

# Saint Vital

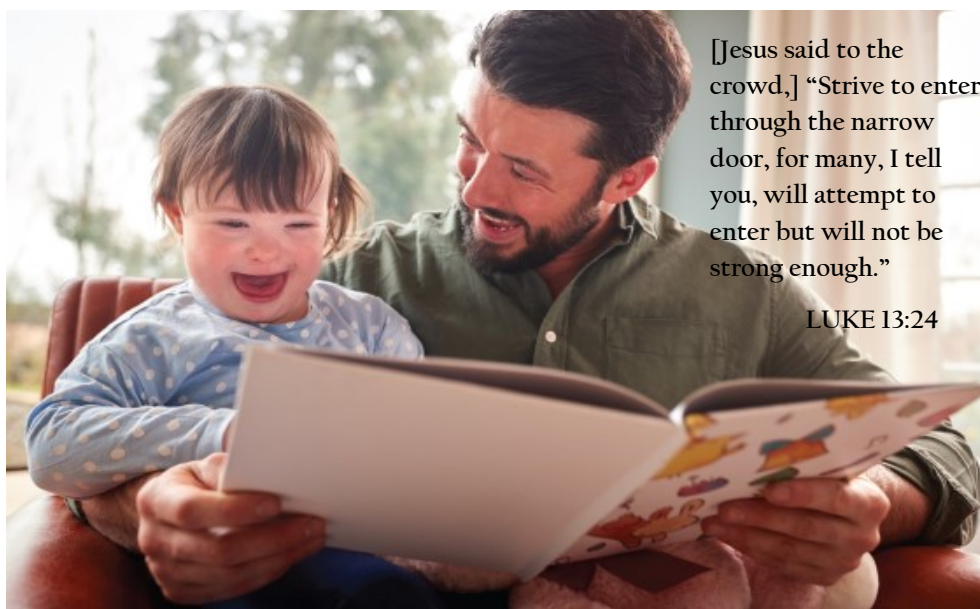
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*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 to the crowd,] “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

August 24  
2025

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.

### PASTOR

Fr. Wayne Morrissey ext. 270

### SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANT

Fr. Michel Nault

### PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR

Candace Anthony ext.281

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lynne Pelland ext.284

### FAITH FORMATION

Cindy Cordeiro ext.250

### PARISH & CEMETERY CUSTODIAN

Leo Fernandes ext.287



## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

4PM Lovey Wevursky  
(R & J Brasseur)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

9AM † Marguerite Goos  
(Goos family)

11:30AM † Wilfred & Humilta Stewart  
(Carol Stewart)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

7PM D. Bhayana family  
(K.E. Suri)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

11:30AM † Isabel Rados  
(friend\_

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

11:30AM Missa Pro Populo

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

11:30AM † Michael Forbes  
(Godwin Cotter)

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

## The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

### Reflect

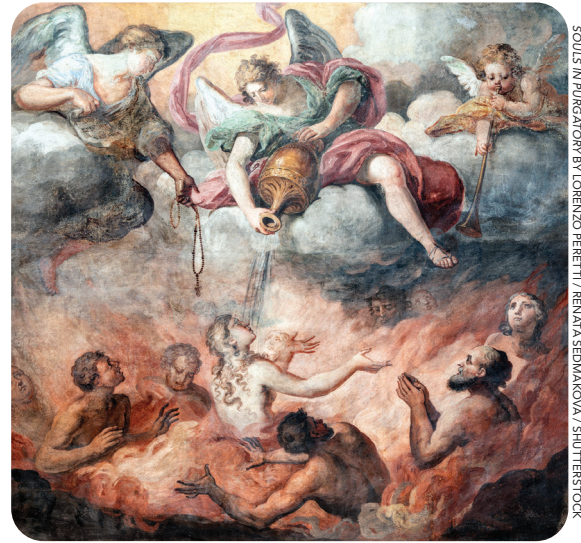
***What is the "narrow gate" before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?***

# Dear Padre,

***My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.***

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●



SOULS IN PURGATORY BY LORENZO PERETTI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

Grotto Theater Ministries Presents... Our Lady's Legacy Weekend Event  
ST MALO SHRINE & GROTTO, LOCATED 45 MINUTES SOUTH OF WINNIPEG, OFF HIGHWAY 59  
Endorsed by Archdiocese of St Boniface.

## Our Lady's Legacy Play

Free Will Offering.  
Wheelchair Accessible.  
Family Friendly Event.  
Concessions on Site.  
Devotional Items Available for Purchase.  
All are Welcome!

**SAT. SEPT. 13TH 2025**

- 4:30pm Tim Staples' Talk: "Behold Your Mother"
- 5:00pm Concessions Open for Supper
- 6:30pm Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00pm Our Lady's Legacy Play

**SUN. SEPT. 14TH 2025**

- 10:00am English / French Bilingual Mass
- 11:30am Latin Mass
- 12:00pm Concessions Open for Lunch
- 1:30pm Tim Staples' Talk: "New Eve, Mediatrix and Mother: Mary's Role in God's Plan of Salvation"
- 3:00pm Our Lady's Legacy Play

Guest Speaker  
**TIM STAPLES**

**Catholic Answers**  
noted out by TIANNIA WILLIAMS

Visit [grottotheater.wixsite.com/ministries](https://grottotheater.wixsite.com/ministries) for more information.

The Catholic Women's League (CWL)  
St. Vital Parish is planning to attend the  
Our Lady's Legacy event on  
Sunday, September 14, 2025 at  
St. Malo Shrine & Grotto: 12 noon lunch  
(concession food), 1:30pm Tim Staples  
Talk, and 3:00pm – 4:15pm Our Lady's  
Legacy Play (about the Seven Sorrows of  
Mary - free will offering). For more  
information and photos go to  
<https://grottotheater.wixsite.com/ministries>

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We are planning to carpool from the  
church parking lot leaving at 11 am.  
For more details, contact Jocelyn at  
(204) 995-2767 or  
[cwlstvital@outlook.com](mailto:cwlstvital@outlook.com)



# Weekly Stewardship Report

## Thank you for your donations - Aug. 17'25

Sunday Collection Aug.17, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7261.18	\$ 7307.69	- \$ 46.51	\$ 2375.71

Parish Debt collected—Aug.17'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Aug.17'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 190.00	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 862.55	\$ 136.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 970.67

### NOTE:

#### CHANGE IN DAILY MASS TIME STARTING IN THE FALL

Starting on September 3rd, 2025 our daily Masses on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, will be at 9:00am and not at 11:30am. Tuesday Masses will remain at 7pm.

### Things to remember...

- Register for the whole family on ONE (1) Online Form
- Fill in ALL of the BOXES.
- Double Check spelling of emails & phone numbers.
- Prepare copies (digital or paper) of Baptism Certificates
- Questions??? Contact Cindy  
> cindy.cordeiro@stvitalparish.ca / 204-453-0933 ext.250



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