



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,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14

October 26
2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 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

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Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

Reflect

*How has my life been a mixture
of sin and grace?*

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

4PM † Robinson
(Anne)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

9AM † Sidney Cairo
(Clarisa & Ramon Cairo)

11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

8PM † Geoffrey
(Anne)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

7PM Special Intention to St. Jude
(da Costa family)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

9AM † Ma Lourdes Hernandez
(Marietta Godoy)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

9AM † dec'd members of Fernandez family
(Jacklin Jackson)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

9AM † Faustina Gaviola
(Memor Habon)

Please join us for the rosary on
Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays
starting at 8:30am before the daily Mass

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Your Gift to the 2025 Sharing God's Gifts Annual Appeal

We are pleased to kick off this year's *Sharing God's Gifts Appeal*!

Our Commitment Sunday event will take place on November 23rd, the Solemnity of Christ the King—a fitting time to celebrate Christ's reign of love and to reflect on our call to generosity and service.

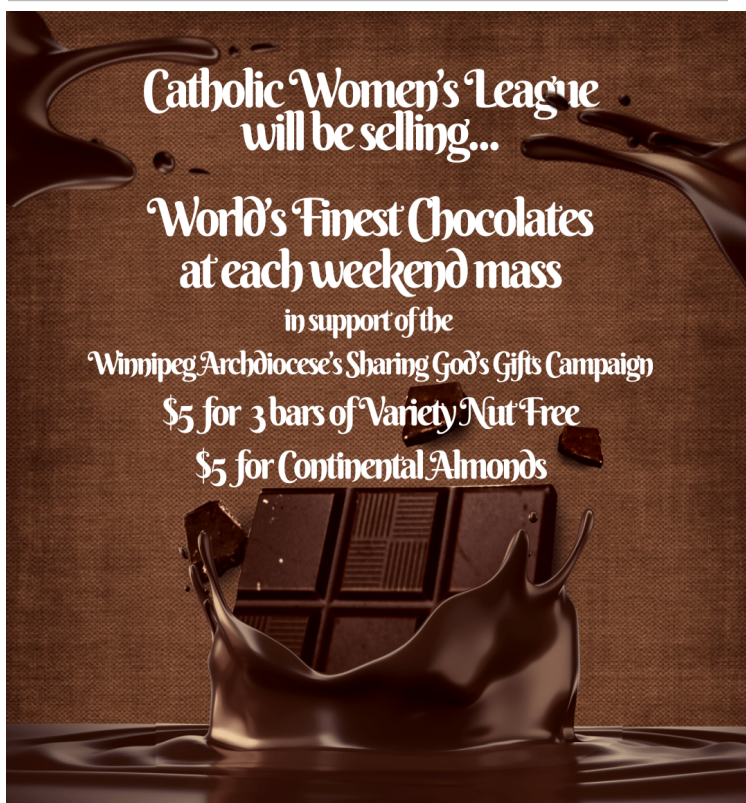
As we begin this year's campaign, let us open our hearts in gratitude and renew our commitment to Sharing God's Gifts—answering Christ's call to be good stewards of all we have received.



CWL General Meeting

**Monday, October 27th at 7:00pm
in the Vianney Room.**

Women from the parish 16 years and older are welcome. If you are not a member please join us then and see what we are about.



Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations - October 19'25

Sunday Collection Oct.19, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 8190.13	\$ 7307.69	\$ 882.44	\$ 5951.41

Parish Debt collected—Oct.19'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Oct.19'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 1287.00	\$ 1052.55	\$ 234.45	\$ 437.00	\$ 1106.67	- \$ 669.67

Family Faith Formation Has Begun!



Sunday, October 19th marked the beginning of our family faith formation program. Father Wayne was on hand to bless the families' prayer table items, and the Knights of Columbus were there handing out Halloween prayer packages to our families.



MARK COATES

Parish: St. Vital Roman Catholic Church,
Archdiocese of Winnipeg
Ministry of Charity: Prison Ministry at
Stony Mountain

Mark Coates and his wife Colleen are parishioners at St. Vital Parish in Winnipeg, where they are active in several parish ministries. Married for 24 years, faith has been their anchor in every aspect of their lives – within their own relationship, raising five children, supporting their parents and in their professional careers.

Four years ago, Father Mark Tarrant spoke to Mark about the upcoming Aspirancy program for the Permanent Diaconate. Mark immediately felt that this was what God had been calling him towards for many years. After prayer and discernment with Colleen, their children, and Father Mark, he joined the Diaconate Formation Program in 2021.

Mark felt called to bring the voice and love of Jesus to others through personal example, charity and love for others. With the strong support of Colleen (who has found great spiritual enrichment and fellowship since the program began), Mark finds the program both challenging and rewarding. He appreciates the formal educational material, workshops, retreats, encounters with the Formation Team and candidates, and his current prison ministry.

Mark has discovered a deep connection with Our Lord through prayer, service, and in everyday interactions with all of God's people. He believes that the Diaconate Formation is making a difference in the world today, and he is blessed to be a part of it. As they enter the last year of the Diaconate Formation Program, Mark and Colleen are excited about what the future holds for them and where the Spirit will take them.



Colleen Coates

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