



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



Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the desert
for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

LUKE 4:1-2A

March 9
2025

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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 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.285

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

4PM Coen Padilla
(Norma Padilla)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

9AM John Pio Schilling
(Peter Schilling)

11:30AM † Josefina Rana
(Gregoria Parado)

8PM Missa Pro Populo

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH

7PM David & Kristina Schilling
(Peter Schilling)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH

11:30AM Thanksgiving
(Tuyen & Nguyet Mai)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH

11:30AM † Jeanne Sinclair
(Doris Cormier)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH

11:30AM † Michael Tang
(Gan family)

Please join us for the Rosary
starting at 11:00am on
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
before the daily Mass.

Living in Fantasy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I *f I Were a Horse* by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is.

The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God's, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one. ●

Reflect

What about my life do I struggle to accept?

Dear Padre,

Who decided that fish isn't meat? I really dislike fish; also, it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

Latin is the official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law, as written in Latin, states that we must abstain from *carne* (meat), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In the document "Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "While fish, lobster, and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up, like meat. Our fasting isn't just an external discipline—sacrifice for the sake of checking a box. It's supposed to be a sacrifice that leads us closer to God. When we take that deeper step ourselves, then we can invite our friends to go deeper, too. ●



SWEET MARSHMALLOW / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSsR / DearPadre.org



ST. VITAL PARISH
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Tuesday, April 8th 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
7:00pm

Weekly Stewardship Report

Thank you for your donations! March 2, 2025

Sunday Collection March 2, 2025	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Year to Date +/-
\$ 7802.10	\$ 7307.69	\$ 494.41	\$ 97.92

Parish Debt collected—Mar'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-	Sharing God's Gifts collected—Mar'25	Budgeted per week	Weekly Collection +/-
\$ 139.20	\$ 1052.55	- \$ 913.35	\$ 261.00	\$1106.67	- \$ 845.67

Knights of Columbus - Thank-you for your generosity!

The Knights of Columbus St Vital Council 15257 wish to thank the St Vital parish community for their generous support for Helping Hands Philippines on our recent collection efforts.

Through your generosity, the total funds raised was an outstanding \$2,392.00. We have been able to purchase and ship essential food and clothing to those in need in the Philippines.



The Catholic Women's League
and Knights of Columbus
present



St. Vital Parish TRIVIA NIGHT

\$25 PP
ENTER ON YOUR OWN OR
AS A TEAM OF UP TO 8

March 15 | 6 PM Doors Open
7 PM Games Begin
St. Maurice School Gymnasium

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
CONTACT VIOLETTE - 204-296-3163 OR
cwlstvitale@outlook.com

Pizza Included, Cash Bar & Raffle Prizes
Come dressed in your best St. Patrick's Day attire!

St. Vital Parish
TRIVIA
NIGHT

TRIVIA NIGHT RAFFLE - MARCH 15'25

DONATIONS
NEEDED

- INDIVIDUALS
- LOCAL BUSINESSES
- NO DONATION TOO SMALL

PLEASE CONTACT
SALLY (204)292-6627
CWLSTVITAL@OUTLOOK.COM

Faith Formation March 2025



Faith Foramtion
Family Session - March 9th
Session #8 - March 23rd

Confirmation Sessions
Session #6 - March 2
Session #7 - March 16

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Level 6 to 8 - March 23rd
10:15 to 11:15 in Church

First Communion Group
Scheduling via Email



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