accomplish when our parish family comes together. May God continue to bless our parish and all who serve it with generous hearts.

With appreciation and unity in Christ from The Catholic Women's League of St. Vital Parish and The Knights of Columbus - St. Vital Council.

*Jocelyn P Striemer, President,  
CWL*

*Joseph David, Grand Knight,  
Knights of Columbus*



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