



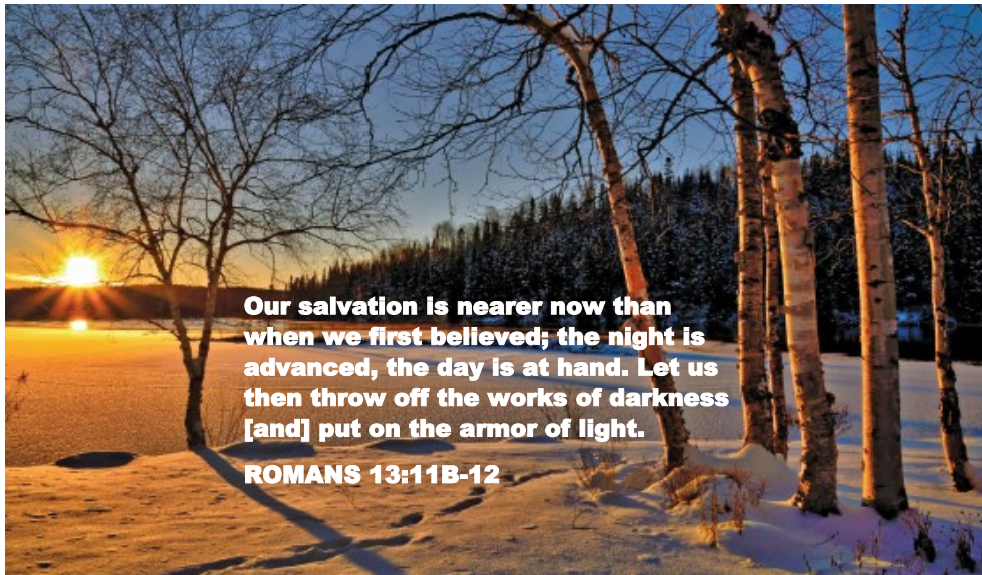
Saint Vital

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mission— 1861
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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



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12

1st 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.

November 30
2025

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Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
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Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

4PM † Eleanor Cramp
(Norma Padilla)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

7PM † Fred Pullen
(Brian Pullen)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

9AM † Lucena & Lorenzo Sr.
(Habon & Halamon family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

9AM † Rosamme Francis
(Selin Thomson)

11:30AM † Henri & Jeanette Cormier
(Doris Cormier)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

9AM † Gerald Cormier
(Doris Cormier)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

9AM † Michael Cels
(Charlotte Cels)

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

Dear Padre,

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more

anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



There is Still Time to Prepare the Way by Sharing God’s Gift

As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, parishes across the Archdiocese are coming together to support the vital work of Sharing God’s Gifts. This season of preparation reminds us of our call to generosity and service. We strive to reach our goal of \$1.2 million and to achieve strong participation from every parish community. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, there is still time to prepare the way by sharing God’s gift. Please visit <https://archwinnipeg.ca/donate> to make your gift today or complete a pledge envelope at your parish.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are now taking information on families in need of a hamper at Christmas time. If you or someone you know is in need please call the parish office for more information.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE NEWS

The CWL will be having a bake sale this Sunday, Nov.30th following the 9am Mass.

They will also be having their Memory Angel Sale starting this weekend at all Masses.

COME JOIN US FOR....

POPCORN SUNDAY

Come Watch a Christmas Movie with Us!

When : after the 9am Mass
Sunday, December 14th

Where: School Gym

Knights of Columbus will be on hand
serving hot chocolate and popcorn.

CWL will be selling
Memory Angels





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ST. VITAL PARISH POTLUCK DINNER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025
7:30PM

All men 18yrs and over from the parish are welcome!
Come and see what the Knights are all about.

Council Brothers bring your favorite dish.
Check the sign-up sheet from the council e-mail.

If you can't make the potluck you can catch the Knights
at the following events in December :

- Dec. 5 - Kickoff to Christmas with the St. Maurice School kids
- Dec. 14 - handing out hot chocolate and popcorn for Popcorn Sunday
- Dec. 21 - helping with delivery of Christmas hampers
- Through the month of December - Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest



FAITH FORMATION St. Vital Church



FAITH FORMATION
Live Liturgically

DECEMBER 2025

Youth &
Young Adult Mass
Dec. 7th
8pm

Holy Communion
Parent Session
December 7th
Church Sanctuary

ADVENT
FAMILY SESSION
Sunday, NOV. 23rd
10:15am SMS GYM
Advent Wreath Blessing

Faith Formation
Sessions
December 7th
10:00am

Children's Liturgy
Dec. 7th / 21st
9am Mass

CHRISTMAS
FAMILY SESSION
Sunday, DEC. 14th
10:15am SMS GYM
Celebration & Movie

Weekly Stewardship Report
Thank you for your donations! November 23, 2025

Sunday Collection November 23, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7488.85	\$ 7307.69	\$ 181.16	\$ 5593.42

Parish Debt collected—Nov.23 '25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Nov.23'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 30.00	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 1022.55	\$ 40.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 1066.67

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.

2026 Offertory Envelopes

The 2026 offertory envelopes will be available for pick-up starting December 13th & 14th.
Please note that if you have a change of address, or email, please reach out to the parish office to make the change.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT ST.VITAL PARISH

Tuesday, December 16th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.
There will be no Mass celebrated that evening.

If you wish to see the various schedules for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the Archdiocese of Winnipeg,
please visit their website at

<https://archwinnipeg.ca/deanery-schedules-for-the-sacrament-of-reconciliation/>

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th - 4:00pm, 8:00pm

Thursday, December 25th - 9:00am, 11:30am

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 31st - 4:00pm

Thursday, January 1st - 9:00am, 11:30am

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