



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



The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus."

MATTHEW 1:20-21

December 21
2025

4th Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact Candace at 204-453-0933 ext. 281 or candace@stvitalparish.ca for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Tuesdays from 6:00pm—6:45pm

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Please contact our priest at the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS:

Please contact our priest at the parish office prior to making arrangements with the funeral home.

PASTOR

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext.270

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

4PM † Victor & Amparo Pagtakhan
(Jocelyn Striemer)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

9AM Eghosa
(K & D Schilling)

11:30AM † Deceased members of
Habon & Halamon families
(family)

8PM † Jeff McAuley
(Parish Staff)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

7PM † Saleem Hasso
(Bashar Hasso)

Close Enough!

MIGUEL DULICK

It is the fourth Sunday of Advent. When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the “sign” as clear as day: “the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son” (Isaiah 7:14). And how about that Son! None other than “Emmanuel” himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls “the obedience of faith” (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the “Spirit of holiness” is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say.

Speaking of “obedience of faith,” Joseph is the perfect example. The word “obey” comes from the same root as “to hear,” and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells “how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” in today’s gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: “he took his wife into his home.” Everything is set for Emmanuel!

So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, “God-With-Us,” from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from “birthing” Jesus in our midst? Even when a “happy holiday” seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let’s sing Christmas carols every day! ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR
MIGUEL
DULICK

Merry
Christmas

*Christmas Eve Mass
December 24th
4pm & 8pm*

*Christmas Day Mass
December 25th
9am & 11:30am*

Reflect

**How am I at listening? Can I find new insights
in old stories that I think I know so well?**

Dear Padre,

I went to confession, and then, months later, my priest was removed for alcoholism and theft. Is my confession still worthy?

Your confession is not dependent on the worthiness or the unworthiness of the priest. Your confession is made to Jesus; the priest is a witness who pronounces the words of absolution that Jesus intended in the sacrament.

“From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1128).

The question of the efficacy of the sacrament and the unworthiness of the minister who performs the sacrament in the name of the Church is not new. During the time of persecution, in the early centuries of the Church, some people, including priests and bishops, avoided martyrdom by offering the required oblation to Caesar. Later, they repented and returned to the Christian community, a community that included the surviving family and friends of the men and women who were martyred. The question was asked, and with some animated energy, “How could these ministers who sinned to save their own lives now represent the Church?” The answer, arrived at with patience and discernment, is that the minister is only the representative of the sacrament, not the source of the sacrament. Jesus is faithful, even when his ministers have been unfaithful. ●



GEMINI

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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



I think it is important for all of us to learn how to listen more, to enter into dialogue. First and foremost, with the Lord: always listen to the word of God. Then also listen

to others, to know how to build bridges, to know how to listen without judging, not closing the doors [and] thinking that we have all the truth and no one else can tell us anything.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 11, 2025



A NEW WAY TO GIVE!

Check out the display board in the front lobby of the church (Pembina doors)

You can now donate with the tap of your card. Tax receipts can be issued by scanning the QR code with your phone and registering your card.

Weekly Stewardship Report
Thank you for your donations! December 14, 2025

Sunday Collection December 14, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 10,777.63	\$ 7307.69	\$ 3469.94	\$ 11,933.11

Parish Debt collected—Dec.14 '25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Dec.14'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 582.75	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 469.80	\$ 543.75	\$1106.67	- \$ 562.92

Note: Sharing God's Gifts weekly numbers above do not reflect Archdiocesan envelopes filled out during the SGG Appeal. They reflect contributions made through your parish SGG offertory envelopes.

Merry Christmas



Calling All Children!

WE ARE CELEBRATING A CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
FOR CHILDREN
ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24TH AT 4PM!

FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED TO THIS
SPECIFIC CHRISTMAS MASS AS
THE CHILDREN WILL BE INVITED
TO BEGIN MASS AND PROCESS IN WITH
FR. MICHEL & BABY JESUS!

PLEASE COME & COME EARLY
TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL MASS PROCESSION!

OUR PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR
Holidays!
FROM DECEMBER 26 TO JANUARY 1

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